*2. **Who is fit to feast with such a Savior? Who His sandals could untie?***
Who are we that He would show us favor? Granting us this gift of life.

*3. **Happy sign of friendship and reunion with the blessed Three in One.***
Foretaste of that glorious communion, vision of the world to come.

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Communion Song: "Taste and See" LUYH 817:1,3
Congregation sings chorus, soloist sings verses

*The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4 p.939
Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits–
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.

We Are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LUYH 946:2,3

Postlude: "Go to the World! Go Into All the Earth" A.L. Page

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Gayle Doornbos ✦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ✦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries ✦ Vocalists: Corrie DeVries, Eden Hawley, Sevriena Postma ✦ Worship Leaders: Brad Hickey, Tammy Lief, Sara Ploegstra
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Hearing Assistance

A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.

Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026

Romans 8:11
If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

†Ordinary time refers to the Sundays in the liturgical year between Pentecost and Advent. It is a season of growth and discipleship in the life of the church where we see, speak about, and join God's ongoing work in the world.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Prelude: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" A.L. Page
"Beautiful Savior! King of Creation!" F. Melius Christiansen

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-4 p.942
O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

*Song: "God Himself Is with Us" LUYH 565

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "O God Beyond All Praising" LUYH 557

We Are Reconciled & Renewed

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: "O Christ, the Lamb of God" LUYH 630

Words of Assurance: Romans 10:9-11 p.1760

Invitation to Giving
Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are available, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.

Prayers for the Church and World

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-27 p.1756

Message: "The Life-Giving Spirit" Dr. Gayle Doornbos

*Song of Response: "Spirit of the Living God" LUYH 749

God Meets Us at the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" LUYH 538:1

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation
Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Dying he destroyed our death. Rising he restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Invitation
We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats to partake there. Gluten-free bread is available on the table.

Communion Song: "Keep the Feast"
1. ***Joyfully we join You at Your table, pleading not our righteousness.***
By Your wealth of mercy, we are able now to feast in confidence.

Chorus: ***Take this bread and eat. Take this cup and drink.***
Remember how He loved us; rejoice and keep the feast.