"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus . . ." Philippians 2:5

August 10, 2025

Order of Worship

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song ~ CH 596 I Surrender All

*Call to Worship ~ from Psalm 138

Leader: I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple . . .

People: I will praise your name for your love and faithfulness

Leader: for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

People: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever . . .

*Song of Praise ~ CH 17 v 1, 2, 5 Our Great Savior

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Psalm of Praise ~ Psalm 16

Song ~ CH 597 Take My Life and Let It Be

v 1, 2 All; v 3 Women; v 4 Men; v 5, 6 All

Message for the Children

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession ~ based on Romans 8:39

Leader: We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Prayer of Confession ~

Leader: Loving God, You have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, steadfast brothers and sisters in the faith who endured hardship and remained loyal to You. Yet we are humbled by the weight of our own sin. We admit that we get tripped up by many things. We have not laid aside every burden. At times, we have acted selfishly, harbored resentment, and allowed fear to get the better of us. We confess that we have taken our eyes off Jesus. Forgive us, Lord, for growing weary and losing heart. Save us from shrinking back from Your victorious path that leads to peace. Cleanse our hearts from the sin that so easily entangles us.

Time of Silent Confession ~

Leader: Renew in us the commitment to follow You closely.

People: We thank You for Your promise of full restoration and for the joy that is always possible in Jesus. Amen.

Song of Reflection ~ Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Words of Assurance ~ From Matthew 7

Leader: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him

a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

*Song ~ Goodness of God

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 10:25-37

Message ~ The Good Samaritan

Prayer

*Song ~ Merciful God v 1, 2

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We Depart to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song ~ Ephesian Blessing

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

The Institution

Leader: This is the table of the Lord. He invites all who love and trust him alone for their salvation to sit with him and share in this joyful feast.

People: Our Savior invites those who have put their faith in him to the feast he has prepared.

Preparing Our Hearts

Leader: Why do we gather at this table?

People: We gather here to remember, that on the night Jesus died, he ate with his friends. Jesus took the loaf of bread and after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Each time you do this, remember me".

Leader: Thank you, Jesus, for taking away our sins on the cross, and rising victorious from the grave. Thank you for the gift of eternal life that is now ours because of your gift of love.

People: We hunger and thirst for you Lord!

Leader: Jesus said, I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

People: Satisfy us Lord, as you alone can. O lamb of God we come!

Leader: God of grace, give us repentant hearts, forgiving hearts, clean hearts. With thanksgiving we come to your table. Send your spirit upon us and unite us in your love so that we might be one body – one holy people.

People: Thanks be to you Lord Jesus, who gave your life freely for our salvation. Satisfy us Lord, in a way nothing in this world can. Fill us with your power so that we might be ambassadors of your love.

Our Profession: The Apostles Creed

The Invitation

Leader: All of you who are sorry for your sins and believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and have professed this in a Christian Church, God calls you to take part in this celebration. For those of you who have not yet made this commitment to Christ, God asks that you wait until a time when you are able to profess Him as your Savior.

<u>Prayer of Consecration ~ Conclude with the Lord's Prayer</u>

The Communion

Our Thanksgiving

Song ~ Merciful God v 3

Leader: People of God, since the Lord has fed us at his table, let us praise his holy name with thanksgiving.

People: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty – heaven and earth are full of your Glory". "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest".

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain who has redeemed us to God by his blood, to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and praise. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever. Amen! (Rev 5:12-13)

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – August 10, 2025

Nursery is provided in the Educational Building for children up to age three.

Attendants today: Cherie Rice, Leah Beelen, Colleen Rice, and Alex

Hoolsema

Next week: Alison Cheney, Wanda Mitchell, Lila Tuzinowski,

and Neveah Beelen

<u>Junior Worship</u> is provided in the Educational Building for 3, 4, and 5 year olds not yet in school. They will be dismissed before the morning sermon.

Helpers today: Eve Cheney, MJ Beelen, and Elise Rice

Next week: Kathy Borowski, Kyle Postma, and Lily Lubben

Please stay after the morning service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Offerings today: A.M. – General Fund

Next week: A.M. – General Fund

2025 Amount Budgeted Weekly for General Fund: \$4338; Building

Fund: \$1154.

August 3 Offerings:

General Fund: \$3408.51; **Building Fund:** \$3430.

THIS WEEK – August 10 - 16

TODAY:

- We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the service this morning.
- Happy Birthday to Sue VanSloten!

MONDAY:

• Happy Birthday to Marty Eckardt.

WEDNESDAY:

• Women's Prayer Group will meet in the Council Room at 10:00 am.

FAMILY NEWS

Advance Notice:

~ There will be a church picnic/potluck on Sunday, August 17, at the church grounds on Thompson Rd. Gather at 4:00, eat at 5:00.

~ It's almost time for the fair again! Rudyard Christian School is looking for volunteers to help scoop ice cream (no experience needed). The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. See a board member for questions. Thank you for your support!

~ We are starting our Annual Community Outreach to help support our local public elementary school teachers. In the narthex is a display board with items to help supply their classrooms. Please consider helping with this by purchasing items listed on the bells or by making a monetary donation. Items should be turned in by August 24. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Borowski. Thank you.