

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

3 September 2023

Welcome! If you are visiting this morning, we're glad to have you with us today.

In our text today, we'll be exploring Matthew 8:5-13. We'll be diving into how a centurion models great faith in Christ by trusting Jesus to "just say the word" in order to heal his servant, and what we can learn and apply from a centurion's faith in Jesus.

Prelude <i>Worship Team</i>	<i>Cornerstone</i>
Welcome Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> <i>The Solid Rock</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Confession Song	<i>We Will Remember</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
Message <i>Kongcheng Kimyang</i>	SAY THE WORD MATTHEW 8:5-13 (P. 940)
Singing	<i>Jesus, I Am Resting</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at Fourth

Today	Greeters	Mike & Nancy Brinks Next week: Julie & Abbie Schalk
	Nursery	Caren & Nevaeh Bills, Nancy Aukeman Next week: Kathy Burggraaf, Laura Shoults
	Scripture Reader	Taylor Eising; Next week: Wendy Wetzel
	Coffee	Dave & Judy Portinga Next week: Brian & Becky Tubergen

Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
	6:30 PM	Consistory Meets <i>in the Fireside room</i>
	8:00 PM	Elders Meet. <i>Those who feel led to confess their faith, desire baptism or transfer are encouraged to contact Pastor Eric prior to this meeting.</i>
	8:00 PM	Deacons Meet

Wednesday	6:30 AM	Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
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Thursday	10:00 AM	Knitting Group <i>at Rest Haven</i>
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Praise & Prayer

Continue to pray for **Mike Brinks** as he recovers from an emergency appendectomy. Pray that Mike would also get answers soon on how to treat the major blood clot he has in his leg, along with the clots he has in his lungs.

We give praise that **Dianne Waterloo** found out this week that her tumor has shrunk 50%. To continue shrinking the tumor, she will begin radiation treatments in a couple weeks. Pray that those treatments continue to shrink the tumor, and that Dianne has no negative side effects from the radiation.

Kendra Berthiaume – please continue to pray for healing of Kendra's pancreas, and for encouragement as this has been a long road to recovery following the birth of their son.

Announcements

Sabbatical Return

Sabbatical was a great time of resting, spending time with my family, and growing in my relationship with the Father. Thank you for giving me this amazing summer away, I'm very grateful! I'm glad to be back serving the church, and ready to see what God is going to do in and through us in this next season of ministry together! Starting September 10, we're going to dig into a fall series on the book of James, exploring what it means for our faith in Jesus to produce change in our lives. We'll especially be highlighting our calling to share our faith with people. I'm excited to worship with you all again on the 10th!!! – Pastor Eric

Missionaries of the Month: The VanDyke Family

We have now supported Joel and Marilyn VanDyke thru Resonate Global Missions for several decades! Joel has multiple leadership roles in both the mission we support and as an Associate Pastor at Lee St CRC. Their life's work is a living testimony to the love and transforming power of the Gospel. Joel continues his mission work, focused on urban leadership formation, with the Senior Management Team with Street Psalms and as a Senior Associate for Latin America with Leadership Foundations. This work took him most recently to Columbia for a mission summit and vision trip. (see link, a short article about that city). You can support their work through your prayers and mission offerings through September. <https://theandesadventure.com/history-comuna-13-medellin/#:~:text=The%20history%20of%20Comuna%2013,drug%20trade%2C%20querrillas%20and%20pamilitaries>.

Gardener's Update

Thank you to everyone who helped out on the Wednesdays this summer in the gardens and on pizza night! This last week was the last one of the year, but not the last event of the year. If you haven't yet, put the 16th on your calendar from 1-3pm as we will enjoy the sunflower trails and offer free photography and popcorn as we socialize with our neighbors. Send me a message via phone/email/carrier-pigeon or come find me in the gardens or after church if you can help volunteer for this event.

The Commissioning

Join us on September 17 for a fun and lighthearted night together as we kick off the ministry year with this once-in-a-lifetime event. We've put 6 random people through a series of ridiculous missions and we'll gather from 6-8pm in the sanctuary to see how badly they did, laugh at (and with) them and also learn a little bit about the various ministries at Fourth. It will be a fun night together as we launch into our ministry year!

Youth Group

On September 10, we'll be kicking off the youth group year with a fun night of games and getting rooted in Scripture. We'll be meeting from 6-8pm, so don't miss out.

Youth Group Small Group

If you're in 8th-12th grade, we'll be meeting after church on Sunday, September 10 to kick-off our year together. You really don't want to miss this first one, especially, as we'll be digging in deep and the rest of the year will build off of it. Talk to Aaron if you have any questions.

Flyers Available

Please pick up Gems/Cadets and Sunflower Trail flyers from the table in the narthex and invite your friends and neighbors!

Transportation Needed

Nancy Aukeman needs someone willing to take her to and from church. She lives just about 1 block from the building so for many people it can be on your way! If you're willing to help load her walker and get her to service, please contact Nancy, Kristi Dennis, or Becky Berrevoets to let her know that you are willing to be in the rotation!

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Empowered by the Spirit
to **follow** Jesus together, **serve** others,
and **share** God's love.
