



Worship Service for  
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 1, 2024

*Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Welcome Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket. Also join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!*

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## The God of Love Welcomes Us

**Prelude** "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Is"

A. Reinagle/ arr. R. Brunner

### Greeting

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

### Welcome

#### \*Mutual Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

#### \*Call to Worship

We hear the voice of God calling,  
**"Love your neighbor as yourself."**

We feel the Spirit moving among us,  
**moving us to acts of compassion and justice.**

We know the love of Jesus.  
**We love because Christ first loved us.**

Come, worship God together.  
**Come, let us serve our God, who calls us by name.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** “All Creatures of our God and King”

LUYH 551 vs 1, 4-6

**\*Opening Prayer**

Father, thank You for loving us unconditionally and completely in Jesus Christ your Son. We want our lives to point people to You. Help us to be good neighbors to the people You have placed in our lives. Help us to love others in ways that best reflect Your love for them. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**\*Song of Worship** “His Mercy is More”

Boswell/Papa

### **The God of Love Forgives Us**

**Call to Confession**

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God. Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Song of Assurance** “Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

LUYH 796

## Words of Assurance

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.**

1 John 4:7-15

## The God of Love Speaks to Us

### Blessing for Children

Dear Lord, you are the greatest friend of all to our children. Thank you for your love, sacrifice and undying love for them. May they always find in you a friend that they can talk to and share their deepest fears and desires with, in Jesus name. Amen

(Children 5 through 2nd grade are invited to follow the banner for Walk Out Worship  
Parents will find the classroom on the lower level, near the nurseries.)

**Hymn of Preparation** "Tell your Children"

LUYH 314

**Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

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

**Sermon** "Face to Face"

## The God of Love Listens to Us

**\*Song of Response** "May the Peace of God Our Heavenly Father"

Getty/Townend

## Prayers of the People

### The God of Love Blesses Us

The Offering *Love in Action's Housing Ministry Collaborative*

Offertory "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

C. Converse/ arr. W. Felton

### The God of Love Welcomes Us At His Table

#### The Introduction

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

#### Communion Hymns

"In Christ Alone"

LUYH 770 vs 1-3

"Behold the Lamb"

LUYH 840

"This is the Feast of Victory"

LUYH 845 vs 1-3

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us Pray. Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us,  
in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body  
and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this  
Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us:

that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.

**And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn** “This is the Feast of Victory”

LUYH 845 vs 4-5

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** “Trumpet Maestoso”

R. Brunner

#### **Credits & Liturgical Notes**

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

**Flute:** Karen Katje

**Organ:** Jean Schuitman

**Piano:** Julie Hordyk

**Liturgist:** Steve Marotti

**Prayers of the People:** Joanne Query

**Vocalists:** Chris Hordyk, Paul LaMaire

We display all music and readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) located in the pew rack;  
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#### **Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:**

*Jerry Smith* had a stroke last Thursday. He is now in Hospice Care. *Jerry and Hazel* request prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

*Finley Anne Knochenhauer* arrived last Wednesday. There's a bassinet in the Atrium to celebrate her arrival. Please remember all gifts are anonymous. If you'd like to bring them a meal, sign up at [www.mealtrain.com/trains/kd4dov](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/kd4dov)

*Julie Hordyk* will be having rotator cuff surgery on Sept. 9. She and Chris covet your prayers for a successful surgery and complete recovery. They would greatly appreciate assistance with some meals. If you can help, please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/8726q4>

## This Sunday:

**Special Offering:** The Housing Ministry Collaborative (HMC) is a ministry of Love in Action (LIA) in partnership with nine local churches. The goal of the ministry is to prevent homelessness when a family or individual hits a bump in the road, such as an illness or major vehicle repair, and they are short of funds to meet their basic housing needs. This may be rent, mortgage or necessary utilities. The HMC seeks to assist families that prove to be sustainable moving forward.

**Walk Out Worship:** Today our children get to spend time learning and reflecting on the creativity and genius of God as they learn about the Kinkajou, found in the Amazon. God didn't stop there - he made each of us, too! "Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:1

## Announcements:

**Midweek Gathering:** A 7-week Bible Study with dinner & children's programs will kick off Wed, September 11, and run through Wed, October 23. Register for a study or just dinner either on our website or fill out a form at the Welcome Desk.

**Atrium Art Gallery:** Agnes Fisher Art, from the real to the sublime to the whimsical. Our own member Agnes has been doing art forever. She signs her work with her Dutch name: AKKE. She has been in various galleries. We are thrilled to have her share her vast and retrospective collection with us. An Artist reception will be held next Sunday September 8 at 11:30am.

**Book Club:** We have chosen the book, "Madame Bovary" by Gustave Flaubert. Our next meeting will be on Monday September 16, at 1:30pm in the church parlor. Remember the discussion is open to anyone interested.

**Friendship Club,** a ministry embracing disabled adults in our community starts its 41st year on Tuesday September 24. The volunteer needs this year include cookie bakers, a song leader, and mentors who will be paired with a friend to share the joy of God's love. The commitment would be for ten weeks from 7 – 8pm on Tuesday evenings. If you feel called to help or want more information, contact Ruth Marotti at 616-886-6216.

**Mom's Hiking Group:** We will meet on Saturday September 7 at 2pm at Rosy Mound Park for our first outing of the fall.

**Sanctuary Choir:** Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 19, at 7 pm, Rehearsals last about an hour. What a gift to be able to praise our Lord through song. New members are always welcome! Any questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at 231-750-6676 or morbaroque@gmail.com.

**Safe Church Ministry:** Save the date for our annual training on Sunday, September 29 following the morning service. All volunteers and staff are strongly encouraged to attend. More details to come. Contact Jane DeGroot with questions at [janehdegroot@charter.net](mailto:janehdegroot@charter.net).

**SWAN's:** Our next event will be "Fall Adventures" on Wednesday, September 18. Meet at Lakeside Eats (next to Borr's Bootery) at 11:30 am for food, fun, and fellowship. Call Carole at 616-502-2015 for reservations.

**Tri-Cities CROP Hunger Walk:** The 50<sup>th</sup> annual CROP walk will be Sunday October 6 at 2pm hosted by United Methodist Church of the Dunes. If you are interested in walking, stop by the Welcome Desk for a packet or contact Amy Wolffis for more information.

**Tool Time Men's Bible Study:** We will begin a 8-week session on September 14. We meet on Saturdays from 8:00-9:00 am at church. Additional dates are Sep 28, Oct 12, Oct 26, Nov 9, Nov 23, Dec 7, and Dec 21.

**Women's Bible Hour:** We will begin a 9-week session on Thursday September 5 at 1:30 pm in the parlor. Our lessons on Elijah and Elisha can be picked up in the church office after next week. If you have any questions, please call Char TerHaar at 616-842-0848.

## Volunteer Schedule

### September 1, 2024

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

**Sound:** Mike Katje

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

**Coffee Hosts:** Stan & Gilda Boelkins/ Brian & Kerry Bierma

**Nursery:** Ruth Marotti, Carisa Marotti

**Little Lambs:** Manette DeYoung, Sydney Marotti

**Walk Out Worship:** Sheri VanDuyn, Ian Clapp

**Greeters:** Deborah Erickson, Jane DeGroot

**Offering:** Love in Action – Housing Ministry Collaborative

### September 8, 2024

**Projection:** Renee Mulder

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

**Sound:** Rick Clapp

**Ushers:** Ken Terpstra (Team 3), Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Brian Bierma

**Coffee Hosts:** Larry & June Au/ Art & Marilyn Bolt

**Nursery:** Dawn Rotman, Darcie Clapp

**Little Lambs:** Jane DeGroot Kyla Zuidema

**Walk Out 4s-1st:** Marie Rycenga, Gabe Schaaf

**Walk Out 2nd-5th:** Annie Hoekzema, Maelyn Wagenmaker

**Greeters:** Steve Marotti, Bob & Manette DeJonge

**Offering:** Muskegon Hope Lighthouse Ministries

## Calendar

### **Sunday, September 1**

10:00 AM– Sunday Service

### **Monday, September 2**

Office Closed

### **Tuesday, September 3**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Leadership Board

### **Wednesday, September 4**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM–Knitting Club

### **Thursday, September 5**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

### **Friday, September 6**

### **Saturday, September 7**

### **Sunday, September 8**

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM- Artist Reception

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## **Connect with Second CRC**

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