

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2026

10:00 a.m.

—THE APPROACH TO GOD—

PRELUDE *Trumpet Air and Interlude*

Stanley Vann

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

Come and worship the Lord!

We come to worship the God of our salvation!

Come and praise the Lord!

We come to sing of God's great love!

Come and give thanks to the Lord!

We come to testify to God's grace and mercy!

Praise the Lord!

Alleluia! Praise the Lord.

SALUTATION

*HYMN

Sing! A New Creation - #797

Tune: EBENEZER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In Unison

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.

For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and
right spirit within us.**

**Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your
Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us
with a willing spirit.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support
these brothers and sisters

by teaching the gospel of God's love,

by being an example of Christian faith and character, and

by giving the strong support of God's family

in fellowship, prayer, and service?

We do.

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

**was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*HYMN

We Will Extol You, God and King - #562

Tune: SCARECROW

—THE WORD OF GOD—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 1:8-2:10

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

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

I Know, I Don't Know

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

—THE RESPONSE TO GOD—

*HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less - #772

Tune: SOLID ROCK

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP PAD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Pastorale

Richard Shephard

*DOXOLOGY - #965

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN

Lord, Dimiss Us With Your Blessing - #933

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sortie

Richard Lloyd

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Harper Schoon-Tanis, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, liturgists; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us! We invite you sign in on the fellowship pads in the pew. We would appreciate it if you took a moment to sign in yourself and your family members and let us know you were here. If you are joining us as a guest today, please use the QR code to the right or head to trcholland.org/quickstart to let us know you were here.



The flowers by the chancel are given by Andrew and Heidi Giddy-VanPernis in memory of Ronald J. Giddy.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Lucia Torres, Bethany Bulthuis, Laura Baer. Tech Team: Steve Orlow, Marj Hoekstra, Simon Awad, Greyson Boes.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others, Debbie and Dan Rooks will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer located in the south hallway on the main level.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 616-392-1459.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Bill Unzicker has returned home from the hospital. Pray for Betty VanWyngarden, Barb Piaget, Jane Dalman. Home-Mary Boersen, Reno Lamanio; Out of Town-Ellen Rieck. Missionaries - Linn G. (Aisa), Lubn Y. (Asia).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Easiest (and Very Appreciated) Way to Volunteer

Join the Coffee Team! Just a few Sundays per year puts you in a group that is nearly universally appreciated by your church family - the people who give us delicious coffee (and tea) every Sunday. Email office@trcholland if you're interested.

The Coolest (and Very Behind-the-Scenes) Place to Volunteer

If you like technology, want to serve your church community, but hate being in the spotlight, the Tech Team is the place for you. No experience necessary! On the job training provided, and an endless amount of cool stuff to see and learn. If this sounds like it could be a fit for you, email amy.lunn@trcholland.org. No obligation to stay on the team - just come and learn.

El Encuentro Nursery Helpers Needed

For this fall, we are looking for individuals or pairs to lead nursery for El Encuentro during 2nd hour!! If you have any interest, please email Anya Wolters, anyawolters321@gmail.com, for more information! Thanks in advance for your help.

SMALL GROUPS

at Third Reformed

We want to invite you to join us for a new season of small groups here at TRC beginning in the new program year. The curriculum comes to us from Latin America and invites us to consider questions, such as “What is church, how does the spirit equip the church, what is God inviting us into as the church?” These groups require reading and bible study with weekly work. These small groups will meet weekly throughout the fall. We invite you to sign up for a group based on your availability. The groups meet on the following days and times: Sunday evening at 6pm, Wednesday Evening at 6:30pm. You can sign up on a first come, first served basis. There is a limited number of spaces for each group. If there is more interest, we will open more times. For more information, please see Third Church News.

BLOOD DRIVE: Third Reformed Church will host a blood drive on Monday, August 31, from 12:00 to 5:45 p.m. Visit redcross.org to sign up to give blood that day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EDUCATION HOUR, AND MOSAIC CLASS, will have our fall Launch on Sunday, September 13 at 11:30 a.m. Don't miss it! More information to come.

LIFT LAUNCH: We hope you'll join us for the LIFT Launch Party on Wednesday, September 9. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Activities will begin around 6:15. One of the fun activities will be a water slide so come prepared with bathing suits and towels. **In order to launch this party your help is needed to help supervise activities (no prep needed).**

SUNRISE SAINTS: Sunrise Saints is to begin its new season Thursday, September 10, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. All are welcome. Coffee and tea are available on the counter in the Gathering Place, and we meet in the Chapel around tables. We are beginning a new book study this fall. We will be studying *The Reckless Way of Love* by Dorothy Day. Copies of the book are available in the church office.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (Zoom)



IT'S OUR ANNUAL
LIFT LAUNCH PARTY!

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 9

WHERE: THIRD REFORMED CHURCH
111 W. 13TH STREET

WHAT: FOOD FUN FELLOWSHIP
(THIS MEANS GAMES AND
TREATS, TOO!)

DESSERT PROVIDED BY YOUR
CARE ELDERS (INCLUDING PIE!)

TIME: 5:30 TO 7:30 PM