



Baldwin Christian Reformed Church
*Rooted in God's Word, Growing in the Faith,
 Bearing Fruit in the World*
Lord's Day 38 September 20, 2020

Welcome to all who have gathered to worship today! It is our goal to glorify the Lord, our Maker and Redeemer, God in whom is our help and hope. When Jesus was on earth, he promised, "...Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" (Matthew 18:20). We believe he is with us in church buildings and everywhere. We desire that he would deepen our faith, hope, and love. While things feel a bit different, we rest in the assurance that God reigns and his purposes are not thwarted. "...[Nothing] in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39).

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer: Psalm 115:1-8, 16-18

Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.

Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him. But their idols are silver and gold, made by the hands of men. They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but they cannot see; they have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but they cannot smell; they have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but they cannot walk; nor can they utter a sound with their throats. Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them...

The highest heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth he has given to man. It is not the dead who praise the LORD, those who go down to silence; it is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.

***Opening Song:** Goodness of God (Cash/Fielding/Ingram/Johnson)

***God's Greeting**

***Song:** How Great is Our God (Cash/Reeves/Tomlin)

We Rest in the Unfailing Gospel

Call to Confession: Our World Belongs to God Paragraph 25

Standing in our place, Jesus suffered during his years on earth, especially in the tortures of the cross. He carried God's judgment on our sin—his sacrifice removed our guilt. God raised him from the dead; he walked out of the grave, conqueror of sin and death—Lord of life! We are set right with God, given new life, and called to walk with him in freedom from sin's dominion.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Our World Belongs to God Paragraphs 26-27

Pastor: Being both divine and human, Jesus is the only mediator. He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior.

All: We are chosen in Christ to become like him in every way. God's electing love sustains our hope: God's grace is free to save sinners who offer nothing but their need for mercy.

Pastor: Jesus ascended in triumph, raising our humanity to the heavenly throne. All authority, glory, and sovereign power are given to him.

All: There he hears our prayers and pleads our cause before the Father. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Song of Response: I Am Not My Own (Benjamin)

Prayers of the People

God Feeds Us with His Word

Children's Message

Scripture: Numbers 6:22-27; Ephesians 3:14-21

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.'" So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this

love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Message: Do We Limit God?

Prayer of Application

We Depart in Thanks to Serve

***Song of Response:** We Sing the Mighty Power of God (Watts)

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** For All the Saints (How)

***Postlude**

OFFERING NOTES

Rather than passing the plate, those in attendance at worship services may place their offering in one of the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary or offerings may be mailed to Baldwin CRC. Please make sure to note what date/cause your offering is for.

Today's offering is for Baldwin Christian School: A parent-driven Classical Christian school dedicated to building character by forming the hearts and minds of students to know, reflect, and express the truth, goodness, and beauty of Jesus Christ. Find out more at baldwinchristianschool.org.

Next week's offering is for the General Fund, part of which supports Denominational Ministry Shares for Calvin University (Grand Rapids, MI). Founded in 1876, Calvin University equips students to think deeply, to act justly, and to live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world. Find out more at calvin.edu.

PRAYER REMINDERS

- Continue to pray for God to give encouragement, love, and patience, to our Care Center and Assisted Living Residents: Rozella, Nancy, and Laverne.
- Pray God would grant wisdom to the delegates of Classis meeting online tomorrow and Tuesday. Pray that he would allow our region to faithfully follow him and continue to bless the work we're involved in. Our delegates are Pastor Dan, Elder Dave Ashton, and Deacon Eric Gullixson.
- Continue to pray for God to grant healing to Wesley Simbro.

- Continue to pray for God to grant healing to Al Van Someren as he continues to receive treatment for cancer.
- Pray God would bring an end to the natural disasters of wildfires in the West and hurricanes/tropical storms in the South that have brought destruction into the lives of many. Pray also for comfort to those who have lost loved ones and safety among those who are returning and rebuilding their homes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Elder/Deacon Districts—Please take note of the updated district assignments on the back of the bulletin.

Toward an Anti-Racist Ministry—Classis Lake Superior—Are we/am I racist? What is systemic racism? What do Christians do about it? These questions are intensely in play among us these days. You are invited to listen in and even contribute to a “Living Room Conversation” with the delegates of Classis tomorrow from 7-9pm. This conversation will be led by Dr. Ruthanne Crapo Kim, a member of the Grace CRC (Inver Grove Heights) and on the Faculty of Philosophy at Minneapolis College. You may listen in from the comfort of your own home or perhaps with friends or in a group setting at your church. Registration requested either at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4aaba92ea6ff2-toward> or talk to Pastor Dan.

Sunday School At-Home—As all of us continue to adapt during this season of life, we're going to send Sunday School into our homes and spread it throughout the week. Starting next Sunday, every mailbox will have a sheet with daily activities that you are invited and encouraged to use as part of your devotions. The goal is that this will be beneficial not only for our young families, but for our whole congregation and maybe beyond. More details are in your mailboxes.

CRCNA Yearbook—If you are interested in pre-ordering a denominational yearbook, please let Pastor Dan know by the end of the month. Regular binding-\$10 Spiral binding-\$12 PDF version-\$7.

Back to God Ministries International—Groundwork: Be Holy—The theme of Leviticus—to be holy because God is holy—still applies to followers of Christ today. Join Groundwork as we study Leviticus 11:44-47, Leviticus 19:14-37, and 1 Peter 1:13-16 to help us better understand God's command and what it means for how we live our lives. Listen now or subscribe to weekly emails at GroundworkOnline.com.

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Disability Concerns—October Caregiver Series—Join us every Thursday in October at 11am for a conversation on Caregiving. This training event will help caregivers navigate the emotional landscape of their role and will give practical ideas how churches can help these families address the challenges for the person living with a disability as well as their siblings, parents, spouse, or other caregivers. Registration required. View our Network post: Disability Concerns Canada Conference Re-Imagined.

Faith Formation Ministries—At-Home Faith Formation Tip—As of Thursday morning, nothing available on CRC website.

THIS WEEK AT BALDWIN CRC

Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	H.S. Sunday School
	4:00 PM	Afternoon Bible Study
Thursday:	7:00 PM	Men’s Life

SERVING OTHERS

Greeters
Praise Team
Sound Tech

TODAY (Sept. 20)

Murray and Rosie
Dave and Marius
Mark and Murray

NEXT SUNDAY (Sept. 27)

Mark and Lyn
Ruthanne and Jim L.
Jim P & Ted

LOOKING AHEAD

Oct. 4
Oct. 11
Oct. 18
Oct. 25

GREETERS

Bob & Barb
Paul & Billie Jo
Randy & Jenifer
Dave & Karen

If you are uncomfortable with attending in-person at this time or unavailable, please find a replacement or let Dave Ashton know and he will assist. and Kelly P. so she can update the bulletin.

Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Recorded services may be viewed on the Sermons page of our website, the Baldwin CRC YouTube page, and Tuesdays at 10:30 AM and Fridays at 7:00 PM on local channel 16.

Fellowship Ministry Opportunities

Afternoon Bible Study - For all ages, Sunday afternoons during the school year
Crafters - Women’s fellowship, no crafting skills required, all types of crafts welcome
High School Sunday School - Catechism, After morning worship during the school year
Men’s Life - Men’s study group, Thursday evenings during the school year
Lending Hands Ministry
Share-A-Meal Ministry

Ministries with Meetings on hold until Spring 2021

Adult and Children’s Sunday School - Providing at-home materials starting 9/27
Dorcas Society - Women’s study and service group, third Tuesday afternoons
Friendship Ministry - For those with physical/mental disabilities, Tuesday evenings
GEMS - Young girls up to 8th grade, Monday evenings during the school year
Nursing Home Ministry - Sunday afternoon services led by area churches
The Rebellion Youth Ministry - High school and middle school, Wednesday evenings
Women’s Bible Study-Women’s study group, Monday evenings during the school year

Church Council

Elders

Jim Lokker, Vice-President
Dave Ashton, President
Dan De Graff, Pastor

Districts (By Last Name)

A-K
L-S
T-Z

Deacons

Chad Van Someren
Eric Gullixson, Clerk
Marius Kool

Have an announcement? Simply email BCRCbulletin@gmail.com
Please note: All announcements must be received no later than noon on Thursday in order to be included in the upcoming bulletin.