



Third
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

March 24, 2019

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
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“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.”

Luke 11:9

Third Sunday of Lent

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Lynette van de Hoef and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir and Allegro Ringers

Director: Stephanie Wiltse

Pianist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Grace Poortenga

Ten o'clock

March 24, 2019

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth” [#919] G. Böhm, J. Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Cantique de Jean Racine”

Gabriel Fauré

O Lord of hosts, how lovely are thy dwellings.

My soul longs for thy courts.

For thee my heart and flesh cry out.

O blessed are they whose hope is forever in thee,

who praise thy name, who sing their songs within thy holy house.

O Lord, incline thine ear; look down, my spirit longs for thee.

A sun and shield is the Lord of hosts.

In thee I put my trust; look down and hear my prayer.

* Opening Hymns: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

#776:1,3,4

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#521:1-3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

For the times we have lied to one another
and the times we have been lied to,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have laughed at another's pain
and the times we have been laughed at,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have spoken when we should have remained silent
and the times we have remained silent when we should have spoken,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have not respected another's freedom
to be different from us,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have betrayed a friend
and the times we have been betrayed,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

O God of heaven and earth, you emptied yourself of your power
and became a helpless baby in order that you might heal the sick world.
**Teach us to empty ourselves of the things
that destroy us and keep us alone.
Empty us of our jealousy, of our meanness, of our fear of others.
For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Lenten Hymn of Assurance: "Behold the Lamb of God"

#110:1,14

The congregation sings stanza 1 and the refrain.

Bobby Houskamp and Jacqueline Lanning read stanzas 6 and 7.

The congregation sings stanza 14 and the refrain.

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

#730:1-3

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.

Anthem: "The Power of the Cross" [#177]

Getty, Townend, arr. Bettcher

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession concluded with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

* Hymn of Preparation: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
(sing twice)

#896

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1-13

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **EVEN MORE SURELY LISTENING**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Seek Ye First"

#899:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Leanne Hendrikse

Offering for Safe Haven

Offertory: "My Song Is Love Unknown" [#148] Edwards, arr. Moglebust

* Benediction

* Doxology: "Glory Be to the Father"

#961

* Postlude: "Prelude and Fugue in E Minor"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Calvin CRC Announcements for March 24, 2019

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys concludes our series on the Heidelberg Catechism with a sermon from Luke 11:1-13 and Q&A 116-129, “Even More Surely Listening.” Our Allegro Ringers and Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music, and the offering is for Safe Haven.

Safe Haven Ministries 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.

The Worship Committee is soliciting song suggestions from our young people to use in our worship services. This morning we will be singing “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” which was requested by Grace Poortenga and “Seek Ye First,” which was requested by Aubrey Visker.

Evening worship: Lisa Meyer will preach from Exodus 11:1-10, “Deathly Silence.” The offering will be for Exalta Health.

The mission of Exalta Health is to bring Christ’s healing to the medically uninsured through medical and dental services, counseling, and spiritual care. (These are people who often fall through the cracks in that they work 2 or 3 jobs and make too much for Medicaid but don’t have health coverage.) In the past year, Exalta Health has averaged over 1,200 patient visits per month.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 31

Morning worship: We will welcome Olivia Jean Dierlam into the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. The Calvin College Capella, under the direction of Pearl Shangkuan, will lead us in worship. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Luke 15:11-32, “The Father Ran,” and the offering will be for 70x7.

Evening worship: We will welcome the congregations of Woodlawn and Plymouth Heights CRCs to join us here at Calvin Church. Rev. Jack Roeda will preach from Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 5:1-11, “What Does the Lord Require of Us?” The offering will be for Wedgwood Christian Services.

COUNCIL NEWS

At its meeting this past Tuesday evening the Council heard from Pastor Rebecca about her plans to apply for a Lilly Foundation grant that would fund a 2020 sabbatical under the current Council policy. The Finance Committee reported on a healthy fund balance, and there was discussion about how best to manage those funds and perhaps address under-funded needs. A final slate of Elder/Deacon nominees was presented. The congregation will vote on this slate at the April 14 congregational meeting. A motion was approved to call Rev.

Arianna Tolsma to her new position as Chaplain at Wedgwood Christian Services. The congregation will also vote on this at the April 14 meeting. The Council continues its efforts to systematically review and address the recommendations of the PVC committee and is grateful for the progress to date by the various committees that have taken on this work directly.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a brief meeting following the morning service on April 14. The congregation will be asked to approve the slate of Elder and Deacon nominees to replace those who have concluded their terms. In a separate item, the congregation will be asked to approve a motion to call Rev. Arianna Tolsma to her new position as Chaplain at Wedgwood Christian Services. Deacon nominees (5 needed): Brian Netz, Kim Spoelma, Rob Stafford, Yvonne Triezenberg, Gord Vandenberg, Kathy Van Oss. Elder nominees (6 needed): Gary Burghgraef, Julie DeKoster, Jan Dykgraaf, Dale Rosema, Bob Schoone-Jongen, Dwight Baker (serving a 4th year).

CHURCH FAMILY

Bette Frieswyk (district 8) had surgery on her hip and leg last week Thursday. She is at Mary Free Bed for a time of rehabilitation.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds "Parable of the Sower"

Kim, Clara

K - 2nd grade "Jesus' Last Passover"

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Body and Soul: Insight from the Heidelberg Catechism #6: Teach Us to Pray. Facilitator: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys.

We finish our series exploring the Heidelberg Catechism using the book *Body and Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism* with a short video and small group discussion.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Faith and Struggle in the Lives of Four African Americans. Presenter: Randal Jelks, the author and Professor of African and African American Studies and American Studies at the University of Kansas, will discuss his latest book (available in the Library and at Schuler Books). The book explores the faith stories of four African Americans: Ethel Waters, Mary Lou Williams, Eldridge Cleaver, and Muhammad Ali. For them, liberation was not simply defined by material or legal well-being, but by a spiritual search for community and personal wholeness.

FAMILY PROMISE: Thank you to everyone who helped make our Family Promise Week a success! Preparing meals, providing baked goods, playing with the kids, staying overnight, moving, and laundering: to everyone who

volunteered, thank you! Our next turn comes the week of May 30. Please pray for this program and consider volunteering. Kris, Judy, Karen, and Cindy.

LENTEN PRAYERS: You are invited to join a short time of evening prayer each Wednesday during Lent. We'll gather from 7:00-7:30 PM in the Lounge on March 27, April 3, 10, and 17 to follow a liturgy of evening prayer together. Consider including this in your observance of the season of Lent this year, and invite friends to join. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Pastor Brad if you have questions.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet this Wednesday, March 27, at 9:30 AM. We will study God's question "What is that in your hand?" from Exodus 4:1-5. A study guide is available on the table in the Narthex. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Sharon Hecker with questions.

FAMILY SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on March 27 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. A donation from each family will cover the cost of the meal. Vandenberg and Rozemas will serve food from 5:00-6:30.

LILLY FOUNDATION RENEWAL GRANT: The Lilly Foundation offers grants to pastors and congregations to support sabbatical renewal. The Council and Pastor Rebecca have been working together on a grant proposal for sabbatical leave that she would take in the summer of 2020. The plans include activities for Calvin Church during her absence, so she is eager to hear your feedback on these plans before the grant proposal is submitted. You are invited to a time of refreshments and conversation about this renewal grant today, March 24, at 3:30 PM in the Lounge.

HYMN REQUESTS: Do you have a favorite hymn that you'd like Calvin Church to sing in worship? The Worship Committee is planning for a "request-in-advance hymnsing" on Sunday morning, April 7. Contact Ken Bos or Pastor Rebecca with your hymn requests for that service before Tuesday, March 26. We can't promise we'll have time to sing all of them, but we look forward to singing some of our favorites together.

FESTIVAL CHOIR: We are planning a Festival of Hymns, Anthems, and Readings for Eastertide on Sunday morning, April 28 (one week after Easter Sunday). Our Sanctuary Choir invites all interested singers to join them for three Wednesday rehearsals (April 10, 17, and 24 at 7:30 PM) to prepare for singing on Easter Sunday and for the Festival on the following week. Please talk to Ken or any choir member if you are interested in singing, or just show up for rehearsal. *Choir will not rehearse next week Wednesday, March 27.*

WHAT ARE THE NEW NUMBERS? 24, 15, 25, 28, 30! We now need: 24 more volunteers on Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. All ages are welcome!

15 more large boxes of Cheerios

25 more bags of pretzels

28 more boxes of Cheezits, Goldfish, or other cheesy crackers

30 more large bags of raisins—no small boxes, please!

Sign up outside the Fellowship Hall today to volunteer and/or bring the trail mix ingredients. Please bring the food donations by Sunday, April 7. Let's help build a better nourished, healthier future for kids in our community.

DESPERATELY NEEDED! KidsHope is in need of two mentors ASAP. Campus School staff has recommended a boy and a girl in need of a caring and willing adult to be a mentor. Mariah, a 4th grader, would benefit having a mentor to help with relationship skills and academics. She is creative and enjoys crafts. Kennedy is also in 4th grade and needs a dependable role model for how to interact with others without using his fists. Please contact us (Melanie and/or Elly) at calvinkidshope@gmail.com for additional information.

ATTENTION WOMEN SOFTBALL PLAYERS: Please inform Kim Spoelma ASAP if you intend to play this upcoming season. She needs to know if we will have enough players to field a team. Call or text 616-644-5856, or email kimspoelma@yahoo.com.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE KING'S CHORALIERS SPRING CONCERT: March 24, 7:30 PM, at Ridgewood CRC in Jenison. You are invited to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ through the music of the King's Choraliars. Come, and be blessed!

YOU'RE INVITED: March 31 at 3 PM, Church of the Servant will be hosting a solo and chamber music concert featuring talented young Calvin alumni playing works by Bartok, Telemann, Bach, and more. A free-will offering will be taken for Sonido del Movimiento, a Christian nonprofit working to promote resiliency and community building through music and dance in Xela, Guatemala. We hope to see you there!

BAXTER COMMUNITY CENTER invites you to join other volunteers for the annual Fix-Up Day, Saturday, April 13, from 8 AM–1 PM. For details call 456-8593 or go to www.wearebaxter.org

LEGACY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S ANNUAL AUCTION: Plan to join us on Saturday, April 13. Registration begins at 5:30, with a full dinner provided by Enza's Catering, beginning at 6 PM. Invite your friends and family to join you for a delicious meal and a fun night that supports Legacy Christian School.

CALENDAR


<i>Today, Sunday, March 24</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bob & Lynn McBroom
	East Greeters: Tim & Lindsay Molenbeek
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Mark & Sue Hoekstra
	Nathan Baker, Lucy Molenbeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Crothers, Jansen
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Body and Soul: Insight from the Heidelberg Catechism
3:30p	Sabbatical Information Meeting in the Lounge
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice Committee meeting in the Prayer Room
6:30p	CYG meets in the Catacomb
<i>Tuesday, March 26</i>	
9:30a	Family Assistance
7:30p	Book Study led by Lynette van de Hoef meets in the Lounge
<i>Wednesday, March 27</i>	
9:30a	Women's Bible Study meets in Room 1
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:00p	Family Assistance open for volunteers
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Mrs. Triezenberg)
	Allegro Ringers
	<i>Sanctuary Choir will not meet</i>
<i>Thursday, March 28</i>	
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
<i>Friday, March 29</i>	
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study
<i>Next Sunday, March 31</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Corrin & Lisa Meyer
	East Greeters: Brian & Amy Netz
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Jan Wilkins, Karen Trap
	Clara Tolsma, Bobby Houskamp
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lori Feenstra
	Coffee Servers: Bulthuis, Vanderhill
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Faith and Struggle in the Lives of Four African Americans Presenter: Randal Jelks
11:30a	College Lunch in the Catacomb
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall



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Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- The black dominating our Lenten banner symbolizes the death of our Lord, the red expresses Christ's suffering, and the branch is a symbol of his crown of thorns. These symbols are not meant to be concerned only with death and suffering. The thorny branch is white and flowering to indicate that from suffering triumph will come, and the red orb symbolizes Christ's victory. Just as the sun illumines, quickens, and comforts, so Christ as the "Son of Righteousness" gives new life to his own.
- 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.

Prelude: "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land" [#42] A. Giamanco, R. Summers

Welcome and Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Opening Hymn: "O God of Every Nation" #282:1,2,4

Hymnsing

Revised Common Lectionary reading: Psalm 63:1-8 page 458

* Hymn of Preparation: "We Sing the Mighty Power of God" #10:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Exodus 11:1-10 page 50

Sermon: **DEATHLY SILENCE**

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land" #42:1-3

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

Evening Prayer and Offertory Prayer

Presentation of Offerings

Offerings for Exalta Health

Offertory: "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land" [#42] Sylvia Berg Owens

* Benediction

* Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #965
(concluding with sung "Amen")

* Postlude: "March" Henry Purcell

Preaching Pastor: Lisa Meyer
Pianist: Kenneth Bos