

HAWARDEN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, September 14, 2025

The Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 14, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

2:30 p.m. – Installation Worship Service

Monday, September 15, 2025

6:30 p.m. – Elders Meeting

7:30 p.m. – Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee meets

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

7:00 p.m. - GEMS

Saturday, September 20, 2025

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Diaper Dash Outreach

Offering:

September 14: AM, Samaritans Purse

PM, Benevolence Fund

September 21: AM, Classical Ministry Shares

PM, Building Fund

Music:

September 14: AM, Lisa D. PM, Marlene D.

September 21: Sharon B. Song Leader, Dan B.

Greeters:

September 14: Brian & Donna O., Gene & Cheryl B.

September 21: Dave & Tami N., Randy & Glenda V.W.

Sound: Randy

Projection: Lynn

Coffee Fellowship: (September 14)

3 dozen cookies & serve: Dave & Judy D.

3 dozen cookies: Cheriden E., Lucy D.

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who enter this place to worship the King of kings and Lord of lords. A special welcome to all visitors, may God bless you as you spend time worshiping with us today.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Thanks, from the Atsma family: We would like to thank the congregation for the warm welcome that has met us in Hawarden. Special thanks to those who provided groceries and gift cards and to those who helped us move. We are glad to be here, and we look forward to working with you to build God's kingdom. Sincerely, Pastor Seth, Jennifer, and Annika

Wilbur Daale suffered a stroke this past week. Continue to uphold Wilbur and Lucy in prayer.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Dan and Sharon Byker on the passing of Dan's brother, Kevin. We pray for God's peace and comfort for them and the rest of Kevin's family. If you would like to send a card to Kevin's wife and children, the address is: Meralee Byker, 9843 Markworth Rd., Blaine, WA 98230

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we welcome Rev. Seth Atsma to lead the morning worship service and Rev. Nate Kuperus to lead the afternoon service.

The Installation Service for Rev. Seth Atsma is at 2:30 p.m. today. Rev. Nate Kuperus will be leading the service. Coffee fellowship will follow. There will not be an evening service.

Classis Heartland will be meeting at Prairie Lane CRC in Omaha on Wednesday, September 17. Delegates to Classis from Hawarden CRC are Rev Seth Atsma, Rog Obbink, and Al Kingma. Alternate delegates are Dan Byker and Steve Boersma.

Today is the last Sunday to bring diapers or donations for our Diaper Dash outreach on Saturday, September 20. If you would also like to help with distributing or just visiting with our guests, please sign up on the table in the fellowship hall.

Worship committee will meet this Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage.

ALL Men: First Baptist Church of Hawarden invites you to a Men's Prayer Breakfast on October 4th, 2025 starting at 8:00am. Breakfast casserole and pancakes will be served. RSVP to Rev. Atsma by September 28.

Morning Worship Service—10:00 a.m.

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." ~ Psalm 118:24

We Rejoice in God's Presence

Prelude

*Call to Worship – Psalm 97

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

*Hymn of Praise: LUYH #2: 1-5 (PH #428)

"O Worship the King"

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 16

Q & A 46 What do you mean by saying, “He ascended to heaven”?

A. That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

Q & A 47 But isn’t Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

A. Christ is true human and true God.

In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

Q & A 49 How does Christ’s ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father.

Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself.

Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit’s power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand.

We Are Reconciled to God

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #349: 1-4 *“I Will Sing a Song of Triumph”*

1 I will sing a song of triumph, sing to reassert the truth, sing although unnumbered troubles have beset me since my youth.

2 When the conflicts I encountered left me wounded, scarred, and sore, God the Righteous One was with me to destroy the chains I bore.

3 Those who hate what God has chosen: in the end, how can they thrive? Plants with neither earth nor moisture, what can help them to survive?

4 Those who trust the Lord to save them: may they find, instead of shame, kindness from the One they worship, endless blessings in God’s name.

God’s Will for Our Lives

(Responsive Reading – Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

Pastor: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Pastor: And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

People: You shall teach them diligently to your children,

Pastor: And shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way,

People: And when you lie down, and when you rise.

Pastor: You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

People: You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Samaritans Purse (Collected in the Back)

We Hear the Word of God

Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #755: 1-3 *“Speak, O Lord”*

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness— that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *"He Reigns!"*

Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #568: 1-4 *"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

1 I will sing of my Redeemer and his wondrous love to me; on the cruel cross he suffered,
from the curse to set me free.

Refrain Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer, with his blood he purchased me; on the cross he
sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

2 I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save, in his boundless love and mercy
he the ransom freely gave. (Refrain)

3 I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant power I'll tell, how the victory he giveth
over sin and death and hell. (Refrain)

4 I will sing of my Redeemer and his heavenly love to me; he from death to life has brought
me, Son of God, with him to be. (Refrain)

We Go Out to Serve

* God's Benediction

* Closing Hymn: LUYH #964 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Postlude

(*) indicates to stand if able

Afternoon Worship Service—2:30 p.m.

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." ~ Psalm 118:24

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, our God calls us to worship. His presence is here among us. Praise his name and give him glory.

People: We are one body. We have one Spirit. We are called to one hope. We have one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God and Father.

Leader: Let us worship God, who has given us each spiritual gifts to build up the church, proclaim salvation in Christ to the world, and offer the joy of resurrection at his coming again.

People: Receive our worship. Amen!

Song - LUYH 21: 1-3 *"This Is My Father's World"*

1 This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King, let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.

God's Greeting

We Greet One Another

Affirmation: Joining The Mission of God (responsive reading)

Leader: Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom

People: to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe.

Leader: The Spirit calls all members

People: to embrace God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world:

Leader: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner.

People: We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.

Leader: In a world estranged from God, where happiness and peace are offered in many names and millions face confusing choices,

People: we witness— with respect for followers of other ways— to the only one in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself. God loves all creation; his compassion knows no bounds.

Song - LUYH 261:1,4,5 *“Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns”*

1 Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns; through distant lands his triumphs spread. And sinners freed from endless pains, own him their Savior and their Head.

4 Oh, may his holy church increase, his Word and Spirit still prevail, while angels celebrate his praise and saints his growing glories hail.

5 Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb from all below and all above! In lofty songs exalt his name, in songs as lasting as his love.

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Benevolence Fund (collected in back)

Song: LUYH 747: 1-3 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

Text: Philippians 1:12-18

Message: *“Rejoice! The Gospel Cannot Stop”*

Song – LUYH 859: 1-4 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Installation (based on Grey PH p. 992 ff)

Before the prayer- welcome wife Jennifer, daughter Annika for a prayer of blessing.

Blessing-Rev. Seth Atsma

Song – LUYH 965 *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*