

Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

Pastor Sue Shike

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May 17, 2026

9:30 AM

Prelude

Carole Kettwick

Welcome and announcements

Prayer of invocation

Call to worship Psalm 93

L: The Lord is king, He is robed in majesty; The Lord is robed, He is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

P: Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

L: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

P: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

L: Your decrees are very sure;

P: Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Invitation # 317 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, I praise You that You accept us into Your family as children. Thank You for Your patience as we mature in our faith and grow to trust You in greater ways. Forgive my hesitancy, guide me to greater understanding so that I might bring honor to Your name. In the name of Jesus I pray, amen.

Assurance of pardon - Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Jon and Alicia Peake

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Acts 1:6-11 pg. 991 Ephesians 3:16-21 pg. 1065

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:44-53 pg. 965

Sermon

You are witnesses

Offering and Doxology

Hymn of Action # 679

"Baptized in Water"

Sacrament of Baptism of Palmer Gus Voortmann

Presentation

Profession of Faith

* Pledge of congregational support, response: **We do.**

*Please join in affirming the faith with **the Apostles'**

Creed. Liturgy Bk pg. 15

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptismal Covenant

Declaration, Blessing and Welcome

***P: Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.**

Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Hymn # 581

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 305

"He is Lord"

May God Bless you this Ascension Sunday!

Welcome to Jon & Alicia Peake and family as they share about their ministries and vision of making sure every African, regardless of ability, is seen as valued creations of Christ and empowered by the local church. Please join them following worship for fellowship and a Mission presentation on their work as Reach Global Missionaries to nations in Africa.

We also welcome to our church family Palmer Gus Voortman who will be baptized today.

Prayer list: Jay Mayland, Tim Diehl, Linda Abels, Darlene Block, Doug DeBoer. Continue to uphold others in care centers: Elaine Boehm, Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull,

Worship Broadcast today is live on KIOW radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is given by a radio listener. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast please call Linda 641-590-3872.

Bulletin Cover - May is sponsored by a church supporter

Attendance last week – 82 Offering last week – \$1428.00

**Pastor Sue will conduct worship at TMNH
at 1:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.**

Sarah Circle meets tomorrow at 9 AM

Youth Worship Sunday, May 24th, Pentecost, Memorial Day weekend. Our Youth members, Confirmation class and Children's Choir will be leading worship and music. Worship will be outdoors around the Gazebo weather permitting. Remember your lawn chairs!

**Kids will be practicing a song today immediately following worship to prepare.

Happy Anniversary to Mitch and Amanda Giesking on Tuesday

May needs for North Iowa Food for Families

1 lb cans of coffee, Iced tea bags, instant tea, jellies or jam, ketchup, yellow mustard, syrup, cooking oil, hamburger helper.

Thank you!

2026 Bible reading plan

5/17: Exodus 4-6
5/18: Exodus 7-9
5/19: Exodus 10-12
5/20: Exodus 13-15
5/21: Exodus 16-18
5/22: Exodus 19-21
5/23: Exodus 22-24