



Worship Service for
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude “Andante Religioso”
“All Creatures of Our God and King”

F. Mendelssohn
arr. M. Sedio

Call to Worship

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
**I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;
**in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11

Welcome

***Greeting**

***Opening Worship Song** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

LUYH 551 vs 1-3,6

***Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace:
So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love,
may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you;
for the honor of your name.
Amen.

***Song of Praise** “Cornerstone”

Liljero/Morgan/Myrin

The Forgiveness of Sins

Call to Confession

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***Song of Assurance** “How Great Is Our God”

LUYH 574

The Proclamation of the Word

*Blessing for Children

O Lord our God, you are one; teach your children to love you with all their heart, soul, and strength. Let your word be upon their lips and written on their hearts, that they may set their hope in you and not forget your works. Form them to love living life with you delighting in your presence and declaring your mighty deeds to generations yet to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
They are dismissed following the service from their classroom located near the nursery.)

The Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 11.17-34

p. 958

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon "The Feast of the Cross"

Prayer of Response

*Song of Response "Jesus Paid It All"

CH 305

The Feast of Remembrance

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Prayers of the People

Conclude with The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all
the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

***Hymn** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

LUYH 538 vs 4

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

The Prayer of Consecration

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself;
and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in
your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and
the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he
stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his
suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of
death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended
to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of
grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: by him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

Communion Music "Break Now the Bread of Life"

LUYH 764

"Ancient Words"

LUYH 762

"Be Still, for the Presence"

LUYH 532

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

The Commissioning

The Offering *Love in Action's Connect Two Mentoring*

Offertory "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

arr. A. Couper

***Closing Hymn** "Lift High the Cross"

LUYH 264 vs 1, 7

***Benediction**

Postlude "Lift High the Cross"

arr. A. Jordan

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Mr. Erik Veker

Flute: Karen Katje

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Vocalist: Robin Kieft

We display music on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Welcome Guests:

Welcome, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Registration Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form.

Also, join us for coffee and sweet treats after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Today's Ministry Spotlight: *Connect Two Mentoring* is in seven local schools. Mentoring is a powerful way to offer hope and to demonstrate the love of Jesus to the youth in our community. 85% of young people with a mentor say this key relationship has helped them with issues related to school, their family dynamics and their education.

Walk Out Worship: Today marks the exciting conclusion of our summer series, where we've explored the meaning behind each mural in the Children's Ministry area. To celebrate, our children will be practicing their presentations for today's Wax Museum event. We warmly invite parents, grandparents, prayer partners, and all who are interested to join us after the service in the lower level to see what the children have been learning. Come be inspired by their growing faith!

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Joan Loeper is currently at Trinity Health Muskegon recovering from emergency surgery. She will be moved soon to Heartwood Lodge for rehabilitation. She appreciates your prayers for patience and continued recovery.

Church Announcements:

Audio & Visual Tech's Needed: We need additional help to produce our service's livestream and recordings. If you have any interest in any (or more) of the following areas, please contact Harley Dyk (harleydyk@yahoo.com) or the person listed. Also, feel free to ask about sitting in the booth during the service to see what is involved, or stop by the booth after a service.

- Projection - Dan Braak
- Stream Audio - Jim Query, Jason Zuidema
- Remote Cameras - Jay Brace, Mark Boelens
- Stream Production - Ethan Hodge, Jason Zuidema

Bridal Shower: Let's celebrate Leigh Frantz's upcoming wedding with a brunch shower on *Saturday, September 13* at 9:30am. She will be marrying Grant Henry on October 12th in Indianapolis. They are registered at Target and Amazon. Remember all gifts are given anonymously. Please sign up by this Sunday, September 7.

Book Club: Our summer read is *The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas. We will meet on Monday, September 15 at 1:30pm in the church parlor. All are welcome to join.

Friendship Club: Our ministry of embracing disabled adults in our community, starts on Tuesday, September 23. We have several volunteer needs this year including cookie bakers and mentors who will be paired with a friend to experience the joy of God's love through singing, listening, and sharing. The commitment would be for ten weeks from 7 – 8pm on Tuesday evenings. If you are feeling called to help or want more info, please contact Ruth Marotti at (616) 886-6216.

Grief Recovery Method Group: The fall class will be held at Ferrysburg Community Church, 17785 Mohawk Drive, Spring Lake, MI 49456 starting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 9:30 am. Space is limited and registration is required. Contact Facilitator Jane DeGroot, at (616) 402-5689 or janehdegroot@charter.net to register or for more information.

Newcomers Class: If you are new to our congregation and are interested in membership or learning more about Second CRC, please save the dates of September 28 and October 5 for

our membership class. Questions, please see Amy Wolffis or Pastor Tim.

Praying Together: You're invited to prayerfully consider one person in our community – a friend, relative, acquaintance, neighbor, or co-worker – and note their first name on a Prayer Card along with a brief request. Following the service, please place your card on the Prayer Wall in the Atrium. Also, review the cards and pray for another request.

SWAN's: We will meet at the home of Jane Stanley at 10am on September 10. The address is 18129 Newgate Lane, Spring Lake, MI. Jane will do a live demonstration about the amazing life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly from tiny pin dot egg to beautiful butterfly. We will have lunch at the Pine Street Cafe afterwards. To carpool meet at church at 9:40am. Reservations are needed by September 8, so call Carole at 616-502-2015, or email Barb Hammond.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will begin our fall session on Saturday, September 13 from 8-9am. Future Dates: September 27, October 11 & 25, November 8 & 22, December 6 & 20. Questions, call Tony Razzini at (614) 753-2164.

Women's Bible Hour: We will continue our fall session on Thursday, September 11 at 1:30pm. Our lessons will be on 1st & 2nd Timothy and Titus. Books are available in the office. Questions, call Char at 616-842-0848.

Community News:

Connect Two Student Mentoring is in its third year, in seven local schools. ***We greatly need*** mentors for K-8th graders as the public schools continue to ask for mentors to be matched with students who need extra guidance, emotional support and encouragement. A once-a-week commitment of 45 minutes during the school year is required. Picture yourself playing games, crafting, sports, reading, setting goals, basic schoolwork support, sharing a snack and just being a listener...please pray and consider. Contact Jill Pyle at 616.648.4832 or jill@loveinactiontricity.org

Tri-Cities CROP Hunger Walk: No one in this world should be hungry. We're part of a movement, taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them - and supporting programs that create greater food security in our community. This year's annual walk will be held on Sunday October 5 in Spring Lake, at Ferrysburg Community Church. To register as an individual or team, ask Amy Wolffis or take a packet from the Welcome Desk.



MIDWEEK GATHERING

Our Fall Session will be September 10- Wednesday, October 22
Dinner at 5:30pm | Bible Study at 6:30pm
Register [online](#) or at the Welcome Desk

“With My Body I Thee Worship” led by Pastor Tim Blackmon.

This line from the traditional wedding vow in the Book of Common Prayer speaks of giving yourself fully—body and soul—to your spouse.

But what if we applied this phrase to our relationship with God?

You have a body. And it is with this body that you worship the Father, follow Jesus, and experience the Holy Spirit. You live life with God in a body.

Join us as we explore how we can worship God with every part of our lives—eating, resting, working, and playing.

“A Man After God’s Heart” led by Erik Veker.

God created men to work and to keep, to cultivate and to guard. This calling is established in God’s word—reliable and timeless. God invites us to live as he designed.

For seven weeks, we’ll clarify what it means to be a man: in the home, in friendship, in marriage, in work, and in how we steward our bodies and resources. We’ll see that God’s design is good. Join us for “A Man After God’s Heart”—a midweek class for men.

Midweek Kids

Kids 4 years -5th grade will learn about different parts of the body and see how we are each God’s Masterpieces. We will explore what the Bible says about our bodies and how we can use them to treasure God’s Word and live life with God!

CHAOS: Middle School

Leaders and kids explore the Bible and what their faith really means in today’s world.

There are also games, events, and lots of, well chaos!

We welcome any middle school student to join this fun fellowship.

Volunteer Schedule

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Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Steve Marotti (Team 1), Todd Cunningham, David Brace, Mike Buitendorp

Coffee Hosts: Kraig & Cathy Brolick; Jim & Bonnie Van Orman

Nursery: Laura Knochenhauer, Kerry Bierma

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Maelyn Wagenmaker, Amy Bunce

Walk Out: Annie Hoekzema,

Greeters: Ken Terpstra, Jim & Mary Winkle

Offering: Love in Action-Connect Two

September 14, 2025

Projection: Paul Marotti

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Mark Boelens, Harley Dyk

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: Curt DeJongh (Team 2), Chris Hordyk, Chris VanStratt, Pierce Van Stratt

Coffee Hosts: Ron Retsema, Zach Wessel, Chris & Kim Van Stratt

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Onika Beswick, Cherise VanderHeide

Walk Out: Marie Rycenga, Kyla Zuidema

Walk-Out II: Annie Hoekzema, Rio Gasser

Greeters: Tony Razzini, Kathy Westveld & Mary Willink

Offering: World Renew-Disaster Relief

Calendar

Sunday, September 7

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:30 AM – Wax Museum

Monday, September 8

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Tuesday, September 9

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM – Full Council

Wednesday, September 10

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

5:30 PM – Midweek Gathering

6:30 PM - CHAOS

Thursday, September 11

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Friday, September 12

Office Closed

Saturday, September 13

8 AM – Tool Time Bible Study

9:30 AM – Shower for Leigh

Frantz

Sunday, September 14

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM – Afterword on

Synod 2025

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Guest Registration:

