Exodus 20:1–7
"Love the LORD Your God"

Main Point: Because the LORD is our covenant God who saves and loves us, we must love and cherish Him above all else.

1) **How to Approach the Ten Commandments (20:1-2)**

2) **You Shall Have No Other Gods (20:3)**

3) **You Shall Not Make Images of God (20:4-6)**

4) **You Shall Not Take God's Name in Vain (20:7)**

Faith Reformed

October 4, 2026

Prelude		Dane Van Allen
Congregational Sharing		
*Greeting One Another		

APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship	From Psalm 19	
*Song of Praise		
All My Ways		
*Prayer of Praise		
*Song of Praise		
Oh God of Mercy		

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin		
Assurance of Forgiveness	Titus 2:11-14	
*Song of Assurance		
All I Have is Christ		#397

THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message		
Equip (Ages 3-5)		
Scripture Reading	Exodus 20:1-7	Page 72
Sermon	"Love the LORD Your God"	

RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer		
Song of Response	*More Love to Thee*	#451
*Affirmation of Faith	WSC Q. 44, 46-47	
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

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:36–40).

1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. (Psalm 1:1–2)

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. Elder on call for October is Gary Dunn (920-9946-1269)

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
John Kettenhoven- prayers as he recuperates after having surgery for prostate cancer
Nicki Bruggink - prayers for her as she has the last of her reconstructive surgeries next Tuesday, October 6
Lincon Rus – prayers for quick healing after having back surgery
Tim Bruggink – please pray him and his family as his health is declining.
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
The best way to contact her is to call her land line 920-550-5300
Marge Dirkse

Mission & Outreach
Compassion International
Good News Jail Prison Ministry

For our unchurched neighbors

Schedule

SUNDAY

Worship – 9:00am
Sunday School – 10:30am
Core – 6:00pm

Tuesday – 1:30pm Ladies of Faith
-6:00pm Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday –Connect "Free Week"
-6:30pm Quest

Thursday – 4:30-6pm Food Pantry

Friday – 5th Quarter

Saturday – 6:00pm Day of Fasting & Prayer Service

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:
October 13 Blood Bank
October 17 Fall Fest
October 25 Service of Praise & Prayer

Ushers for October: TJ Obbink, Jan Hoitink, Dale Mentink

Nursery for October 4: Macy Ewing, Claire Dolfin, Rebekah Tarter, Levi Heinen
Nursery for October 11: Brittany Mullikin, Kayla Wieberdink, Cael Meinen Kenley Meinen

Refreshments for October: Care Group #4 (Bonnie & Margie)

Greeters Oct. 4 **- Narthex:** Bob & Kelly Dirkse
-Great Room: Jeff & Kim DeRuyter
Greeters Oct. 11 **- Narthex:** Ben Jamie Dolfin Family
-Great Room: Jeff & Steph Diener Family

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 October:

Bob Caljouw will turn 80 on October 12
Roger Kelling will turn 75 on October 24

The October Newsletter was sent out this week. However, if you prefer a paper copy, you can pick one up in the information center.

If you haven't done so already, please see your mailbox for an envelope with information on officer nominations. You will find a letter from the session, along with information on the office of elder and deacon, and a list of men open to nomination. In addition, there is a ballot for every member in your home. Nominations should be submitted in the box outside Wendy's office no later than October 11th. Continue to pray through this process that the Spirit would direct us in the wisdom of Christ.

Faith Fall Festival
Soup Cook Off
Saturday, October 17th

Join us for a fun night of food, games and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends & neighbors to experience the warmth of good soup in a warm Christian atmosphere.

4:00pm —Please have your soups at church—warm please. Label the bottom & top of your soup container and also **make a list of the ingredients in your soup for those who are allergic to certain foods.**

5:00-6:00pm —Soup tasting and eating (there will also be hot dogs available for the kids & ice cream sundaes for dessert)

*****Vote for your favorite soup.**
We will have 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners.

6:20m—Bingo with prizes

Two sign-up sheets are in the Information Center: one if you are bringing a soup for the contest and one if you're attending.

Family Life at Faith

Save the Date: Ladies, our women's conference will be held Saturday, February 13, 2027. More information to follow in the coming months.

Men's Breakfast: October 11 at 7:00am. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship as we eat together and then have a panel discussion on the topic of "Coming to Christ Later in Life". Bring yourself and your sons. A sign-up is in the information center so that we have an estimate on numbers for food. Hope to see you there.

PCA Calls for a Day of Prayer and Fasting on Saturday, October 10th: At our General Assembly in July, the PCA called for every church to devote one day to intentional prayer and fasting. In August, the Wisconsin Presbytery decided to set aside this particular day to join with believers in our state to do just that. So on October 10th, we are calling for a church-wide day of prayer and fasting, ending the day with a special service at 6:00pm.The presbytery specifically urges us during this time to "seek God's mercy in heartfelt repentance over the sins of church leaders, members, and congregations," and to pray "for the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, the blessing of heaven on the preached word, the conversion of the lost, the planting of faithful churches at home, and the success of the gospel in our communities, on college campuses, and on the mission field around the world." If at all possible, please set aside this time in your schedules to seek our Lord together.

40 DAY FOR LIFE

"Abortion is a grave moral evil. The right to life is the foundation of all other rights. This does not mean that we are indifferent to poverty, immigration, health care, education, racial justice or other important concerns. The Gospel calls us to care for the whole human person and the common good. Yet the right to life is foundational because no other rights can be exercised without it." Bishop Barry Knestout, Richmond, VA (Virginia has a referendum on their ballot this fall to amend their state constitution to allow for abortion at <u>any stage</u> of pregnancy.)

Praying for an end to abortion and being a voice for the voiceless is easy. Sign up for vigil hours to pray outside Planned Parenthood in Sheboygan now through November 1. Simply go to <u>www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan</u>, or contact Germaine 920-918-2310 or Gina 920-917-9324. Signs will be provided. All we do is show up and pray, and let God change hearts and minds.

Youth News

CORE (Grades 6-12) - ***<u>Tonight</u>*, October 4th** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM**!

CONNECT Special Event (Grades 6-12) - **Wednesday, October 7th** each small group has their own special event planned for "Free Week." Check your texts on Monday for details; text Jon or your group leader with questions.

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

Soup & Sub Fundraiser - The high schoolers will be making soup & subs for purchase to raise funds to attend our weekend retreats! Orders are due **Sunday, October 18th** and you can pick your order up on **Sunday, October 25th** or **Monday, October 26th**. You can place your order on the sign-up sheets by the mailboxes or at this link: https://faithcedargrove.breezechms.com/form/Subs26.

Soup & Sub Fundraiser Workers - Students grades 9-12 can sign up to make subs in the afternoon of **Saturday, October 24th** from **3:00-5:00PM.** You can sign up on the sheet by the mailboxes or text Jon and let him know you'll be helping. Students who help will receive half-off for our winter FORT retreat!

Ladies of Faith will meet Tuesday, October 6th at 1:30pm to do Bible Study lesson #10 led by Muriel Meinen. Hostesses are Muriel Meinen and Laurie Holle. You can pick up a copy of the secretary and treasurer reports in the information center.

Flower Committee Christmas Flower forms are in the bulletin. We will once again be getting them from the Salmon Family Garden Center. **<u>The order deadline is October 18th!!</u>** Checks should be made out to Faith Reformed Church. Make sure to circle the color of the flower you wish to purchase. There is a box outside Wendy's office for your order and payment. The flowers may be picked up after the worship service on Sunday morning, November 29th.

The Care Connection is asking for volunteers to communicate with cards or words of encouragement to Kelly Wieberdink. Kelly is the daughter of Shirley Wieberdink. You can sign up on the sheet in the information center.

Trempealeau Co. Health Care Center
Attn: Kelly Wieberdink
W20410 State Rd 121
Whitehall, WI 54773