



March 5, 2023

“So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.” -2 Kings 5:14

Second Sunday of Lent

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.

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Kelsey Bruinwood and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Donna Houskamp

Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn and Steve Triezenberg

Ten o'clock

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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

Georg Philipp Telemann; J. Bert Carlson; Johann Walther

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Like a Deer” Text: Juan Salinas, Trans. Mary Louise Bringle

Music: Juan Salinas

Like a deer, seeking streams of water,

so my soul cries with longing for you, O Lord.

Day and night I thirst for only you, and you alone do I seek.

Fill me, Lord; give me more of your great love.

I thirst for you, only for you. Fill my heart, O Lord.

* Opening Hymns: “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

#568:1-4

“We Praise You, O God”

#560:1-3

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God,
you despise nothing you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent.
Create in us new and contrite hearts,
that, truly repenting of our sins
and acknowledging our brokenness,
we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy,
full pardon and forgiveness,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Confession: “Not What My Hands Have Done”

#624:1-3

* Assurance of Pardon

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: “Glory Be to the Father”

#961

(Children may come forward during this hymn.)

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

Blessing for Children

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

All: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

#796:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-19

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **THE WAY DOWN**

Prayer Response: Psalm 131

Leader: O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things too great
and too marvelous for me.

**All: But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.
O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time on and forevermore.**

CHRIST WELCOMES US TO THE TABLE

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: 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,
by whose grace we may triumph over temptation,
follow in the way of humility,
be more fervent in prayer, and be more generous in love.
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!**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper
the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross
by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world.
In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again,

we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,

that the bread which we break

and the cup which we bless

may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Grant that, being joined together in him,

we may attain to the unity of the faith

and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf,

and these grapes from many hills into one cup,

grant, O Lord, that your whole church

may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

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.")

Institution and Invitation

Distribution Anthems:

"Draw Nigh"

Text: *Bangor Antiphoner*, trans. John Mason Neale

Music: Michael J. Miller

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord,

and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.

Saved by that body and that holy blood,

with souls refreshed, we render thanks for God.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,

by his dear cross and blood, the victory won.

Offered was he for greatest and for least,

himself the victim, and himself the priest.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.

He that his saints in this world rules and shields
to all believers life eternal yields;

With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
Alpha, Omega—to whom shall bow
all nations at the doom—is with us now.

“All Who Are Thirsty”

Text: Michael Perry
Music: arr. Joel Navarro

All who are thirsty, come to the Lord;
all who are hungry, feed on his Word.
Buy without paying, food without price,
eat with thanksgiving God’s sacrifice.

Why spend your money on what’s not bread?
Why toil in labor and not be fed?
God will provide you richest of food.
Come to the waters, drink what is good.

Call on God’s mercy while he is near;
turn from your evil, come without fear;
ask him for pardon, grace will abound!
This is the moment God can be found.

Where once were briars, flowers will grow.
Where lives were barren, rivers will flow.
Praise to our Savior, grace and renown.
Ours is the blessing, his be the crown!

Prayer

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Before the Throne of God Above”

#682:1-2

* Offertory Prayer for Benevolence: Bruce Van Oss

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Before the Throne of God Above”

#682:3

**Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable “I AM,” the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God. Amen.**

* Postlude: “Now the Solemn Feast Is Done”

David Schack; Mark Sedio

Calvin CRC Announcements for March 5, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM, Second Sunday of Lent

Morning worship: We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from 2 Kings 5:1-19. The Sanctuary Choir leads us in ministry of music.

Evening worship: We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a service of singing and prayer. This informal time together includes song requests and prayer requests from the congregation.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 12, Third Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Luke 18:9-14, "Not Like Other People." The Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Mission Outreach.

Sermon Series: Here's what's coming up in the season of Lent at Calvin Church: "Thinking of Ourselves Rightly: Following the Humble and Life-Giving Way of Jesus."

March 12: Third Sunday in Lent – Pastor Rebecca preaches from Luke 18:9-14

March 19: Fourth Sunday in Lent – Pastor Rebecca preaches from Mark 10:35-45

March 26: Fifth Sunday in Lent – Pastor Brad preaches from 1 Corinthians 3:21-4:7

If you'd like to add some devotional reading to your worship this Lenten season, may we suggest *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness* by Tim Keller, *Learning Humility* by Richard Foster, or *Humble* by Daryl Van Tongeren.

COUNCIL NEWS

Responses for the offices of Elder and Deacon are due today. You may drop off your response in the box in the office.

CHURCH FAMILY

Today's Sanctuary flowers are in celebration and gratitude for the life of Barb Lanning Imfeld.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

TEA SETS: Our church owns a collection of retired tea sets, and these dishes are available to our members on a first-come, first-served basis. Teapots and cups are displayed in the Conference Room by the offices. Wrapping supplies are in the bins under the table. Dishes remaining after April 1 will be donated to Breton Woods.

In the **DISPLAY CASE** is a sampling of teapots that were used when Calvin Church had tea parties. These get-togethers were hosted and organized by Fran Baker for the women and girls of the church.

Calvin Church is hosting The Cultural Intelligence Building workshop offered by the CRCNA. The workshop focuses on concrete skills to improve our ability to act and react in positive ways across cultural lines. Through carefully tailored interactive exercises, participants become aware of their personal lifelong journey in cultural intelligence, as they build their own capacity to improve their CQ over time. This workshop is available for anyone who is interested in breaking down cultural barriers and developing a better understanding of the diverse people who make up the kingdom of God. The workshop will be held March 17, 8:30 AM-4 PM. Registration is required at <https://crcna.regfox.com/cultural-intelligence-cq-building-workshop> Registration is free for members of Calvin Church, as a thank-you for our hosting the event! Contact the church office for the free registration code.

BOOK GROUP: Join us for a discussion of Austin Channing Brown's book *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*.. This book is recommended by the Classis Grand Rapids East Racial Justice Team as it explores what it means to be Black and White in America. We plan to meet again on March 12 and March 26 for discussions. There are a few books available at the TRIP table.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

What is the power of story to shape our faith? How do the stories we tell and the stories we listen to make us more capacious in our faith and in our thinking, more gracious in our lives? **Trinitas Classical School** presents "Complicated Narratives and Important Failures" with Dr. Jennifer Holberg (Calvin University) on Monday, March 6, at 7:00 PM. This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments to follow. Visit <http://www.trinitasclassical.org/category/school-news/> for more information and to register for the event. This program is made possible through a Vital Worship Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Classis Grand Rapids East, as founding member of Together West Michigan is inviting you to attend the annual Delegate Assembly, rescheduled for April 15. We will be receiving an in-depth look at the recommendations being formed from the five research teams: housing, childcare, immigration/refugee care, community safety, and mental health access. A link to further details is on the Calvin Church website at the bottom of the homepage. The gathering will be on Saturday, April 15, 10:00-11:30 AM, at First Community AME Church, 500 James Street SE. You are welcome whether you have been to a TWM event before or not.

The King's Choraliers in concert with the Men's Choirs of South Christian High and Unity Christian High School. Enjoy an "Evening with Men in Song" at the South Christian High School Auditorium on Sunday, March 19, at 7:00 PM. This concert, *How Great Thou Art*, will include over 100 male voices from the West Michigan area.

	<i>Today, March 5, Second Sunday of Lent</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Gwen Overbeek
	Nursery Volunteers: Gary Burghgraef, Hazel Nunn
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Dwight Baker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Faber
	Coffee Servers: Don and Karen Trap
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Bob Houskamp
5:00p	Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
6:30p	CYG Bible Study in the Catacomb
	<i>Monday, March 6</i>
3:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
	<i>Tuesday, March 7</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Executive Committee meets in the Conference Room
7:30p	Elders meet in the Atrium
	<i>Wednesday, March 8</i>
5:30p	Junior Bells rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:00p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir rehearsal in Room 9
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i>Thursday, March 9</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Next Sunday, March 12, Third Sunday of Lent</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Volunteers: Gwen Hendrikse, Kate Triezenberg
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Joanie Rosema
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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, CCLI#2532147, and CSPL#175060.
- The Prayer of Confession is from *The Worship Sourcebook*.
- 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 "Sun of Righteousness" gives new life to his own.
- Large-print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- 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 in the nursery 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.

Fellowship and Information:

- Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the morning service.
- "Like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCblmHBbe8AlzEyQxUM1VjA>

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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