

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Dennis Ebright*

For Praise:

✠ Song of Praise #345 “Blessed Assurance”

✠ Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us, mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us: how often have we tried to hide from your presence, how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand! Lord, have mercy upon us. Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother, and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of yourself in the face of Jesus Christ: how often we have forgotten you, how seldom have we really loved and followed you! Christ, have mercy upon us. Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit: how often have we ignored your promptings, how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts! Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

✠ Words of Assurance

✠ Responsive Reading #629 “The Ten10 Commandments”

✠ Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠ Passing of the Peace

For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – Joel 2:18-27 (pages 1415-1416)

Response Psalm – Psalm 62:8-12 (pages 898-899)

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 6:25-34 (page 1505)

Message: **“Birds, Lilies, and Labor Day”**

Prayer of Commitment

✠ Hymn #379 “Take My Life and Let It Be” (verses 1-4)

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠ Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

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

Dear God, wherever we look, from next door to a world away, we see the places where your creation groans. May these gifts be a faithful response to those cries. Amen.

Church Family Ties

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

✠ Benediction

✠ Closing Song #297 “I Love to Tell the Story”

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.

The church office will be closed Monday this week. Kristi Rops will be in the office Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM.

September newsletters have been sent by email. Printed newsletters are available on the table beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

Rally Sunday is September 13. Everyone is invited to stay for games, a balloon launch, and a meal following worship.

Youth group for students in grades 6-12 begins Wednesday, Sept 16, with a hayride. Meet at our church parking lot at 6:30 PM. Refreshments will be served after the hayride. Invite a friend!

Sunday School classes will begin September 20. We still need substitute teachers. Contact Randy Smit or Shellene Smidt with questions or to volunteer.

Adults are invited to a video/discussion series during the Sunday School time beginning September 20 at 10:45 AM in the Family Life Center. Pastor Harlan will lead “Christianity, Cults, and Religions.” Topics include Essential Christian Doctrine, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormonism, Eastern Spirituality, and Islam.

If you would like to be a Caring Cook, contact Patty Sinning or Susan Bultena.

Thank you for all the contributions for the Human Services Center in Yankton. They were delivered and well-received. The school supplies and cash donations were delivered to the Foster Care Center in Sioux Falls and were also greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

Remember to start gathering discarded clothing/rags for the “Rags to Roofing” project at the Union Gospel Mission. Donations may be brought to our church at any time.

“Sewing for Others” meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of each month at 1:00 PM in the Family Life Center. All are welcome.

Inspiration Hills is holding a Warrior Run on Saturday, September 12. The Warrior Run is a fun community event that helps provide camp scholarships to Inspiration Hills. Register for the 5K Warrior Run: \$35 and a 1 Mile Fun Run: \$30. www.inspirationhills.org/warrior.

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters meet Friday, September 18, at 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church in Chancellor. The love gift is new or gently used towels and wash cloths and/or men’s socks. Anyone is welcome to attend. Contact Pastor Harlan or a Philathea Guild member if you would like to be our delegate to these monthly meetings.

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

A Community Wak will be held in Lennox on Saturday, September 26, from 9:00-11:00 AM to highlight area churches and local ministries. The \$20 registration fee for walkers age 13 & up will support Love INC. Children 12 & under are free. Registration will be here at Second Reformed for the 1.4 or 2.4 mile loop.

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 or Joann Muller 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 \$1,451 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget).

TODAY:

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

Music: Denise Snoozy

Greeters: Dennis & Marilyn Ebright

Coffee: Nathan & Elizabeth Hopf and David & Margaret Rupert

8:55-9:25 AM – Koffee Kiosk (bring your own covered mug)

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship Time

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday – "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM

Wednesday – Elder and Deacon meetings at 7:00 PM

Consistory meeting at 7:30 PM; Lunch – Dennis Ebright

Friday – Bulletin information due by 9:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY:

Rally Sunday; Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM; Worship Service at 9:30 AM; Music – Diana Smit; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – John & Christina Eitrem; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Jerry & Mary Schilling, Lois Klinger, and Linda Olmstead; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM; Rally Sunday activities; Balloon Launch; Meal

PRAYERS:

Pray for Jeff & Chelsea Lampen as they seek joyful ways to faithfully lead the congregation of RELISH, to work alongside the Reformed Church of Hannover, and to support the staff and work of the World Communion of Reformed Churches. Pray that Jeff & Chelsea might guide the people of RELISH deeper in their love of Jesus Christ and to care for them as they navigate the normal highs and lows of this life of faith. A new 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



Look at the birds of the air:
they neither sow nor reap nor gather
into barns, and yet your heavenly Father
feeds them.

Are you not of more value than they?

MATTHEW 6:26

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