

Seventh Reformed Church

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And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

2025 Motto Text: Philippians 1:6



Welcome!

Seventh Reformed Church is a covenant community of God's people that exists to glorify God by gathering, nurturing, and equipping believers according to the supreme Word of God for life in the Spirit, Christian service, and witness to Jesus Christ in Grand Rapids and throughout the world.

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Service of Prayer for Crops and Industry

Call to Worship and Prayer

TH 710 I Need Thee Every Hour, vv. 1–4

Reading and Text: Genesis 26:1–13, p. 25 **Message:** *From Famine to Fruitfulness*

TH 574 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Congregational Prayer

*All are welcome to pray during the prayer **Response: TH xiv** *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

TH 534 Sweet Hour of Prayer

Parting Blessing from God

Response: TH 700 *When We Walk with the Lord* vv. 1–2

Preacher: Pastor Paul van Engelenhoven Accompanist: Ms. Kris De Koster Special Offering: Benevolence

Sermon Notes

From Famine to Fruitfulness Genesis 26:1–13

Overview: The Crucial Place of Obedience in Prayer

1. The Reality of Famines and Power Struggles in the Time of Isaac
2. God's Commandment to Live In the Promised Land (1–5)
3. Isaac's Failure to Trust in God and the Delay of Blessing (6–8a)
4.God's Cleansing of Isaac's Lie and the Blessing of Fruitfulness (8b–13)
Application: The Importance of a Pure Life When It Comes to Prayer

¹ Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ² Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. ³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and merciful. ⁵*He provides food for those who fear him;* he remembers his covenant forever. ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; ⁸ they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Psalm 111

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