

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

arr. G. Krapf

Choral Introit “This Is the Day”

D. Besig

The Greeting

***The Mutual Greeting**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***The Call to Worship**

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we
have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

**We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the
glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**

He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he
commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know
them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,
**so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments.**

We Worship God

***The Opening Hymn** “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

LUYH 776

***The Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, who through the blood of the cross have made us who were far off to be
brought near, and through one Spirit have given us both, in our homes and in this

house, access to you as one Father: form us, we ask, into what you have already made us — fellow citizens with the saints and members of your household, built together upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

So join the hearts of parents and pastors, of family and congregation, that we may grow together into a holy temple in the Lord, a dwelling place for you by your Spirit, and may hand down to the generation now rising, the same near access to the Father that you have so freely given to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***The Opening Song** “We Will Extol You, God and King”

LUYH 562

We Confess & Are Assured of Grace

The Call to Confession

Psalm 78 calls us not to be like the generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God, therefore let us confess our sin together.

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have grown lukewarm in the task you gave us. You commanded us to teach your words diligently to our children, to talk of them when we sit in our houses and when we walk by the way, but we have neglected this calling. We have not been faithful, steadfast, or zealous in passing on the faith to the generation entrusted to us. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our lukewarm hearts. By your Spirit, stir in us a zeal that will not be quenched. Amen.

The Words of Assurance

"The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing." Our zeal for him has failed, but his zeal for you has not — "while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly". In the name of Jesus Christ: Rejoice in your forgiveness. **Amen.**

***The Song** “His Mercy is More”

Papa/Boswell v1,3

God Speaks & We Receive His Word

*The Prayer of Blessing for Children

Parents and members of this covenant family: will you commit yourselves, again this week, to foster a robust partnership between church and home, trusting not in your own strength, but in the grace of God who works in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure? **We will, God helping us.**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May you know and treasure Christ all your days, for the glory of God and the joy of every generation to come. Amen.

(Children 4 years-5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
Parents can pick their children up at 11:30 from their classrooms in the lower level.)

The Prayer of Illumination

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that we — and the generation rising after us — may be complete, equipped for every good work. Open our eyes now to see what you would teach us about a partnership between church and home. **Amen.**

The Scripture Reading Exodus 12:1-28

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

The Sermon “How Will They Know?”

We Respond in Faith

*The Song of Response “By Faith”

Getty/Townsend

The Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment The Porters

The Offering *Wycliff Bible Translations*

The Offertory Anthem “From Generation to Generation”

arr. M. Parks

God Sends Us Out

***The Closing Hymn** “Lift High the Cross”

LUYH 264 v1

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “Psalm of Glory”

D. Wells

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Prayers of the People: Cheri Ter Haar

Vocalists: Chris Hordyk, Christie Vander Heide

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 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 cookies after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Today's Ministry Spotlight: *Wycliff Bible Translators* exists to work with churches, communities and partner organizations until everyone can access God's Word in a language that touches their hearts.

Worship Center I: Today our children will create a prayer space in their Worship Center to use this year; they will also learn about and practice singing, making music, and dancing as forms of prayer to God.

Worship Center II: Today our children will continue building on their understanding of the importance of spending quiet time with God through a guided visual meditation to understand the Bible as the Living Word and Jesus as our Living Water.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please pray for Eric Rotman and his family following the passing of Eric's mother, Marlene.

Garrison Koch is scheduled for further jaw surgery, Friday October 2nd. Garrison has exposed mandibular bone adjacent to the site of his original jaw removal, for cancer, in 2016. The Koch family is praying that this development is from radiation damage. The jaw material removed will be tested for malignancy. We ask for prayers that the cancer has not returned.

Church Announcements:

CROP Walk: The Tri-Cities CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, October 4th. This year's host church is First GH CRC. Learn more [online](#) or at the Welcome Desk.

Friendship Club: We appreciate all our cookie bakers! There is a sign-up sheet for Friendship Club Cookies at the Welcome Desk. Our Fall Session begins on September 22nd at **6:00pm** in the North Hall. Interested in volunteering - please contact Ruth Marotti at [616-886-6216](tel:616-886-6216). Thank you for your support and prayers for this outreach.

Love in Action Service Opportunity: Community Haven Meals provides meals for our neighbors who are facing housing challenges. You are invited to sign up to bring one meal for lunch meal or recurring lunches – all are appreciated. Sign up is now open:
<https://signup.com/go/zhYSZkN>

Positive Options: There is an urgent need for Similac formula that many clients feed their children. Large and small cans of Similac Advance are greatly appreciated. You can drop off items at 700 Washington Ste 130 on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays.

SWANs: This is an acronym for Single Women Aging Nicely and is a nurturing ministry for widows in our church. Our next event will be going to the Wooden Bowl in Holland for an expanded and narrated tour of the factory. The date is October 20, and we will meet at church at 10am to carpool. Following our tour, we will have lunch at the James St. Restaurant. Reservations are REQUIRED. Please contact Carole at 616-502-2015. Drivers will be needed.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: Join us at 8:00am in the North Hall. Future Dates: Oct 3, 10 & 24; Nov 7 & 21; Dec 5 & 19.

Volunteer Schedule

September 20, 2026

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Team 4 - Rick & Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies, Ralph VanDuyn

Coffee Hosts: Stuart & Christie Vander Heide; Jim & Dawn Sacks

Nursery: Kim Ver Stratt, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out I: Carla Byma, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out II: Joslyn Wagenmaker, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Brian Bierma; Jerry & Helen Richard

Council in Parlor: Patti Steigenga, Dale Schuitema

Offering: Faith Promise – Porter's – Wycliff

September 27, 2026

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Dan Meindertsma, Jason Zuidema, Mark Boelens, Harley Dyk

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Team 5 - Dan Braak, Jeff Erickson, Joe & Paula Risselade

Coffee Hosts: Dale & Norma Schuitema; Pierce Van Stratt; Bonnie Tammen

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Kari DeLange

Little Lambs: Manette deJonge, Evie Hoekzema

Walk Out I: Mary Winkle, Reed Van Stratt

Walk Out II: Betsy Blackmon, Dawn Rotman

Greeters: Patti Steigenga; Joe & Paul Risselade

Council in Parlor: Sheila Warners, Anne Zuidema

Offering: World Renew - Disaster Relief

Calendar

Sunday, September 20

10:00AM – Worship Service

11:30AM – Afterword: Porter's

11:30AM – Bell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, September 21

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

Tuesday, September 22

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

6PM-8PM – Friendship Club

Wednesday, September 23

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

1PM – Knitting/Craft Group

5:30 – Midweek Meal

6:30 – Midweek Teaching

Thursday, September 24

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

1:30PM – Women's Bible Hour

7:00PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 25

Office Closed

Saturday, September 26

Office Closed

Sunday, September 27

10:00AM – Worship Service

11:30AM – Bell Choir Rehearsal

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Rooted: Discovering the Gospel Together

Our Midweek Gathering is a seven-week series built around one question:
how do we pass on a living faith to the next generation?

Each Wednesday opens with dinner at 5:30, followed by teaching (children's and youth ministry provided), and each week's theme carries into Sunday morning as well.

This is for the parent rocking a newborn at 2 a.m., wondering how to raise a child who loves Jesus. It's for the grandparent who keeps praying, keeps encouraging, keeps pointing grown children and grandchildren back to Jesus. It's for the teacher shaping young hearts every week—here at Second and in classrooms across our community. It's for the young adult still working out what you believe.

And it's for every leader entrusted with shepherding this church— elders, deacons, care volunteers. Every single one of you has a part to play in raising up the next generation.

Together, we'll explore seven commitments for becoming rooted and grounded in the gospel:

1. Embrace a biblical vision for the faith of the next generation.
2. Foster a robust partnership between church and home.
3. Teach the breadth and depth of the whole counsel of God.
4. Proclaim the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.
5. Disciple the mind, heart, and will.
6. Pray with dependence on God's sovereign grace.
7. Inspire worship of God, for the glory of God.

Sign Up at the Welcome Desk or online at: <https://bit.ly/4i1az4J>

