

## PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

\*Please pray for **Lynne Grossmann**, who fell and broke her wrist on Friday, June 29. On Tuesday, July 3, the doctor put a cast on her wrist. Pray for healing and patience for Lynne.

\*Please pray for **Doc Neumann**, who was admitted to the Orange City Area Health System Hospital on Tuesday, June 26, to drain excessive fluid in his legs. Doc is recovering well, and hopes to return home soon. Please pray for his continued healing and strength to Doc's body.

\*Please pray for **Susan West** who has been diagnosed with having a pulmonary embolism and pneumonia. Her blood will be monitored weekly. Pray that God would bring healing to her body.

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

### ◆ Monday, July 9

**10:00 AM Women's Prayer Group** (Landsmeer Ridge Private Dining Room)

### ◆ Wednesday, July 11

**2:00 PM Ruth Circle** (Landsmeer Ridge Private Dining Room)  
Lesson 4: Romans 3:21-4:12  
Leader: Sue Mulder

### ◆ Saturday, July 14

**6:30-8:30 PM A Night Around the Fire Pit for RCA partners in Bahrain, Keith Krebs and his wife, Denise**

**Where:** Home of Brad and Kathy Gabel (503 Madison Circle SE)

**What to Bring:** Your own lawn chair

Come for a time of yard games, s'mores and other treats, and a time to "catch up" with the Krebs. We hope to see you there!

*Rain location to be determined....HOPEFULLY, NO rain location will be needed!!!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### •EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

**"Thank you so very much** for your prayers, cards, food and support while I have been recovering from my accident. It is so great to know that I have such a loving church family. You are the best!"

*...Mary Fernow*

**"Thank you, ARC.** My heart is full. Your kind words, generous gifts, encouragement and prayers have meant so much to me in these final weeks in Orange City. Thank you for being such a loving and supportive faith community on this journey to seminary. I have truly experienced the transformational power of Jesus in this place! Feel free to contact me in Michigan (see address below) but I also look forward to coming back to visit soon."

*...With love, Laura Jonker*

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### •SIGN UP TO PROVIDE COOKIES



Volunteers are needed to help provide 16 dozen cookies/bars to be served during coffee fellowship time on a designated Sunday, beginning August 12. They can be baked, frozen and brought at a later time, or purchased.

Sign-up today at the Welcome Center!

### •FELLOWSHIP CAFÉ



YES!!! Fellowship Café WILL BE held on the following dates immediately following worship in the fellowship hall:

Sunday, July 15 and 22

Sunday, August 5

So mark the above dates on your calendar and plan to come NEXT Sunday, July 15 for good food, conversation and fellowship! Hope to see you there!

### •HELP CLOTHE-A-CHILD FOR SCHOOL



It may not seem like it now, but the school year will be here before you know it! For many children in this area, this means wondering where those much needed new school clothes will come from.

Love INC (In the Name of Christ) is sponsoring the Clothe-A-Child drive, where clothes may be purchased for local children for the upcoming school year. The American Reformed Church congregation has been given the opportunity to help!

There is a clothes drying rack by the church mailboxes with slips providing the information needed to purchase these items. On each slip, you will find the age, gender, clothing item and size (i.e.: shoes, shirt, socks, underwear, etc.) of what needs to be purchased (one item per slip). You can take one slip or many, whatever you can do is a great help! When the item is purchased, please place it in a bag and return it (WITH A GIFT RECEIPT for easy exchange), to the basket by the drying rack **on or before Sunday, August 5**). If you still want to help but don't want to shop, you may contact Amber Altena (712) 360-0134 or Lesley Tjaden (712) 360-2874, and they will be happy to help you! Thank you for all your help with this great ministry!



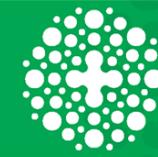
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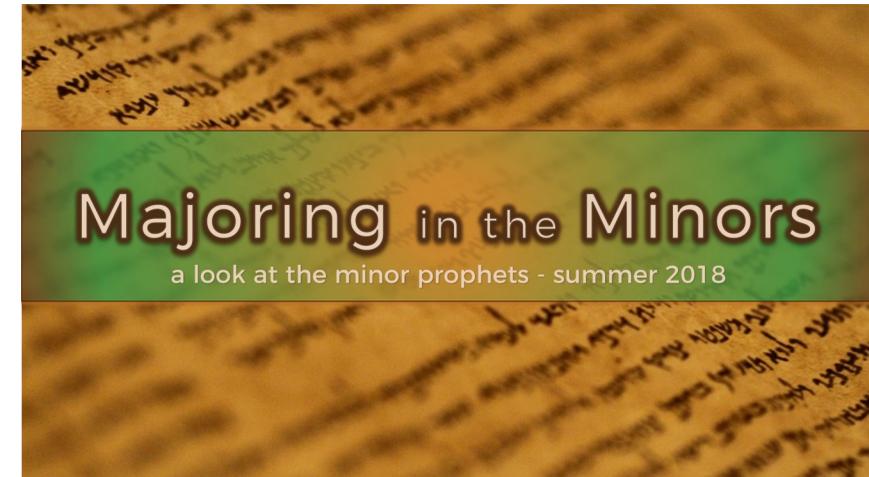
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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018



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# THE APPROACH TO GOD

*The congregation is invited to read the bold font.  
\*Indicates you may stand if you wish.*

## PRELUDE

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee/There is a Fountain/My Jesus I Love Thee”  
Arr. Line

## \*SONG OF WORSHIP

“All Praise . . .”

## \*GOD’S GREETING

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer-  
When we afflict others, whether by our own power  
or by our silent support of systems that oppress, enslave, and crush,  
**break us, Lord.**

When we perplex others and purposely confuse  
them for our own gain or drive them to despair,  
**break us, Lord.**

When we persecute others, casting them  
out of our community, leaving them forsaken and alone,  
**break us, Lord.**

When we strike down others,  
casting stones on their dreams and hopes until they are destroyed,  
**break us, Lord.**

Then broken, we carry in ourselves the sacrifice of Jesus  
so that the life of Jesus may be remade visible in us;  
**make us, Lord.**

We are clay, and you are the potter. We are the work of your hands;  
**make us, Lord.**

In the name of Jesus, by the power of your sustaining Spirit,  
**make us, Lord.** And all God’s people said . . . **amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“Cornerstone”

# THE WORD OF GOD

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Worship activity bags for children to use during worship may be  
picked up near the elevator. Nursery is available for children under 3.  
Children & Worship (3YO–1st grade) begins again in September.*

## \*SONG OF PREPARATION

#311 “God Has Spoken . . .”

## SCRIPTURE

Obadiah, various verses

## SERMON

*Majoring in the Minors: Obadiah*

## MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

## INVITATION

## COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all that is seen and unseen,  
you spoke the world into being and breathed into us the breath of  
life. When we turned away from you, you remained faithful  
delivering us from captivity and making covenant to be with us.  
You gave us witnesses throughout all of history to remind us of  
this faithfulness. Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with  
choirs of angels, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and with all the  
faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of  
your name:

*Sung a cappella:*

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

Out of your great love for the world you made, you sent Jesus  
Christ as a sign of your grace so that the world you spoke into  
being may be reconciled to you. Remembering this great sacrifice,  
we offer ourselves as partners in your redemptive work  
proclaiming together:

**Christ has died!  
Christ is risen!  
Christ will come again!**

In the breaking of bread and the sharing of this cup, renew in us  
the gift of faith by the power of your Spirit. Bind us to one another  
and to Christ as we join your reconciling work in the world. Yet, we  
wait expectantly for the day of ultimate reconciliation when all  
wrongs are made right and the is world renewed in the fullness of  
time.

**Even so, come, Lord Jesus!**

And all God’s people said . . . **amen.**

## COMMUNION

*This morning we will remain seated to receive communion. Our  
communion celebration is gluten free. Children are welcome to  
share in communion at the discretion of parents/guardians.*

*As the bread is served, you are also welcome to come forward for  
anointing of oil and prayer.*

# THE RESPONSE TO GOD

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom  
come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today  
our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who  
sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us  
from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.*

## OFFERTORY

“Be Thou My Vision”

## \*DOXOLOGY

#809

*Please stand when the organ begins playing.*

## \*SONG OF RESPONSE

“As We Gather at Your Table”  
*sung to tune on #813*

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*SONG OF RESPONSE

#813

“For the Life That You Have Given”

## \*POSTLUDE

“The Happy Trumpeter” Young

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## Participating in Worship

The Congregation

Serving the Lord in Worship

Pam Anderson

Organist

Rosalyn De Koster, Tamara Fynaardt,

Praise Team

Elizabeth Kensak, Katie Kensak, Teresa Sampson,  
and Jeff Tolsma

Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman

Leading in Worship

Jeff Tolsma

Children’s Message

Autumn Anderson & Pam Anderson

Offertory