Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 **9:30 AM**

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Shellene Smidt*

For Praise:

✞Songs of Praise #58 “This Is My Father s World”

#80 “I Love You, Lord” (2 times)

✞Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

Almighty God, so many of King David’s psalms show a heart out of tune, sighing, crying, and breaking with sorrow, yet still clinging to faith in you. So too, O Lord, are our hearts. In Jesus Christ, you have given us what we need most: his cross makes our forgiveness possible, and his Spirit tunes our hearts again to sing your praises. Humbly we beg your pardon for our sins. Eagerly we plead your help to enthrone in our hearts David’s Son: Christ Jesus, King of the universe, our Savior and Lord. And with King David we declare our trust in your unfailing love. Amen.

✞Words of Assurance

✞Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✞Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music

For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – Amos 5:15-24 (page 1426)

Response Psalm – Psalm 78:1-4 (pages 914-915)

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 25:1-13 (pages 1540-1541)

Message: **“A Word to the Wise”**

Prayer of Commitment

✞Affirmation of Faith #716 “The Apostles’ Creed”

✞Hymn 371 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✞Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

✞Presentation of our Gifts to God (read in unison)

O Mighty One, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—our selves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Church Family Ties

Congregational Prayer and *“The Lord’s Prayer”*

✞Benediction

✞Closing Song #372 “Living for Jesus”

Postlude

✞*Please stand during these acts of worship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The scripture and message will be posted on Facebook. You may view the worship service live in the kitchen, the Family Life Center, and the nursery.

Our annual meeting will follow worship today. We will vote on downsizing the consistory from twelve (12) to eight (8) members using a 3-year transition cycle. If this passes, we would only elect/approve one elder and one deacon this year and next year to serve 3-year terms. The 2027 consistory would have ten (10) members and would be fully downsized to eight (8) members in 2028. The congregation will then vote on changing the bylaws to read “The number of elders and deacons shall be determined by the consistory.”

The elder nominee is Patty Sinning and the deacon nominee is Molly Townsend. A vote to approve will be taken at the congregational meeting.

Little Lambs choir will not meet today. A video for all children will be shown in the Family Life Center during the congregational meeting.

Christmas program practice begins next Sunday, November 15, during the Sunday School time for children and youth from Preschool-High School. Sunday School classes will resume meeting in January.

Pianists will meet Sunday, November 15, in the Coffee Side Room after worship to plan the 2027 schedule. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Guild ladies will meet after the service on Nov 15. We will discuss how to address the needs of the church such as development of committees and the card ministry. We should decide how best to plan for the 2027 directory.

November newsletters have been sent by email. Printed newsletters are available by our mailboxes.

Love INC will hold Volunteer Training on November 10 at 6:00 PM at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in Lennox. If you are considering joining the new Baby Moses ministry, this is the best time to attend training. If you plan to attend or have questions, call Michelle Paulson at 605-681-6550.

Contact Charish Weeldreyer with special requests for when you serve coffee/cookies in 2027. Let Charish know if you would be willing to serve alone or more frequently so that we can get all the slots filled.

Thank you for your Fall Benefit silent auction donation. We appreciate your kindness and generosity. Together, we will spread the Hope of Christ to the struggling in Sioux Falls and beyond. *Center of Hope team*

Thank you for opening the doors of your church to host our team dinners in your fellowship hall. It means a great deal to our team that we had a clean, convenient, caring place to break bread. Your support of our team and the girls in our community does not go unnoticed! *Paul McVey, LHS girls soccer coach*

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters will meet Tuesday, November 17, at 1:30 PM at the 701 E 8th St building and will watch the documentary film – “24 Hours on 8th Street.” (Please note the change of meeting date, place, and time.) The Love Gift is brown sugar, garlic powder, and/or ketchup.

Thank you for the donations for the “Rags to Roofing” project at the Union Gospel Mission. Contact Susan Bultena if you have more to contribute.

“Words of Hope” devotionals are available by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall or online at **woh.org.** Please share them with others.

Go to **www.secondreformed.com** to join our email prayer chain group. Click “services” at the top of the page, scroll down and click the “join” button in the prayer chain section. Contact Jerod Zimmer or Kristi Rops for assistance. **You may also participate in a phone prayer chain group.** Contact Kristi Rops to be added to a phone group.

Contact Jerod Zimmer, Shellene Smidt, or Charish Weeldreyer if you would like to give offerings by automatic bank withdrawals.

Last Sunday we received $3,030 for the general fund ($3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget) and $175 for missions.

TODAY:

Welcome to Second Reformed Church! We invite all visitors to sign the guest book and to join us for fellowship following worship.

Music: Diana Smit and Judy Schlunsen
Greeter: Lois Klinger
Coffee: Dan & Jill DeVries and Keith & Leanne Lefers

8:55-9:25 AM – Koffee Kiosk (bring your own covered mug)
9:30 AM – Worship Service
10:30 AM – Congregational Meeting
Video for children in the Family Life Center
Coffee/Fellowship Time

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday – “Sewing for Others” at 1:00 PM
Wednesday – 6th-8th Grade Youth meet at 6:30 PM
High School Youth meet at 7:40 PM
Friday – Bulletin information due by 9:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY:

Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM; Worship Service at 9:30 AM; Music – Helen Groen; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Chris & Jordan Kruse; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Chad & Erin Reilly and Derek & Emily Sitter; Pianists Meeting in Coffee Side Room at 10:40 AM; Guild meets at 10:40 AM; Christmas program practice for Preschool-High School at 10:40 AM

PRAYERS:

Pray for the Midwest Network as they meet on November 13-14.

Pray for Jeff & Chelsea Lampen and the ministry in Hannover, Germany. A letter is available by our mailboxes.

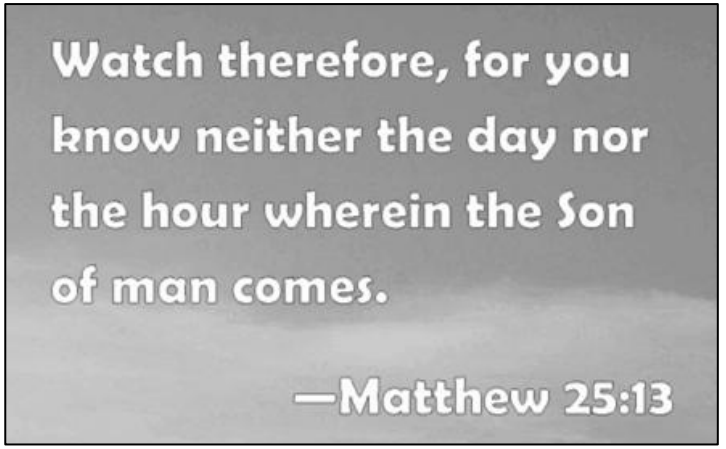
Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth



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