

OLD NORTH CHURCH

*Our mission is to follow Christ and proclaim his word
in a lost and broken world so loved by God.*

September 7, 2025

9:30 A.M.

Reverend Debbie Rundecker
Minister of Word and Sacrament

Mr. Alan Newman
Organist and Music Director

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

“Chaconne”
“Like a River Glorious”

Louis Couperin
James Mountain

GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #52 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from thepastorsworkshop.com*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty. Darkness was on the surface of the deep.

And God’s Spirit was hovering over the surface of the waters.

In the beginning God said: “Let there be light,” and there was light.

God saw the light and saw that it was good. God divided the light from the darkness.

In the beginning was life, and that life was the light of the world

And the darkness has not overcome the light

The true light that gives light to everyone has come into the world

The Father, His one and only Son, and the Spirit of Truth are with us here and now.

May our worship be a joyful offering back to God!

HYMN #356 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we stand in awe of Your creation. You are the master of design. You know the change of seasons, You know the orbit of planets, and You know exactly what human beings were made for: a relationship with You. We confess that too often we think that we know best. We insist on charting our own course, and we don’t feel we can completely trust anyone but ourselves. But we are wrong. You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You are the hope of nations. You are our King. You are our resurrected Lord. You are the one who forgives our sins. You are the one who loves us more deeply that we can ever imagine. Teach us to live like You. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

....a time of silence is kept...

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU!
AND ALSO WITH YOU!

LIVING THE WAY OF JESUS

*GLORIA PATRI #805

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end; Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-5, John 1:1-5

SERMON HYMN “Gather Us In” insert

SERMON “In The Beginning...God”

CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER insert

All are welcome to share in the Lord’s Supper. The only requirement is a desire to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ. The elements will be distributed by our Elders and Deacons, please hold them and we will partake together.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Heidelberg Catechism Lords Day 3 insert

OFFERING
OFFERTORY “Nimrod” Edward Elgar

***DOXOLOGY #809**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Benell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN #721** “Shine, Jesus Shine”

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING SONG**

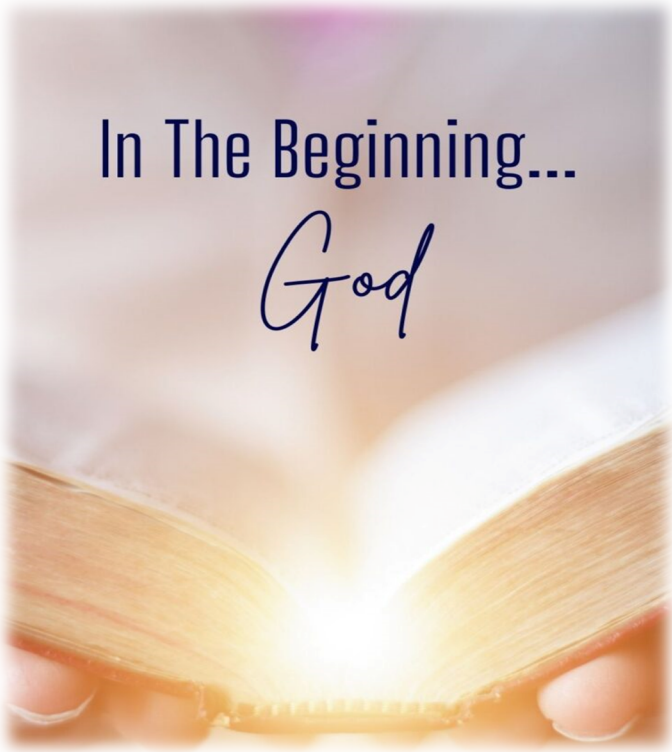
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see his face and his grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

POSTLUDE “March Triumphant into Jerusalem” Robert Thygerson

*Please rise, in body or in spirit. **Bold words indicate unison participation.**

Welcome to Old North. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today!
Please fill out a welcome card if you would like us to have a record of your visit, more information about Old North, or wish to be contacted by the Pastor.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request this morning, please fill out the Prayer Request section of the welcome card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate.



THE CONSISTORY OF OLD NORTH

ELDERS: Jon Babicz, Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Carol Sushko

DEACONS: Tim Frohlich, Rene Gallagher, Brianna Polbos, Richard Schmude

Minister and Pastor: Debbie Rundecker

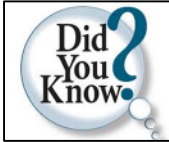
OLD NORTH REFORMED CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please leave your contact information in the guest book in the entrance to the sanctuary before leaving today.

We encourage you to keep this copy of the bulletin and take it home to share with a family member or with a friend. The service can be experienced anytime online via Old North's YouTube channel or Facebook page.



A Blessing of backpacks and briefcases is a religious service, typically held by churches before the start of the school year, where students, teachers, and professionals bring their bags to receive a prayer for a year of learning, growth, and productivity. It is a way for congregations to show support and offer spiritual encouragement to those heading back to school or work, and the blessing often extends to all types of bags and even tools of a trade.

Prayer Chain: If you wish to add the power of prayer in times of celebration, healing, or transitions in life, please call Pat Hooey, 201-843-4456.
Your prayer requests are uplifted by our prayer team, and confidentiality is honored.



Church Family Prayer List:

• Diana • Ethan • Helen • Katie • Michael • Tom

For those chronic conditions and their loving caregivers; those seeking employment or vocation; those facing medical procedures or recovering from surgery, and safety for all who are traveling. Prayers for all who serve in the military, home and abroad and for all first responders.

Scheduled to serve today with our thanks:

Ushers & Greeters: Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Ethan Cordova

JOIN US AT THE PARSONAGE FOR THE RALLY DAY PICNIC

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
9/14	Nancy Gorman, Linda Treacy	Rene Gallagher
9/21	Mikayla & Nate Schmude	Deb Connolly & Brianna Polbos
9/28	Ethel Reitsema, Donair Karkkainen	Betsy & Jack Erhard
10/5	Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Nancy Gorman	Nancy Gorman
10/12	Betsy & Jack Erhard	Linda Treacy

Congratulations to all of our Church Family who are celebrating a special event!
Happy Birthday!

9/5 Maureen Van Buren – 9/9 Nancy Gorman – 9/9 Shawn Gorman
9/17 Dawn Bennewitz – 9/17 Jack Erhard



Happy Anniversary!

9/11 Scott & Nancy Benell – 9/18 Jon & Jena Babicz
9/21 Henry & Nancy Gorman



Our next Consistory Meeting will be on September 21st following worship in the Lounge.

HELP WANTED: We are seeking Liturgists to help lead worship. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Auditorium.



1st Day of Sunday School - Rally Day BBQ Potluck: Please join us at the Parsonage for our Rally Day picnic following worship. **Bring a lawn chair if you have one.**

Grimes Fund Scholarship: We are pleased to present Nick DiBella with the Grimes Fund Scholarship. Nick has been an important part of Old North and has always gone above and beyond to serve Old North and our community. *Congratulations Nick!*

Old North Thrift Shoppe Grand Re-Opening! Thank you to all of our volunteers for their hard work for another successful sale. We are accepting donations on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. with the exception of the week before a sale. With fewer people receiving the newspaper we are low on wrapping materials for our sales. If you have newspapers to recycle we will gladly take them!

Our Steeple renovation is complete! The real gold painted weather vane serves as a beacon for people to be able to find us and Jesus living in us.

Capital Project Fund: Keep in your prayers our Capital Project Fund. The fund has been set up to maintain our beautiful Sanctuary and property. Contributions can be made by check to Old North or cash clearly labeled **CPF**.