



**April 30, 2023**

# **“God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” – Genesis 22:8**

## **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.*

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**Ten o’clock**

**April 30, 2023**

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## **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: Three Preludes on “There Is a Balm in Gilead [#706]

June Edison; Nancy Raabe; Jan Sanborn

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “We Come, O Christ, to You”

Text: Margaret Clarkson

Music: James V. Lee

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,  
by whom all things consist, in whom all life began.

In you alone we live and move and have our being in your love.

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King;  
to you our youth and strength adoringly we bring:  
so fill our hearts that all may view your life in us and turn to you!

\* Opening Hymn: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

**#832:1-4**

\* God’s Greeting

## **WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Almighty God,  
you have raised Jesus from the grave  
and crowned him Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him  
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.  
We have gone along with the way of the world  
and failed to give him glory.

**All: Forgive us and raise us from sin,  
that we may be your faithful people,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: “Remember Not, O God”

**#632:1-3**

\* Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response: “Beautiful Savior”

(Vocal Duet: Charles and Lucy  
Molenbeek)

## **WE PROFESS OUR FAITH**

Profession of Faith: Ali Buist, Charles Molenbeek, Lucy Molenbeek, Molly Netz

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

\* Hymn: “Oh, to See the Dawn”

**#177:1,3,4**

(Supporters and children through 4<sup>th</sup> grade may come forward.)

Prayer

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.**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: “Day by Day”

**#437:1-3**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 22

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **BOUND**

Prayer of Application

## **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,  
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.

**All: 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:

**All: 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:

"There Is a Balm in Gilead" [#706]

Text and music: African American spiritual, arr. William L. Dawson

"See What Love Hath the Father" from "St. Paul" Text: 1 John 3:1

Music: Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in his goodness,  
that we should be called God's own children.

Prayer

**WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

**#863:1,2,5**

\* Moment for Missions: Joy Burmeister of Zuni Christian School

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “Take My Life and Let It Be”

**#863:6**

**Take my love; my Lord I pour at thy feet its treasure store.**

**Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee. Amen.**

Postlude: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” [#832]

Michael Bedford

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Kelsey Bruinwood, Rev. Kelly Buist, and Rev. Brad  
Zwiers

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Vocal Duet: Charles and Lucy Molenbeek

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Soloists: Judy Jongsma, Carol DeJonge, and Jan Postma

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Henry TerBeek

Audio/Video: Sarah Frisch and Steve Triezenberg

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for April 30, 2023**

### **WORSHIP Today, 10 AM**

*Morning worship:* We celebrate the Professions of Faith of Ali Buist, Charles Molenbeek, Lucy Molenbeek, and Molly Netz. We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Genesis 22. The offering is for Family Assistance.

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, May 7**

*Morning worship:* We will install Elders and Deacons for a term of service. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Genesis 23, and Allegro Ringers will lead us in ministry of music. The offering will be for Benevolence.

*Evening worship:* We will not meet for our usual first Sunday of the month prayer and singing in the Fellowship Hall. Instead, you are encouraged to worship God at the memorial service for Corrine Kass, which will be at 4:00 p.m. on May 7 at Calvin Church.

**Sermon series:** Over the next two weeks, we will finish our series on Isaac, exploring how God’s promises in Scripture are for us today.

May 7: Pastor Rebecca preaches from Genesis 23

May 14: Pastor Brad preaches from Genesis 24

**Staff Notes:** Pastor Brad is on vacation May 1-May 8.

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

At their April meeting, the Elders received the membership transfers of Rich and Ruth Santer and of Timothy, Louise, Hazel, Nora, and Ruby Nunn. We rejoice in welcoming each of these families to Calvin Church. The Elders also approved the transfer of Christina Hoekstra Harms to West End CRC, and the transfer of Bert and Julie Bowden to LaGrave Ave CRC. We pray for God's blessing in their new church homes.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

**Corrine Kass** (district 8) passed away into the arms of her loving Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 23. The funeral will be Sunday, May 7 at 4:00PM. May the God of all comfort be near to Corrine's family and friends as they mourn her death and celebrate her life, in the hope of Christ's resurrection.

**Lois Posthuma** (district 1) was hospitalized for an infection last weekend. She went home Monday, April 24, and is recovering well. Please pray for continued healing and strength.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of Barbara Hoekwater's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, with love from her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.

### **85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:**

5/16 Harvey Kiekover (90)  
5/20 Margaret Fullmer (88)  
5/29 Lois Posthuma (92)

5/3 Arlene Walma (86)  
5/17 Cornie Huizinga (89)  
5/27 June Primus (89)

### **COLLEGE AGE BIRTHDAYS:**

5/25 Morgan Burghgraef (22)

5/10 Jacob Noordewier (21)

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS:**

5/9 Arie TerBeek (16)  
5/25 Tatym Heyboer (13)

5/1 Stella Heyboer (11)  
5/18 Jeremiah Lizewski (12)  
5/29 Hannah Triezenberg (11)

## **MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS**

**FAMILY ASSISTANCE:** Our congregation and community would like to give a heartfelt thanks to Linda Fridsma for the time, dedication, and love that she has poured into the ministry of Family Assistance as the co-director over the past 3 1/2 years. Linda's commitment to Family Assistance has been absolutely essential for the flourishing of this beloved ministry of Calvin Church. In her time as co-director, Linda has often been the face of Family Assistance to our community; her warmth, know-how, and presence will be deeply missed. Thank you Linda!

Thank you to all Calvin Church members and visitors who attended the fellowship luncheon last Sunday. There were 152 people of all ages in attendance for which we are grateful. Please mark your calendars for the next event which will be a noon picnic on Sunday, July 23. More details will follow.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We will meet this Wednesday, May 3, at 2:30 PM in Room 1. We will be discussing chapter 7 from our study guide. Contact Pastoral Intern Kelsey (kbru207@calvinseminary.edu) with questions or if you would like a copy of the study guide.

**Calvin Church Breakfast Club** will meet on Wednesday, May 3, at 9 AM at Russ'. Join us for breakfast and fellowship.

**Blood Drive:** Thank you to our 14 donors who gave blood! We had the lowest turnout ever in 3 decades, but we are grateful for these 14. Two were first-time donors and one reached a milestone of donating 4 gallons! Please reserve October 11 for our fall drive.

**You are making a difference!** On behalf of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. Thank you! To discover more visit [crcna.org/ministryshares](http://crcna.org/ministryshares).

**Race Relations Workshop:** Looking for a way to understand the complex reality of racism in the US? You can begin or continue your learning at the next Race Relations Workshop at Calvin CRC on May 18 - 19, 2023. The "Racism: Looking Back; Moving Forward" workshop will help us examine the reasons and motivations for creating, reinforcing, and maintaining laws and acts that lead to division and segregation. This workshop is free for Calvin Church members.

More information at: <https://network.crcna.org/topic/justice-inclusion/racial-reconciliation/us-anti-racism-workshop-racism-looking-back-moving>

Register at: <https://crcna.regfox.com/racism-looking-back-moving-forward-may-18-2023>

**Tuition support forms** for the 2023-24 school year were due last week. If you have a late form, or questions about the K-12 Christian education tuition support program, talk to Lisa TerBeek today!

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Access Walk for Good Food** will be held May 7-17. The goal is to raise \$90,000 to support 9 community organizations working to create a good food system for all. There will be an in-person kickoff event at Mulick Park on May 7, from 2-4 PM, as well as an option to walk in your own neighborhood through May



17. There are many ways to participate: form a walk team, raise funds, volunteer, and promote the walk to others. You can find more information on the Access Walk for Good Food, along with additional materials, at [accessofwestmichigan.org/walk](http://accessofwestmichigan.org/walk).

**Help Wanted:** Dynamic Youth Ministries is looking for someone to clean our office once a week. Light cleaning with a flexible schedule at our new office located near the airport. Call for more information - 616-241-5616.

# CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, April 30</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Sue Keegstra
	Nursery Volunteers: Melisa Hubka, Lydia Visker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Stoner
	Coffee Servers: Rick and Lori Feenstra
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: Kristy Ippel
	<i>Monday, May 1</i>
3:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
	<i>Tuesday, May 2</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, May 3</i>
9:00a	Calvin Church Breakfast Club meets at Russ'
2:30p	Women's Bible Study in Room 1
5:30p	CEDT meets in Room 1
6:00p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i>Thursday, May 4</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Next Sunday, May 7</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Cindy Brink
	Nursery Volunteers: Kyle Heys, Aubrey Visker
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Jan Wilkins
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: Suzi Steketee
4:00p	Corrine Kass funeral
6:30p	CYG Bible Study



## **Growing in Discipleship ... ...Transformed 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.
- 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.
- 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-2<sup>nd</sup>: 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](http://www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch)
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCblmHBbe8AlzEyQxUM1VjA>

Church office hours: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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