

YOUR WORD IS  
A LAMP FOR  
MY FEET,  
A LIGHT ON  
MY PATH.

PSALM 119:105, NIV

**Christian Reformed Church of Pease**

**May 25, 2025 - 9:30 A.M**

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## **We Enter God's Presence**

Preparing for Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Song: *"Come, People of the Risen King"*

God's Greeting & Our Mutual Greeting

Song of Praise: *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

Confession and Assurance

Song of Assurance: *"Goodness of God"*

Moment for Missions: SERVE

Intercessory Prayer: Nick Hoffman

Our Gifts: 1) General Fund

2) 125 Campaign

## **We Hear God's Word**

Children's Message: Nicole Hoffman

Scripture: Matthew 8:5-13

Message: **"The Kingdom of God and The Darkness"**

Song of Application: *"His Mercy is More"*

## **We Depart with God's Blessing**

God's Parting Blessing

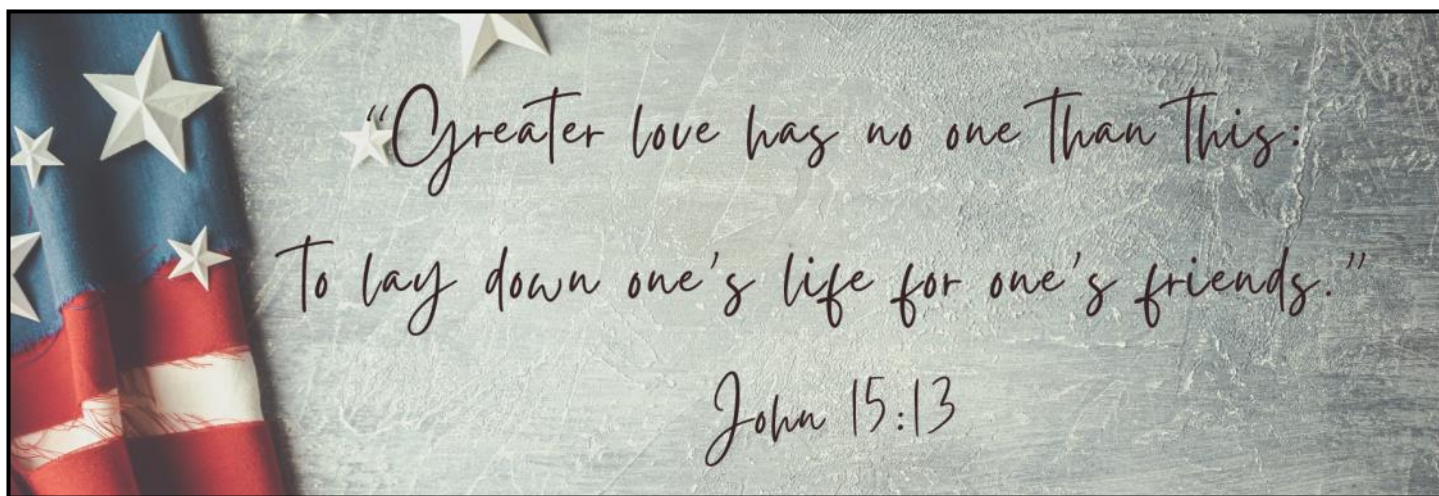
Closing Song: *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*



## Sermon Notes

### **Thank you for worshiping with us today!**

- ♦ If you're a visitor with us, we welcome you in the name of Christ and invite you to fill out the card in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. We would love to reach out to you and get to know you better!
- ♦ Nursery care for infants through age two, as well as Children in Worship for children ages 3-1st grade are all available during our worship service.
- ♦ Activity bags for small children are available near the office.
- ♦ Hearing enhancers are available in the Sound Booth.
- ♦ As a courtesy, please switch your cell phones off or to silent mode.



As we come into God's presence today, may we remember and honor those who gave their lives for our freedom. We give thanks to the One who bestows countless blessings, including the freedoms won by the sacrifices of our fallen heroes. Welcome to worship!

This morning we welcome **Pastor Eli Groenendyk**, Pastor of Discipleship at Calvary CRC in Edina, as he joins us in worship. He will be looking to Matthew 8:5-13 to deliver his message, "The Kingdom of God and the Darkness." Next week, **Dr. Jack Van Marion** will join us for the first of three Sundays.

In preparation for **Communion** next Sunday, you are encouraged to spend some time in prayer this week asking that God would remove any barriers from your mind and heart that would prevent you from fully experiencing and knowing his grace and forgiveness through his giving of himself for your sake.



On **Memorial Day** we remember all who gave up their lives while serving their country. We remember lives that ended too soon. We pray for friends and family who grieve and who may feel abandoned and unknown in their grief. We continue to live in the hope that one day all wars will cease at the coming of Jesus Christ. (Taken from the May 2025 Prayer Guide; [crcna.org/pray](http://crcna.org/pray))



Our **2nd-5th grade Sunday School** classes are now on summer vacation! If you would like a sermon notebook and colored pencils for your child to utilize during our service, please let Carrie know! They will be available in the office before worship for the next 2 Sundays.

## Our Church Family

Please keep **Marg Timmer** in your prayers. Marg was hospitalized this past week at Fairview Southdale with a duodenal ulcer causing a GI bleed. They were able to stop the bleeding, and she is continuing to heal at home.

The **Adopt-a Highway Cleanup** has been rescheduled for this Wednesday at 6:30. Please come if you are able to lend a hand!

Anyone interested in being on a team to research and put together a new **pictorial directory** is encouraged to contact the office or the Admin team!

Please return your baby bottles next Sunday, June 1. Online giving is still an option: [rumriverforlife.org/donate](http://rumriverforlife.org/donate) or the QR code. Let's help them reach their goal! Consider donating \$41 in honor of their 41st anniversary. The **Rum River Life Choices Center** appreciates your support!



Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for July 29! Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to reserve your appointment today!

**Pease SERVE Volunteer Update:** We're still looking for Sunday Morning Host Families, Prayer Partners, Meal Volunteers (especially for breakfast), a Saturday 7/12 Clean-Up Crew, and volunteers to make treats for SERVE leaders. Please swing by the SERVE Information Center after church to sign up!



### **VBS Updates:**



^**Music CD's** are available in the office for \$10. Get yours today and be ready to rock and roll!

^**Invitation Flyers** available in the Narthex. Please grab a few and give to families in your life that may be interested!

^**Help Needed!** Students entering 6th grade and up are needed to lead crews of 3-5 to their stations. *Crew leaders* get to experience all of the fun of Bible School! 2 *nursery helpers* and additional *kitchen helpers* are also needed. Talk to Carrie ASAP if any of these positions sound interesting to you!

^**VBS Crafting/Coffee in the Fireside Room** is planned for June 4 at 9:00. Bring your scissors, and come prepared for coffee, treats, crafting, and fun conversation!

^**Decorating Days** are planned for June 11, 13, and 14, times TBD.





We are still looking to fill our **part-time custodial role**! This is a flexible position that could be split by a couple individuals or couples. For more info, a job description is available in the office.

Congratulations to **Carson Ash** and **Jack Patnode**, who were awarded 2025 CRC of Pease Scholarships on May 12. They are pictured at the awards ceremony with **Stacy Patten**, Chair of the Pease CRC Scholarship Committee.



Second offerings through June will be received as follows:

6/1- Community Christian School	6/8- Benevolent Fund
6/15- Operation Community Connect	6/22- VBS (Kid's Comfort Bags)
6/29- 125 Campaign	

Calendar for the Week

**Sunday, May 25**

9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service

**Monday, May 26**

9:15 a.m.

Memorial Day Service at Pease Cemetery

**Tuesday, May 27**

4:00 p.m.

Leadership Roundtable

**Wednesday, May 28**

6:30 p.m.

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

Advance Notices

- >VBS Crafting & Coffee in the Fireside Room: June 4
- >Cadet Campout & Fishing event: June 13-15
- >Vacation Bible School: June 16-19
- >SERVE Trip: June 20-28
- >American Red Cross Blood Drive: July 29
- >SERVE Hosting: July 5-12

Community Announcements

**Memorial Day Services** will take place tomorrow, May 26, beginning at St. Louis Cemetery at 8:05 am. Dick Ritzema will deliver the benediction at the Pease Cemetery around 9:15 am, and services will conclude at the Forest Hill Cemetery at 11:15 am.

## Opportunities To Serve

**Sound Board Today, May 25:** Ryan Swanson

**Next Sunday, June 1:** Jeff Hanenburg

**Media Today, May 25:** Anita Hubers

**Next Sunday, June 1:** Linda Droogsma

**Livestream Today, May 25:** Damian Patnode

**Next Sunday, June 1:** Bob Sumner

**Greeters Today, May 25:**

**East Door:** John & Barb Goslinga

**Next Sunday, June 1:**

**East Door:** Donna & Twila Hastings

**Ushers Today, May 25:**

**East:** Jim Santema

**West:** George Droogsma

**Next Sunday, June 1:**

**East:** Carl Veurink

**West:** Laura Broberg

**Nursery Today, May 25:**

**Leaders:** Katlyn Moorlag, Lynn Fradette

**Helpers:** Amelia Schluender, Lauryn Droogsma

**Next Sunday, June 1:**

**Leaders:** Jim Santema, Carrie Luckhurst

**Helpers:** Jayanna Boldt, Kinsley Hoyez

**Children's Church Today, May 25:**

**Little Lambs:** *"I Love You, Jesus!"*

**Leader:** Mary Koppendrayer

**Worship Center:** *"Ascension"*

**Leader:** Carol Veurink

**Sunday School:** *No Class-Summer Vacation*

**Children's Church Next Sunday, June 1:**

**Little Lambs:** *"A Prayer for Peter"*

**Leader:** Peggy Timmer

**Worship Center:** *"Pentecost"*

**Leader:** Haley Hemmerich

**Sunday School:** *No Class- Summer Vacation*



**West Door:** Den & Jayne Kiel

**West Door:** Pete & Betty De Boer

**Center:** John & Carol Teeler

**Center:** Harly Pap

**Greeter:** Keslyn Hoyez

**Greeter:** Aleeri Veurink

**Greeter:** Aeli Luckhurst

**Greeter:** Ella Totzke

# **You and SERVE go together**

## **PEA-RFECTLY!**

**Are you interested in learning more about how you can help? Visit our Serve Information Station by the entrance to the Fellowship Hall or talk to a member of the host team.**

### **Nominating a worksite?**

**Fill out a form at the information center or talk to  
Dylan Ash**

### **Becoming a Prayer Partner?**

**The sign up form is at the information center or contact  
Trudy Ash with further questions**

### **Volunteering?**

**Talk to Jackelyn Bekius or sign up in the information  
center today**

### **Something else?**

**Talk to Dylan Moorlag or email [peaseserve@gmail.com](mailto:peaseserve@gmail.com)**