



September 8, 2019

Worship Services: 10 AM and 5 PM

“Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.”– Psalm 1:2

Ordinary Time

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Organist: Kenneth Bos
Ministry of Music: Kathryn Becksvoort

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, a gracious gift that God provides to Christ’s body, the church. All who have been baptized into Christ and who desire to honor him with grateful and obedient living are invited to participate in this sacrament, discerning that this bread and cup are signs and seals of God’s love for us and that we who participate are members of Christ’s body.

We serve gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.

Ten o’clock

September 8, 2019

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” [#104] Powell, Correll, Near

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Give Praise to Our God” [#566] Hubert

Opening Hymns: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” #832:1-3
“Come Away from Rush and Hurry” #527:1-3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
creator of all that is, seen and unseen,
our delight is in your Word
and we have a deep sense of your presence
when we allow it to fill our lives night and day.
For the times when we listen to the advice
of those who rebel against you,
Lord have mercy.

For those times when we can be found with those who scorn,
Christ have mercy.
We experience your blessings
like a tree that is planted beside a never-failing stream.
For those times when we do not bear the fruits of your abundance,
Lord have mercy.
Merciful God,
renew us by your nurture and blessing,
so that we may prosper in your ways.
Watch over us,
so that the ways of the wicked pass from us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Assurance: "Give Thanks"

#358

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: "Because He Lives"

#361

(children may come forward)

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

Blessing for Children

Leader: People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

Congregation: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

Congregation: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

#432:1,3,5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 1

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **GOOD FOOD**

Prayer of Application

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Moment for Missions

Offering for Mission Emphasis

Offertory: “Clothe Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness”

David Johnson

CHRIST WELCOMES US TO THE TABLE

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God,
for you have created heaven and earth,
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us –
even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who was exalted as King of the universe,
that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

Therefore, we join our voices
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me.” For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:
Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

* Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(God has given us his peace and we are invited to offer that peace to one another. Many people do this by shaking hands, but if for any reason you would rather not shake hands, you are encouraged to pass the peace with a smile and a nod, as you say, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

Invitation

Distribution Anthems: "Take My Life, and Let It Be" [#863]
"Cry No More"

Mark Hayes
Dan Forrest

In the shadow where we linger, in this darkness we call home,
Where the sighs are deep and doubtful and our aspirations groan,
All is not in vain, beloved, our travail is not unknown.

Refrain

Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love Incarnate, hold your children till the storm of life is past.

Though we have not faith to seek him, Christ himself will draw us near,
Deep, abiding rays of mercy cast their light on lonely fear.
Cry no more, ye poor and weary, our redeeming Lord is here.

Sure defender, never failing, radiant Savior, holy friend –
Gift of glory, hope of heaven, call us now to faith again!
Alleluia! Blest compassion, grace is shining without end!

Prayer

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Hymn of Response: "And Can It Be"

#695:1-4

* Benediction

* Doxology: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

#832:4

Easter triumph, Easter joy, this alone can sin destroy!

From sin's power, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be.

Father, who the crown shall give; Savior, by whose death we live;

Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, your name we praise.

Amen.

* Postlude: "Maestoso and Poco Vivace"

Hermann Schroeder

Calvin CRC Announcements for September 8, 2019

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Psalm 1. We welcome soloist Kathryn Becksvort, who teaches vocal music at Grand Haven Christian School and Western Michigan Christian High School in Muskegon. She was a long-time member of the Calvin Alumni Choir, and she currently sings soprano with The Choral Scholars. She resides in Grand Haven with her husband and four children.

The Worship Committee has been soliciting song suggestions from our young people to use in our worship services. This morning we will be singing "Give Thanks," #358, which was requested by Nathan Baker.

The prayer of confession this morning is used with permission © Jeff Shrowder 2000.

Evening worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Philemon 1-25, and the offering is for Safe Haven Ministries.

Calvin is one of the founding churches of Safe Haven Ministries, which provides an immediate, Christian, safe environment for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Additionally, Safe Haven offers group and individual counseling, as well as after-care counseling for post-shelter clients.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, September 15

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Numbers 21:5-9 and John 3:13-17, "Lifted Up." The Sherman Street Quartet will lead us in music, and the offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Evening worship: Rob Cahill will lead our time of worship, and the offering will be for Family Assistance.

CHURCH FAMILY

The flowers today are placed in loving memory of William Wiersma on his birthday. *Tom, Laura, and Natalie Wiersma; Betty Wiersma; Sylvia Bordewyk; Gord and Karen Bordewyk; Walter and Jesslyn DeBoer and family*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC: 2 - 4 year-olds "Daniel and the Lion's Den" Melanie, Henry, Allory

START DATES:

September 11: Junior Bells, Cherub Choir, Covenant Choir

September 15: Worship Center, Church School

September 25: Family Supper, GEMS, Cadets, 78ers

WORSHIP CENTER BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15. Children in grades K-2 will be dismissed after the children's message to participate in their own worship downstairs. Parents are invited to attend the first class to ease their child's anxiety (if there is any) or to become (re)acquainted with the Worship Center. Please plan to pick up your children from the Worship Center classrooms each Sunday at 11:15, unless the children have permission to come upstairs on their own. We're looking forward to another year of leading the children in worship!

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

MINISTRY FAIR: Please join us for our annual ministry kick-off, which will be held in the Fellowship Hall after the morning service today. Enjoy some special treats, learn more about the many great ministries of Calvin church, and consider volunteering for one or more.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Enjoy breakfast with fellow Calvin Church seniors at 8:00 AM tomorrow at Russ' restaurant on 28th St SE. You won't want to miss the camaraderie and friendly conversation.

START DATES:

September 11: Cancer Support, Allegro Ringers, Sanctuary Choir

September 15: Adult Education

October 9: Women's Bible Study

BOOK CLUB: Join us at 4:00 PM on Monday, September 9, as we meet in the Lounge to discuss *The Sentinels of Andersonville* by Tracy Groot. We meet on the second Monday of each month from September to June. We take turns bringing light refreshments. The reading list is available in the library.

THE CALVIN CHURCH CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meetings are held for one hour at 4:00 PM on the *second* Wednesday of each month in the church office conference room. Patients and their caregivers who are dealing in any way with the effects of cancer are invited to attend. For additional information, call the church office at 451-8467 or Mr. Hecker at 451-8855.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Guatemala: In the News and On the Ground. Presenters: Rob & Tara Cahill. Guatemala has been in the news a lot recently. Hardships in Guatemala have driven many to seek refuge in the US and other countries. Rob and Tara are working with Community Cloud Forest Conservation in Guatemala to help families deal with many of these hardships without leaving home. Rob and Tara work with families in remote mountain villages to promote better living conditions, improve nutrition, preserve water resources, increase agricultural productivity, and protect forests.

CREED AND TESTIMONY: Remember to think through the pastors' invitation to share stories from your life that intersect with themes from the Apostles' Creed. Extra sheets with more information about how you can participate in this upcoming sermon series are on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!

MISSION EMPHASIS WEEK: It's only a month away! While we think about missions regularly, we annually designate a week to especially consider our mission outreach effort. It's not too early to think, pray, and commit to personal outreach. How does your life witness? How might the Spirit use you to spread good news? What level of financial support are you able to commit to mission outreach? Prepare to be inspired and challenged in early October!

ADULT ED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for several people to assist with sound during Adult Education on a rotating basis. Please contact Annika Baker (annika.the.reader@gmail.com, 616-450-3726) if you are willing to help with this ministry.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Christian Reformed Conference Grounds**, 12253 Lakeshore Dr., Grand Haven, is excited to welcome The Allens in concert on Saturday, September 14. The doors to the Worship Center will open at 6 PM, and the concert will begin at 7 PM. No tickets are needed for this concert, but a free will offering will be taken to help offset the costs of our music ministry. Be sure to come early for dinner in the Sunshine Room from 5:00-6:30 PM.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 2-14, 2020): Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, visit www.jeffreyweima.com, or contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, September 8</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Wayne VanWylen
	East Greeters: Walt & Jesslyn DeBoer
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Brian & Amy Netz, Natalie Poortenga
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Schoone-Jongen, Netz
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
	<i>Monday, September 9</i>
8:00a	Friendship Breakfast at Russ' on 28 th Street
10-12p	Family Assistance
4:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
	<i>Tuesday, September 10</i>
9-3p	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, September 11</i>
4:00p	Cancer Support Group meets in the Conference Room
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir
	Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, September 11</i>
9-3p	Family Assistance
9:30a	Take Charge meeting
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Friday, September 12</i>
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study meets in the Atrium
	<i>Next Sunday, September 15</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Brian & Jackie Noordewier, Nathan Baker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lori Feenstra
	Coffee Servers: Vanderhill, Koeman
11:20a	Church School
	Adult Education: Guatemala: In the News and On the Ground
11:30a	Presenters: Rob & Tara Cahill
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice committee meets in the Lounge



Growing in DiscipleshipTransformed for Ministry

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- Reprint and streaming licenses are One License A-730126 and CCLI#2532147.
- The Chancel banner expresses the Christian belief that in one God there are three divine persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The color green represents spiritual growth during the season of the Lord's life and ministry.
- Large print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- Adult coloring pages are on the TRIP table in the Narthex.
- Our facility is equipped with the Loop hearing system.



For Children:

- Ages 0-2: Infant and toddler nurseries are available.
- Preschool: The Little Children (TLC) gathers downstairs in Room 19 prior to the morning worship.
- Busy Bags for young children are on the picket fence in the Atrium.
- Bulletins for older children are in the rack in the Narthex.
- Coloring pages and colored pencils are available at the table in the Narthex.

Fellowship and Information:

- Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the morning service.
- “Like” us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch
- All of our ministries are described in the colorful folders at the Information Desk near the nurseries.

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
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Prelude: "Rejoice, O Pure in Heart" [#353] Faye López

Welcome and Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Opening Hymn: "Rejoice, O Pure in Heart" #353:1-3

Hymnsing

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 page 503

* Hymn of Preparation: "Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path" #759:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Philemon 1-25 page 970

Sermon: **A BELOVED BROTHER**

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: "The City Is Alive, O God" #278:1,3,4

* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed back cover of hymnal

Evening Prayer and Offertory Prayer

Presentation of Offerings

Offerings for Safe Haven Ministries

Offertory: "Andante Sostenuto" Felix Mendelssohn

* Benediction

* Doxology: "Rejoice, O Pure in Heart" #353:4
(concluding with sung "Amen")

* Postlude: "Menuet" Jean-Phillippe Rameau