

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Dennis Ebright*

For Praise:

✠ Song of Praise #258 “We Are Gathered for Thy Blessing”

✠ Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ Words of Assurance

✠ Ascription of Praise #588 “We Have Come into His House”

✠ Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music – *Video*

For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – Jonah 2:1-10 (pages 1437-1438)

Response Psalm – Psalm 105:1-6 (page 942)

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 14:22-33 (pages 1520-1521)

Message: “**Jesus Saves**”

Prayer of Commitment

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

✠ Hymn #438 “Cleanse Me”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠ Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

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

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies.

Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service, and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Church Family Ties

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

✠ Benediction

✠ Closing Song #395 “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”

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.

Thank you to everyone who is helping with our Christian Education program. Teachers and students will be recognized this morning.

Preschool-5th Grade students may leave during the closing song for “Little Lambs” choir and their Sunday School class.

A Sunday School class for youth in grades 6-12 will meet at 10:45 AM for a video/discussion series on “The Lord’s Prayer.”

Adults are invited to a video/discussion series 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.

Kristi Rops has returned to her office hours of Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM.

Our internet service is working now, but the church phones are still not working. Thank you for being patient with this issue.

October newsletter information is due in the office by 9:00 AM on Monday, September 21.

Nomination Sunday is September 27. Read the letter in your mailbox and prayerfully consider who you will nominate for two 3-year terms for elder and for deacon. A list of those eligible for nomination is included with the letter. You may nominate absentee this week by signing a nomination form in the office.

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

Thank you for your continued support of RCA Global Mission. Your faithful generosity helps strengthen and grow the global church. We are grateful for your partnership and faithful engagement in this work. *RCA Global Mission*

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

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.

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

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

Last Sunday we received \$2,595 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget) and \$350 for the mission fund.

TODAY:

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

Music: Helen Groen

Greeters: Mark & Vivian Eitrem

Coffee: Verlyn & Joann Muller, Marc & Charish Weeldreyer,
and Lynda DeJong

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

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:25 AM – Preschool-5th Grade "Little Lambs" Choir and Sunday School

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship Time

10:45 AM – 6th-12th Grade Video Series on "The Lord's Prayer"
Adult Video Series on "Christianity, Cults, and Religions"

11:15 AM – Classes Dismiss

THIS WEEK:

Monday – October newsletter information due in the office by 9:00 AM

Tuesday – "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM in the Family Life Center

Wednesday – 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30 PM at First English Lutheran
High School Youth at 7:40 PM at First English Lutheran

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 – Judy Schlunsen; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Steve & Jenny Folkens and Ellen Peters; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Hadley & Lynn Plucker and Gary & Kim Geiken; Preschool-5th Grade Choir and Sunday School at 10:25 AM; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM; 6th-12th Grade Sunday School and Adult Video/Discussion series at 10:45 AM; Classes dismiss at 11:15 AM

PRAYERS:

Pray for our nomination process as we consider those who might serve as elders and deacons for our congregation.

Pray for the mission family we support in Europe, for the core members to solidify, and for newcomers to find a place where they can hear the message of Jesus, join, and contribute. Pray for their family to grow in pursuing Jesus in both planned and spontaneous moments. Praise for the joyful regathering of community after eight weeks apart. A letter is available by our mailboxes.

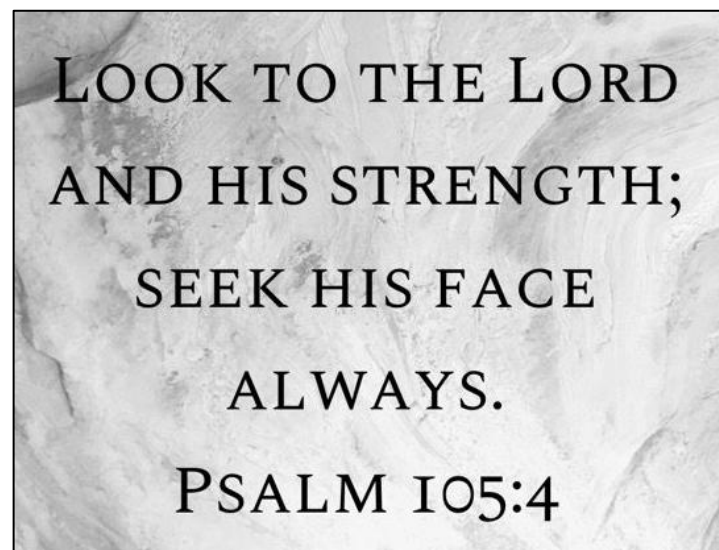
Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth



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