



August 6, 2023

“And all ate and were filled.” - Matthew 14:20a

Ordinary Time

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.

Ten o'clock

August 6, 2023

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing” Flor Peeters; Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “We Are People on a Journey” [#142]

* Opening Hymns: “Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord”
“One People, Here, We Gather”

#22:1,2
#243:1,2,3

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.

**All: Please set us free from a past we cannot change,
open to us a future in which we can be changed,
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: "O For a Closer Walk with God"

#324:1,4

* Assurance of Pardon

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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* 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: "Break Now the Bread of Life"

#764:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mathew 14:13-21

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **FROM SCARCITY, ABUNDANCE**

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 for us to give thanks and praise.

Leader: 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!**

Leader: Remembering your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service.
Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Leader: So, send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
Grant that, being joined together in him by your Spirit,
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 Anthem: "Room at the Table"

Text: Pamela Stewart

Music: David Lantz III

There is room at the table, a place at the feast.
There is room for each burden you long to release.
Every heartache you carry, each private despair;
bring them all to the table, surrender them there.

There is room for the bread that is broken in two.
It is offered for all that is broken in you.
Simply take it and eat it, and hunger no more.
You must only accept it; be fully restored.

There is room for the cup that is filled with the wine.
It is offered to you at this table of mine.
Come, be filled with remembrance of my sacrifice.
All your emptiness ended, your thirst satisfied.

There is room at the table, so come take your place.
Taste the bread of forgiveness, the cup of my grace.
Not a meal for the body; a feast for the soul.
O come to the table and you will leave it whole.

Prayer

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "We Sing the Mighty Power of God"

#10:1-3

* Offertory Prayer for Benevolence: Cindy Lanning Burch

* Benediction

* Doxology: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

#928:1,2,4

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed,**

**We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone,
But heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles still to make your people whole.**

**Called through worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show.
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.**

* Postlude: “Canzona in D Minor”

Domenico Zipoli

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Organist: Kenneth Bos
Soloist: Carlos Lemagne
Scripture Reader: Lisa Meyer
Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Steve Triezenberg

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 Chancel banner expresses the Christian belief that in one God there are three divine persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The color green represents spiritual growth during the season of the Lord’s life and ministry.
- 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
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Calvin CRC Announcements for August 6, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

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

Evening worship: We 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, August 13

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Matthew 14:22-33, "Fear and Faith." Stephanie Wiltse will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Mission Outreach.

COUNCIL NEWS

We encourage you to participate in the feedback sessions related to our "Loving and Learning Together" document. Sign up for a session on August 17, 20, 23, or 27, or contact your district Elder or Deacon or one of the pastors if you are unable to attend. Your voice is important to us as council leaders, and we are grateful for your prayers as we continuing to pursue God's mission together at Calvin Church.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

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, Refugee Resettlement, 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).

MINISTRY SIGN-UP SUNDAY is scheduled for September 10. There will be a light lunch for all members of the congregation that will include an opportunity to talk to leaders of various Calvin Church ministries for both adults and children. A sign-up sheet for lunch can be found at the TRIP table or you can contact the office to sign up. It would be helpful to figure out food quantities if you are able to sign up by September 5. We hope to kick off the church calendar year with a great crowd so mark your calendars now.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE UPDATE: Thanks to the congregation's overwhelming response to our "Feet and Seats" request last fall, we are fully stocked with children's socks and underwear. However, we currently have a need for new men's underwear, sizes medium and large. Our request for boys' shoes has been met. An anonymous donor purchased over 85 pairs. Thank you! As the

school year begins this month, please pray for the large number of volunteers who donate their time and help with our autumn rush.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, 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
11:30a	Worship Committee meets in the Lounge
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Bob Houskamp
5:00p	Prayer and Singing in the Fellowship Hall
	<i>Tuesday, August 8</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Thursday, August 10</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
10:00a	Quilting in Room 1
	<i>Next Sunday, August 13</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Lori Feenstra
	Nursery Volunteers: Jan Wilkins, Aubrey Visker
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Cindy Brink
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Steketee
	Coffee Servers: Bob and Beth Schoone-Jongen
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Kurt Frisch