

Surely your
goodness and
unfailing love
will *pursue*
me all the days
of my life...

Psalm 23:6
(NLT)

July 30, 2023

“...your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

Psalm 23:4b

Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

July 30, 2023

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “The Lord, My Shepherd, Rules My Life” [#732]

Larry Visser

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Praise and Thanksgiving”

Music: Traditional Round

Text: Edith Thomas and Marie Post

Praise and thanksgiving let everyone bring
unto our father for every good thing.

All together, joyfully sing!

All people, join us and sing out God’s praise.

For all his blessings your happy songs raise.

All together, joyfully sing!

* Opening Hymns: “O God Beyond All Praising”

#557:1-3

“Be Still, for the Presence”

#532:1-3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Confession: “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

#627:1-3

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.

Anthem: “Sheep May Safely Graze”

Music: J.S. Bach

Text: Salomo Franck, arr. Julia Morgan

Flocks of sheep may safely graze while in their shepherd’s tender care;
safely graze and safely slumber, free from danger, free from hunger
in their shepherd’s tender care.

As the shepherd leadeth well, so God, with kind and loving mind
leads those who in his care will dwell.

Where the shepherd leadeth well, there rest is found and peace abounds,
and all that make a joyful land.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “The LORD, My Shepherd, Rules My Life

#732:1-5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 23

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Sermon: **HAPLESS DOLTS**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

#330:1,2,4

Offertory Prayer for Family Assistance: Marissa Dierlam

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#964

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen, amen.**

* Postlude: “Laudamus Te” (“We Praise Thee”)

Carl. F. Mueller

Liturgist: Dan Bode

Preacher: Rev. Lisa Meyer

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Summer Choir

Pianist: Nancy Triezenberg

Flutists: Amy and Allory Netz

Scripture Reader: Karl VanHarn

Audio/Video: Brian Netz, Sarah Frisch

Calvin CRC Announcements for July 30, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Lisa Meyer preaches from Psalm 23, and the summer choir leads us in ministry of music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, August 6

Morning worship: We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Matthew 14:13-21. We will welcome Carlos Lemagne to lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Benevolence.

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.

Staff notes: Pastor Rebecca will be on vacation July 24-31.

COUNCIL NEWS

Mid-Year Giving Statements: please contact the office if you would like to receive a copy of your mid-year giving statement.

CHURCH FAMILY

85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:

8/15 Ruth Kamminga (95) 8/21: Irene Wiersma (94)

COLLEGE AND CAREER AGE BIRTHDAYS:

8/5 Olivia Prince (24)

8/31 Carolyn Prince (22)

Sid Post (district 5) suffered a minor stroke and is recovering well in his home at Clark. We pray for continued healing and strength for Sid and thank God that he has not experienced any lasting effects.

Thank you for prayers, kind words, cards and love extended to Hans and me as I went through surgery and recovery. Truly Calvin Church cares for their own. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Gert Bokhout

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

8/11 Miles Jansen (12)

8/28 Ella Jansen (17)

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

GALLERY ART: Enjoy the exhibit of MaryLou Wilkins' watercolor paintings. Dragonflies, butterflies, and waterlilies are some of her favorite things to paint.

PICNIC REFLECTIONS: Please, turn in your questionnaire to Jesslyn DeBoer by tomorrow, July 31.

THE FALL KICKOFF MINISTRY signup time will be Sunday, September 10, following the morning service. We have representation from all of the youth and children's ministries, musical groups, Kid's Hope, Family Assistance, Church library, Bon Appetit, Movie groups, as well as some other small groups. If there are other groups or ministries that would like to be represented at this event, please contact Nancy Triezenberg (616-915-6916 or gtriezen@comcast.net).

FAMILY ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR: Calvin Church is looking for a new director or co-directors for the Family Assistance program. Due to the retirement of current co-director Linda Fridsma and a new full-time job for co-director Rachel Rayburn, the program needs new leadership to keep this vital ministry running. Applicants should have a heart for the ministry and the people it serves. Applicants should possess good people, communication, and organizational skills and should be proficient in Word and Excel. The position includes a stipend. Interested individuals are asked to contact Elder Dan Bode (616) 318-2058 or email dan@thearchitecturalgroup.com.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, July 30</i>
9:00a	Summer Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Curt Overbeek
	Nursery Volunteers: Amy Netz, Natalie Poortenga
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Cindy Brink
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Faber
	Coffee Servers: Don and Karen Trap
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Phil DeJonge
	<i>Tuesday, August 1</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Executive meeting in the Conference Room
7:30p	Elders meet in the Atrium
	<i>Wednesday, August 2</i>
4:00p	Leet/Rikkers wedding
	<i>Thursday, August 3</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Next Sunday, August 6</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Laura Prince
	Nursery Volunteers: Karen Trap, Hazel Nunn
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Merri Ezinga
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Marlene Vanderhill
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Bob Houskamp



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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.
- Prayer of Confession is from *The Worship Sourcebook*.
- Our Ordinary Time Banner represents how our faith is fed by streams of living water, rooted on the everlasting rock of God's love, preparing us to branch out in service for his kingdom.
- Large-print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- Our facility is equipped with the Loop hearing system.



For Children:

- Infant and toddler nurseries are available.
- 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: youtube.com/@calvincrc/streams

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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