

OLD NORTH CHURCH

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

August 17, 2025

9:30 A.M.

Reverend Debbie Rundecker
Minister of Word and Sacrament

Mr. Alan Newman
Organist and Music Director

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE Festival Prelude on "Old 113th" Gilbert Martin
"Like a River Glorious" James Mountain

GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN #384** "This Is My Father's World"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Together we gather before the Lord, the Potter who shapes us with purpose and love.

We are the clay in His hands, molded by His grace, formed for His glory.

As God spoke to Jeremiah at the potter's house, so He speaks to us today: "I am forming a people for Myself."

Shape us, O Lord, according to Your will, that we may live as vessels of Your mercy.

Though we may turn from His ways, God calls us to return, to be reshaped, and to walk in His truth.

Renew us, O God, and lead us in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.

Let us worship the One who creates, redeems, and restores, trusting in His faithful hands.

Father, we come to worship, ready to be molded, ready to be made new.

HYMN #45 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession *adapted from faithelement.net*
Loving God, You are the One who lovingly molds and shapes our lives. We are often resistant to Your shaping and forming. We willfully walk in our own way and follow our own wisdom. You have the power to raise up as well as break down nations, yet we live as if we have all the power and all the wisdom. We often refuse to listen to Your voice and, instead, put our trust in our own power and wisdom and in all the voices around us that reject Your ways. Forgive us for our pride and welcome us back into Your shaping hands and Presence.

Mold us into the people You would have us be and shape us into a faithful people who live in faithfulness to You. You are the potter; we are the clay. 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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 18:1-11

SERMON HYMN #297 "Spirit of the Living God"

SERMON "Clay In The Hands Of The Potter"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Heidelberg Catechism**

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

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.



We will be starting our Steeple renovation on Monday. There will be large equipment on the property. Shingles are being replaced and repaired and our historic Steeple will be painted. The renovation will take approximately 2 weeks.



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 • 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.

Scheduled to serve today with our thanks:

Ushers & Greeters: Betsy & Jack Erhard

Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for hosting Coffee Hour.

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
8/24	Mikayla & Nate Schmude	Donair Karkkainen
8/31	Carol McCarthy, Rich Schellberg	Scout Troop 64

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

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



8/2 Kate Kenny – 8/4 Pat Hooey – 8/13 Carol Sushko
8/17 Sandra Hooey – 8/24 Sandra Toscano



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.



Thrift Shoppe: Our next sale will be on 9/6. We are accepting donations on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Back to School Backpacks: The deadline line for dropping off your backpacks for Dumont Social Services is tomorrow. Return your backpacks to the church office or leave them in the Library.

We had a beautiful celebration in honor of Pastor Linden and Mary. Check out the pictures in the Auditorium.

Food Drive - Back to School Supplies - Thrift Shoppe Donations
Thank you to all who took the time to participate in our missions!



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**.

Summer Giving

We pray that the summer months will be refreshing for you as things slow down a bit and vacations are taken. Please remember your support of the church because bills don't take a vacation. Your faithful support, in every sense, is a reflection of your dedication to the health of this congregation. Your generosity helps to bring the love of Jesus into a hurting world so loved by God. Your contribution both financial and the work of your hands make a real difference! **THANK YOU!**