



Calvin

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



April 29, 2018

Worship Services 10AM and 5 PM

“He proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.”

Acts 8:35

Eastertide

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 use gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.

Ten o’clock

April 29, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” [#521] Radice, Janzer, Kosche

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Change Ring on “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” [#78]

Fred Gramann

* Opening Hymns: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#521:1-3

“Oh, How Good is Christ the Lord”

#192

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Confession: “Spirit of the Living God”

#749:1-2

Assurance of Pardon

* Son of Response: “O God, You Are My God”

#743

(Children may come forward during the singing of this song.)

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: “Lead Me, Guide Me”

#329:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Sam Poortenga

Offering for Global Gifts

Offertory Anthem: “Dona Nobis Pacem” [#73]

Brenda Austin

Dona nobis pacem.

Grant us your peace.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-40

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Sermon: **WHERE THE SPIRIT LEADS**

Prayer of Application

CHRIST WELCOMES US TO HIS TABLE

Invitation and Promises

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 for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you 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 by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

Thanks be to God: Christ makes us one.

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.")

Welcome to the Table

Distribution and Partaking

Distribution Anthems

"Kyrie" from "Mass in G"

Franz Schubert

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

"Come and Feast"

Lee Dengler

Eat this bread. Drink this wine. Join the table, come and dine.

There is healing for your soul, so come and feast, and be made whole.

In this time you will be blest. Come to Christ, he is your rest.

There is healing for your soul, so come and feast, and be made whole.

Eat this bread. Drink this wine. At this table you will find

There is life for all who eat, so come and feast, be made complete.

Lay your cares and burdens here. You are free, no need to fear.

There is life for all who eat, so come and feast, be made complete.

Eat this bread. Drink this wine. Earthly signs of Love divine.

We remember what they mean, and so we feast, and are made clean.

At this table you will find there is more than bread and wine.

There is food to feed the soul, so come and feast, and be made whole.

Prayer (from Psalm 103 and Revelation 5)

Praise the Lord, O my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits –

who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength

and honor and glory and praise!

Hymn of Response: “O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”
(Offering for the Benevolence Fund)

#672:1-3

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* Benediction

* Doxology: “O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”

#672:5

High in the heavens his throne is fixed forever;

His kingdom rules o’er all from pole to pole

Praise to the Lord through all his wide dominion;

Forever praise his holy name, my soul.

Refrain

Praise him, you angels, wondrous in might:

Praise him, you servants who in his will delight.

Amen.

* Postlude: “Capriccio”

Johann Jakob Froberger

Liturgist: Bailey Sarver

Preaching Pastor: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Allegro Ringers and Sanctuary Choir

Handbell Director: Stephanie Wiltse

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Soloist: Penny Kindraka

Flute: Amy Netz

Scripture Reader: Jay Lindquist

Prelude: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" J.S. Bach

Welcome and Opening Prayer

* Hymn: "How Lovely Is Your Dwelling" **#507:1-3**

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 11-12:23 page 248

Dramatic Presentation of Scripture 5th-8th grade church school students

* Hymn: "How Blest Are They Whose Trespass" **#669:1-3**

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 page 931

Homily

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: "God, Be Merciful to Me" **#623:1-3**

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

Offering for Wings of Mercy

Offertory: "Alas, My God" J. S. Bach

* Benediction

* Doxology: "God of Grace and God of Glory" **#926:1-4**
With sung **Amen**

Postlude: "I Trust My Case with God Alone" J.S. Bach

Preaching Pastor: Lisa Meyer

Organist: John Tiemstra

David: Isaac Hubka

Bathsheba and Servant 2: Lydia Tolsma

Nathan and Servant 1: Nathan Baker

Joab: Henry Terbeek

Uriah: Natalie Poortenga

Soldiers: 3rd-5th graders

Signs made by Grace Spoelma

Calvin CRC Announcements for April 29, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: We celebrate the sacrament of communion and the Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Acts 8:26-40. The Allegro Ringers and Sanctuary Choir lead us in music.

Evening worship: Our own Lisa Meyer preaches from 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, and our elementary and middle school students present a drama about King David. We gather in the sanctuary.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, May 6

Morning worship: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from John 15:12-17, "We Are Called Friends." Our Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music, and we will install Elders and Deacons for a term of service. The Elders to be installed are Dave Dykgraaf, Dan Hubka, Rodger Rice, and LeRoy Stegink, and Deacons are Jesslyn DeBoer, Nate Dierlam, Leanne Hendrikse, Tom Prince, and Bruce Tiejema. We will also extend our thanks to retiring Elders Mark DeKoster, Bob DeVries, Donna Houskamp, and Don Trap, and Deacons Dan Bode, Lois Huisman, Graham Rayburn, Mark Sytsma, and Steve Triezenberg. Our offerings will be for Baxter Community Center.

Evening worship: The Rev. Arianna Tolsma will lead our time of worship. Our offerings will be for Pine Rest Assistance Fund.

Staff news: Pastor Jake plans to return from vacation tomorrow, April 30.

COUNCIL NEWS

We plan to have a brief congregational meeting after the morning worship service next Sunday, May 6. The purpose of the meeting is two-fold: Calvin Church members will be invited to vote on extending a call to Brad Zwiers to serve as our Minister of Faith Formation, and we will extend our gratitude to Bobbie Talsma as she retires from her role as Director of Family Assistance.

CHURCH FAMILY

85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:	5/16 Harvey Kiecover (85)
5/29 Wally Bratt (85)	5/29 Lois Posthuma (87)

COLLEGE AND CAREER AGE BIRTHDAYS:

5/12 Tessa Keegstra (22)	5/13 Lauren Boer (23)
5/20 Matthew Baas, Madeline Baas	

Win Miersma (district 9) had a fall at home and suffered two fractures in her pelvis. She is at Breton Woods Rehabilitation now and is grateful for the prayers of her church family.

Our sympathies are extended to **Ray & Jeannine Lanning** (district 3), **Brian & Jackie Noordewier** (district 6) and their children. Their dear stepmom and beloved Oma, Barbara Rosendall, was diagnosed with leukemia last year, went through two aggressive chemo treatments last summer and then relished seven additional months enjoying her family and friends. A week ago, the leukemia returned, and she died peacefully Sunday afternoon, with her family around. She will be deeply missed but we celebrate her new life in heaven.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS:

	5/9	Arie TerBeek (11)	
5/10	Jacob Noordewier (16)	5/18	Jeremiah Lizewski (7)
5/25	Louisa Houskamp (18)	5/25	Morgan Burghgraef (17)
5/29	Hannah Triezenberg (6)		

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds	"Good Queen Esther"	Kara, Annika
Kindergarten	"Pentecost"	
1 st & 2 nd grade	"God's Gift of the Holy Spirit"	

Worship Center children are encouraged to continue their giving for missions and to bring their offerings for Family Assistance each Sunday.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today marks the final time that the Allegro Ringers will play in our worship during this season. We are very thankful to director Stephanie Wiltse and to her team of dedicated, talented, and enthusiastic musicians for their ministry to us over the past several months. Calvin Church is truly blessed to be led in worship by this fine handbell choir.

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Cloud Forest Conservation Trip
Presenters: Guatemala Group

Calvin members will share their experiences from their service trip to Guatemala. They were able to observe and assist Tara and Rob Cahill in their work of alleviating poverty in the rural Alta Verapaz region while protecting the forest through education and sustainable development. Please read Gord Bordewyk's article about the trip in the April *Courier* before coming to the class.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Whither, or wither, the Republican Party? Presenter: Doug Koopman.

The presentation covers the structure of government and political parties in the U.S.A., the Christian traditions that help explain and encourage work in these systems, the coalition-type nature of party politics and those that make up the GOP, the pending choices facing the national party establishment with an "uninvited guest" as president and party leader, and what citizens choosing to involve themselves in party politics can make of it.

A RETIREMENT LUNCH will be held at the Family Assistance Building on Tuesday, May 1, 11 AM - 1 PM, to thank Bobbie Talsma for her leadership of Family Assistance over the past five years. Past and present volunteers are invited to stop in and wish her well.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet this Wednesday, May 2 at 9:30 AM. We will discuss Deuteronomy 8 and the spiritual discipline of simplicity.

ALLEGRO RINGERS will be participating in a combined handbell choirs concert on Saturday, May 5 at 3:00 PM at the St. James Hall (733 Bridge NW) following a day-long workshop under the direction of Fred Gramann. A free-will offering will be received.

BLOOD DRIVE is Wednesday, May 9, from 2:30 to 7:30 PM, has time slots for 32 additional Calvin Church donors. Please email Judy Bode to volunteer if you are available to fill this need in our community. Time commitment is one hour, requires one poke, and is rewarded with fellowship and delicious goodies. Thank you!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFE HAVEN MINISTRIES has been helping women and children find freedom from domestic violence since 1990. That help is provided through Ramoth House (our emergency shelter), support groups, individual case management, and educating our community about prevention. Safe Haven has been able to do this important work because God has provided partners who care. Your church is part of that. Now we have some exciting news to share. An anonymous donor has generously provided a matching gift. Any gifts received from new donors, increased gifts from current donors, and any gifts from donors who renew their support (gave previously, but not this year or last year) between March 1 and June 30, 2018 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000. **We need your help to meet this match!** If you have questions or would like to send a gift, please contact Kent Bosma at 616-452-6664 or kbosma@safehavenministries.org or www.safehavenministries.org/support.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: Join a powerful conversation about restorative justice with State Representative David LaGrand, Kent County Prosecuting Attorney Chris Becker, and CAPPS Policy Director John Cooper on Sunday afternoon, April 29, beginning at 2 PM at Church of the Servant, 3835 Burton St., SE. To sign up for "Speaking of Restorative Justice, What Shall We Do?" go to Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/speaking-of-restorative-justice-what-shall-we-do-tickets-45221954082?aff=ehomecard>

CALVIN ALUMNI CHOIR CONCERT: In her final concert as the Music Director of the Calvin Alumni Choir, Pearl Shangkuan will lead the choir in a signature program of choral music through the ages filled with joy, grace and hope. Works by Bach, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Gjeilo, Forrester and more will be featured, along with beautiful arrangements of beloved hymns. The world premiere of a new commission of two Fanny Crosby hymns entitled “Beyond the River” and arranged by Calvin graduate and faculty member Sean Ivory will be a special highlight. Come join this celebration of song on today at 3 PM at First United Methodist Church. Tickets will be available at the door.

ACCESS Walk for GOOD FOOD (formerly ACCESS HUNGER WALK): The 41st annual walk is set for Sunday, May 6 at 2:30 PM. About 20% of kids in Kent County are considered to be food-insecure, that is, do not know where their next meal is coming from. Walk for Good Food donations go to twenty local agencies that work for the food security of kids and all people. You are encouraged to make a contribution to the Calvin CRC walking team or join the team as a walker. For more information, contact Bob DeVries at 481-2546 or bandjdevries@yahoo.com.

CALENDAR

<i>Today, Sunday, April 29</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Tim & Lindsay Molenbeek
	East Greeters: Brian & Amy Netz
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: James & Allyson Koeman
	Grace Poortenga, Carolyn Prince
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Doris Ridders
	Coffee Servers: DeKoster, Feenstra
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Cloud Forest Conservation Trip
	Presenters: Guatemala Group
	CYG year-end gathering
<i>Tuesday, May 1</i>	
9:30a	Family Assistance
11:00a	Retirement Lunch at Family Assistance for Bobbie Talsma
6:00p	Executive Committee meeting
<i>Wednesday, May 2</i>	
9:30a	Women's Bible Study in Room 1
6:15p	Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
<i>Thursday, May 3</i>	
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
<i>Friday, May 4</i>	
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study
6:00p	Wedding rehearsal
<i>Saturday, May 5</i>	
4:00p	Wedding rental
3:00p	Handbell Concert at St. James Hall, 733 Bridge NW
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	East Greeters: Randy & Elly Nyhof
	Nursery Supervisor: Christine Coulter
	Nursery Helpers: Jan Wilkins, Cindy Brink
	Tyler Koeman, Arie TerBeek
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**Growing in Discipleship ...
...Transformed for Ministry**

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- Our Easter banner represents our joy in our Lord's resurrection: the purple conveys the reality of Christ's royalty; the blackness, symbolic of His death, moves from the onset easing into light, symbolizing life out of death. It is a promise fulfilled, giving us reason for hope in the truth of the eternal life to come.
- 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.
- K-2nd: After the Children's Message the Children's Worship ministry meets downstairs in rooms 11 & 13 until the conclusion of worship. Parents meet their children there following the service.
- 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
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