"Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations." Psalm 90:1

September 21, 2025

Order of Worship

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song ~ God the Uncreated One

*Call to Worship ~ from Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

*Song of Praise ~ Ancient of Days

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Psalm of Praise ~ 1 Kings 8: 56-61 (from Solomon's Prayer of Dedication of the Temple)

Song ~ CH 596 I Surrender All

Message for the Children

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession ~ from Psalm 139:23-24

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Prayer of Confession ~

Leader: Merciful Father, we come before you with humble hearts, confessing to you the ways we have fallen short – in thought, word and deed. We admit that we turn from your ways, chase after our own desires and longings and ignore the needs of others. Have mercy upon us. Forgive us for the pride that blinds us, the angers that can overtake us, and the reluctance to speak in love when we should.

Time of Silent Confession ~

Leader: Cleanse our hearts and restore us back to your grace, O God, our help and Savior.

People: We thank you, Lord, for the cross, your gift of redemption, and the hope of new life. All of this we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Song of Reflection ~ CH 642 v 1, 3, 4, 5 Abide With Me

Words of Assurance ~ from Romans 8, Deuteronomy 31 Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave him up for us all- how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

People: Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

*Song ~ CH 686 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Scripture Reading ~

Old Testament: Psalm 124

New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:31-39

Message ~ Our Help

Prayer

*Song ~ CH 788 Now Thank We All Our God

We Depart to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song ~ Ephesian Blessing

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – September 21, 2025

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

Attendants today: Dana Rogers, Mary Robertson, Jenelle Hoolsema, and Noah Rice

Next week: Laurie Morley, Kathy Borowski, Liam Hoolsema, and Jessie English

<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.

<u>Helpers today:</u> Krystal English, Sarah Hoolsema, and Katie EnglishNext week: Wanda Mitchell, Bryce Mitchell, and Becky Borowski

Sunday School and Catechism will meet today at 10:45 am.

Offerings today: A.M. – General Fund
Next week: A.M. – General Fund

2025 Amount Budgeted Weekly for General Fund: \$4338; Building Fund: \$1154.

September 14 Offerings:

General Fund: \$3696.

THIS WEEK - September 21 - 27

TODAY:

- We welcome Matt Stith as he delivers the message this morning.
- There will be a Potluck gathering at the church grounds on Thompson Rd. Gathering at 4:00, eat at 5:00. Hot dogs will be provided, bring your own chairs.

MONDAY:

• Happy Birthday to Richard Busman!

TUESDAY:

- **Bible Study** will meet at 6:30 pm. We will be using the Bible Study Guide, <u>Ezekiel</u>, <u>Life Change Bible</u> study.
- Council will meet at 6:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY:

- Women's Prayer Group will meet in the Council Room at 10:00 am.
- Women's Bible Study will meet at 11:00 in the fellowship room.

FAMILY NEWS

Advance News:

- ~ GEMS will be starting on Wednesday, October 1, at 6:30 pm.
- ~ Hiawathaland Community Chorus will be starting practices again on Monday, October 6, at 6:00 pm. If you like to sing, please join us.

The 28th annual Focus on Life Dinner will be held Tuesday, October 7th, at the LSSU Cisler Center. Doors open at 6 pm with dinner to begin at 6:30. Guest speaker this year will be Ken Stults, the Faith Outreach Coordinator for Right to Life of Michigan. The dinner is a fundraiser for Michigan Right to Life and is hosted by Chippewa County Right to Life. Reservations are required so please contact Gina Livingston at 906-297-2144 by September 29 for tickets and additional information. Ticket prices are \$40 for adults and \$30 for students.

On Sunday, October 12th, Chippewa County Right to Life will host the annual Life Prayer Chain. Please join us from 2:00 - 3:00 pm at the intersection of Ashmun and M-129, in front of Goodwill, as we quietly gather and spread out along the sidewalk for silent, individual prayer. We will join thousands of pro-life individuals throughout the USA and Canada to honor the millions of babies whose lives have been lost to abortion. Pro-life signs will be available, but you may bring your own personal sign as well. Please contact Phil Becker at 906-322-0652 if you have any questions.

Please join our prayer team in the library every Sunday from 9:00 – 9:20 am as we pray for our church, our Council, and our church family.