Exodus 15:22–17:7
"Grumbling"

Main Point: To be faithful disciples on our way to the Promised Land, we must see the evil of grumbling and trust the LORD with grateful hearts.

1. **Grumbling Reveals Unbelief (15:22-27)**

2. **Grumbling is Always Against God (16:1-8)**

3. **Grumbling Leads to Disobedience (16:9-36)**

4. **Grumbling Numbs Us to God's Provision (16:9-36)**

5. **Grumbling Requires God's Grace (17:1-7)**

Faith Reformed

September 13, 2026

Prelude		Rebekah Tarter
Congregational Sharing		
*Greeting One Another		

APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship	From Psalm 95	
*Song of Praise		
God is For Us		
*Prayer of Praise		
*Song of Praise		
Come Thou Fount		#10

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin		
Assurance of Forgiveness	John 6:35, 39-40	
*Song of Assurance		
His Mercy is More		#123

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading	Exodus 15:22-17:7	Page 68
Sermon	"Grumbling"	

RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer		
Song of Response	*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*	#84
*Affirmation of Faith	Heidelberg Q. 125	
Promotion Sunday		
Congregational Prayer		
*Benediction		
*Doxology		
*Postlude		Mary Holle

*Congregation standing if able

FAITH REFORMED CHURCH

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Our Worship

As we gather to worship this morning through faith in Christ, we are entering into conversation with God as He speaks in His Word and is with us by the Spirit. Our worship service has an intentional movement that focuses on the Gospel:

- We begin with our **APPROACH TO GOD,** hearing a call to worship from His word and then responding to Him with songs and prayers of praise.
- We then have a time of **RENEWAL IN CHRIST** in which we confess our sins and hear His promise of forgiveness in His word and through song.
- Assured of His grace, we then listen to **THE WORD OF GOD** as it is preached from our passage for that day, and we all receive the sacrament of communion monthly as a "visible word" from God.
- After hearing the Word preached, we end our service with our **RESPONSE TO GOD.** We give offerings, affirm our faith, pray for needs in the congregation and world, and hear a blessing from God before singing a final praise to Him.

Through it all, God intends to bless us and change us by His grace so that we would go into the world to live for His glory. So let us come in humble faith, ready to hear and respond to our God and Savior.

Reflections

"Grumbling may seem a small thing. But it leads to a hardened heart. And a hardened heart leads to ruin. When God provides in a manner that does not accord with your preferences or your timing, be careful. You will want to grumble. Instead, take the opportunity to trust God, rather than to test him" (Tim Chester, *Exodus for You,* 122).

If you wish to reach Pastor Zach, you may dial the church office or reach him by cell phone at 920-212-5489. His office hours are Tuesday – Friday 9:30 – 5:30. If you are unable to reach Pastor Zach you may contact the Elder on call. The Elder on call for September is Andy Brill (920-917-8690).

Prayer Guide

Praises and Thanksgivings
Jesus Resurrection
Our living hope in Jesus

Petitions
Prayers for Alex Ackeret (son of Mike & Heather Ackeret) who has been deployed with the National Guard to the Middle East for the next few months
That our state and nation would value life and protect life in the womb
Spiritual wisdom and discernment
Commitment to be reading Scripture
Discipline and courage to obey
To be guided by Scripture, not culture
Courage to stand firm for the gospel
Our ministry in the PCA
Pastor Zach Tarter
Jon Damkot – Youth Director
Lincoln Rus – Assistant Pastor
Disciple making at Faith Reformed
Spiritual revival
Our government leaders
Our youth to grow in Christ
Those serving in the military
The Unity of Cedar Grove churches
Those with addictions/in jail or prison
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

Health
Lincon Rus – prayers for quick healing after having back surgery
Wayne Navis – prayers for strength and healing
Kim DeRuyter – prayers for upcoming scan on Sept. 16 and appt. on Sept. 23 to get the results. Prayers that the cancer is gone and for patience and trust going forward for other regular tests and scans
Ruth Ann Wieberdink – prayers for strength and comfort
Donna Caljouw – praise that her cancer is still in remission, prayers for the pain she is having in her hip.

Prayers for Expectant Moms
Rachel Bocek
Macy Ewing

Shut-ins
Wayne Navis
Delores Bruggink – Pine Haven 701 Pine Drive Oostburg – room #122
Marge Dirkse

Mission & Outreach
Compassion International
Good News Jail Prison Ministry
For our unchurched neighbors

Schedule

SUNDAY

Worship – 9:00am
Sunday School – 10:30am
11:30am – Potluck Dinner – everyone is welcome

Monday – 6:30pm Fellowship Meeting

Wednesday – 6:00pm Connect
-6:30pm Quest

Thursday – 1:00pm Women's Bible Study

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:
September 20 Communion
September 25 5th Quarter
September 27 Service of Praise & Prayer

Ushers for September: Craig Droppers, Wayne Bloemers, Bruce Lukens

Nursery for September 13: Beth Rauwerdink, Nikki Bruggink, Garret Rauwerdink, Harper Bruggink
Nursery for September 20: Nate Zimmermann, Katy Heinen, Ben Torrenga, Carissa Konzak

Refreshments for September: Care Group #5 (Kim & Mel)

Greeters Sept. 13 **- Narthex:** Mike & Doris DeHaai
-Great Room: Don & Rosemary DeMaster
Greeters Sept. 20 **- Narthex:** Bob & Doris DeRuyter
-Great Room: Lloyd &n Carol DeRuyter

Serving in the Military:
Jackson DeRuyter
2200 1st Street
Apt. 1605
Alamogordo, NM 88310 .

Family Life at Faith

The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 27 families at our September Food Pantry. Our next Food Pantry will be Thursday, October 8th from 4:30-6:00p.m. Thank you so much for your generous donations. Right now, we are in need of **CEREAL**, soup, canned vegetables, peanut butter, canned fruit. If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you for your generosity!

Special Birthdays in September:

Doris DeRuyter will turn 82 on September 20
Marge Dirkse will turn 92 on September 26

All are invited to BJ Hilbelink's installation service today at First Reformed Church at 6:00pm.

In celebration of Promotion Sunday, we have decided to have our next Potluck today at 11:30am after Sunday school. The following are the food assignments for that day.

Care Group 1& 2—Hot Dish
Care Group 3—Dessert
Care Group 4 & 6—Side Dish
Care Group 5—Hot Dish or Dessert
**(if you are a single senior and prefer not to bring the assigned item for your care group, please feel free to bring some dinner rolls or a bag of chips)

Care Group #5 is responsible for setting up and cleaning up. So, if you are in that Care Group, please give a helping hand.

All items for the October Newsletter are due Sunday, September 27th.

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Pine Haven Annual Meeting of the Corporation on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm. Our meeting will be held in the Community Center at Pine Haven Christian Home, 220 Haven Drive, Sheboygan Falls. We look forward to seeing you on September 21st.

Family Life at Faith

When we Understand, We love Better

Join Love INC of Sheboygan County for the **Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE)**—a fast-paced, hands-on experience designed to help us better understand the realities of poverty and consider how we can serve our neighbors with greater wisdom, compassion, and effectiveness.

Through local data, an interactive simulation, and guided discussion, COPE will challenge us to see poverty differently and strengthen the way we engage with individuals and families. We invite you to register today.

Saturday, September 26 | 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
First Christian Reformed Church, Oostburg

Learn. Experience. Apply.

40 DAY FOR LIFE

Please join us at our Kickoff Rally on September 20 at 4 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 833 Center Avenue, Sheboygan.

Sonia and Tyson Weber, will be our guest speakers. At 15, Sonia found out that she was pregnant and almost made an abortion decision. The Webers' story is full of reminders that the past does not have to define your future, brokenness does not have the final say, and there is always hope in Jesus.

The peaceful, prayerful vigil from the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood will begin Wednesday, September 23. 7 a.m.-7 p.m., for forty consecutive days. Sign up to pray for an end to abortion by visiting www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan. Contact Germaine 920-918-2310 or Gina 920-917-9324.
Be a voice for the voiceless!

Youth News

Promotion Sunday - ***Today***, **September 13th** Sunday school begins for all ages! For kids ages 3 through 8th grade, parents are invited to walk their children to their rooms after the service and meet with the class for the first 5-10 minutes to learn what's in store for the year.

CORE Opening Night! (Grades 6-12) - ***Tonight***, **September 13th** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM**!

CONNECT (Grades 6-12) - **Wednesday, September 16th** students are invited to Connect with each other and God at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:30PM**! Worship begins at 6:20.

QUEST (Grades 5K-5) - **Wednesday, September 16th** Quest will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30PM**. Registration and games begin at 6:00.

Thank you to all those who have donated to the Salvation Army Meal. It is greatly appreciated. For September, we are **still in need of one more tater-tot casserole and 2 dozen cookies.** If you could help with that, please sign up on the sheet in the information center or see Wendy Wonser with any questions.