



Loving Our Community Since 1875  
First Congregational Church of Fremont



**\*The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**\*Sending**

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

**\*Postlude**

**Lorene Witte**

**Birthday Card Shower-** Sally DeShetler will be turning 103 in late October and we would like to “shower” her with birthday greetings.

A box is located on the table by the church office.

Drop off a note to Sally and we will see that they are delivered to her.



*Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused*

Pastor Luke Schmalz 920-428-0030

Office Hours - Call the church office

Please call the church office to meet with the Pastor

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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - [www.fremontfcc.org](http://www.fremontfcc.org) and also on Facebook and YouTube.



**September 14, 2025**

*The Order of Worship*  
*\*please stand, if you are able*

**Prelude**  
**Announcements**

**Lorene Witte**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 139)

Pastor: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**All: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

Pastor: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

**All: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them - they are more than the sand; I come to the end - I am still with you. Praise the Lord!**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn** - "Seek Ye First" - **Blue Hymnal #713**

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor: Hear what the Lord says, Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Response** - Gloria Patri

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.

**JeLy Bell!** All kids are invited to go the the JeLy Room for JeLy Church!  
(JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

**Scripture**

**Brian Webb**

Jeremiah 18:1-11, Luke 14:25-33

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:**

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

*Deeply Rooted: The Nicene Creed - Part 1*

**\*The Nicene Creed** (see screen or insert)

**\*Hymn** - "How Great Thou Art" - **Blue Hymnal # 147** vs 1 & 3

**Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests**

**Prayers of the Congregation**

**The Lord's Prayer** (words projected)

**\*Doxology** (As the offering is brought forward)

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Song of Preparation** - "Come to the Table" - **Blue Hymnal #494**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**\*Benediction**

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face  
to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his  
face toward you and give you peace.

**\*Sending Hymn** - "Make Me a Blessing" - **Blue Hymnal #670** vs 1

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**Altar Rep:** Mary Butterick

**Greeting us today:** Barb Clark & Tracy Stern

Next Sunday: Susan Stewart

**Song Leader:** Beth & Gary Hooker

**Scripture Reader:** Brian Webb

Next Sunday: Cathy Kellerman

**Tech Booth** - Thank you volunteers! Robin, Kendra, Jeff

**Happy Birthday to ~**

Heidi Redding (31)

**Happy Anniversary to ~**

Bill & Carol Black (10)

**Prayer Requests ~**

Carol Black - under Hospice Care

Betty Dougan - recovering

### **This Weeks Calendar**

#### **Sunday, September 7**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion

11:15 a.m. All Church Meeting - Fellowship Hall

#### **Monday, September 8**

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

6:30 p.m. Tech Board - Library

#### **Tuesday, September 9 - Church Office Closed**

10:00 a.m. Small Group - home of Pat Krehn

#### **Wednesday, September 10**

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Beth Hooker - library

#### **Thursday, September 11 - Church Office Closed**

10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

#### **Friday, September 12**

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

#### **Saturday, September 13**

#### **Sunday, September 14**

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. Deacon's Meeting - Library

### **Our Church News**

**Welcome to worship** in the name of God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — who created you, saved you and makes you holy. Amen.

**The method of Communion we are going to try is called intinction.** It is a method of receiving Communion by dipping the piece of bread (cracker, wafer, etc.) in the wine (grape juice in our case), and eating it. After blessing the elements, the minister and one deacon will come to the front of the sanctuary with the bread and chalice. The members will come down the central aisle. Receive the bread (The Body of Christ Broken for you) from the deacon, come to the minister and dip the bread (The blood of Christ shed for you), eat the elements, and then return to their pew along the outer aisle. For those unable to come forward due to health or other reasons (running sound, playing piano, Sunday School, etc), another deacon will take the elements to them. This should allow us to give communion as often as we would like without putting too much strain on our deacons. As always, please talk to Pastor Luke if you have any concerns, questions, or feedback.

**All Church/Town Hall Meeting** - TODAY after worship. Women's Fellowship will be serving a casserole, fruit and cinnamon rolls.

**Small Group** begins again on Tuesday, September 9 at the home of Pat Krehn at 10:00 a.m. **A new Small Group** will begin September 17 or 24 at 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Led by Pastor Luke and meeting every other week. Location TBD. A sign up sheet is located by the church office. There is a seat for YOU at either group! Come join!!

**New Member Class** - are you interested in learning more about our church or thinking of joining the church? Sign up on the sheet by the church office. Time and location TBD.

**We plan to serve** cookies, candy & water to the Harvest Parade participants that use our parking lot to line up. Sign up (on the sheet by the office) if you are willing to help pass items out, or donate cookies or candy.

**CROP Walk, Oct 5** - the 40th Walk/Fundraiser in Fremont will commence with a **Women's Fellowship Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, September 26, 5:00pm-6:30pm for a donation to CROP.** Invite your friends, neighbors. The Walk will be Sunday, October 5 at 12:45pm in Veteran's Memorial Park. Cash/check contributions will be appreciated; please write checks to CWS/CROP and put them in the offering plate. Details re. Crop Walk are displayed next to the elevator on the lower level. Thank you for your in-person and/or monetary participation. Charitable Giving/jb



We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.