

Then He said to them  
*My soul is deeply grieved,  
to the point of death;  
remain here and  
keep watch with Me*

Matthew 26:38, NASB

**November 5, 2023**

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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**“And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.’”**

**Matthew 26:39**

### **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.*

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**Ten o’clock**

**November 5, 2023**

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### **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “In Quiet Consecration”  
“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Louie L. White  
Robert Lind

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “In Heavenly Love”  
In heavenly love abiding no change my heart shall fear.  
And safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here.  
The storms may roar without me; my heart may low be laid.  
But God is round about us, and can I be dismayed?

Felix Mendelssohn

\* Opening Hymns: “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”  
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

**#250:1,2,4**

**#575:1,3,4**

\* God’s Greeting

### **WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession based on Psalm 130

Hymn of Confession: “Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High”

**#655:1,3**

\* 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, concluding 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 forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever**

**Amen.**

\* Hymn of Preparation: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

**#747:1-3**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:36-46

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **GO DEEP**

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters.  
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.  
When we turned away and our love failed,  
your love remained steadfast.  
Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers,  
anointing them to speak your Word.  
And so, with your people on earth  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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!**

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.**

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 nod, as you say. "The peace of Christ be with you.")*

Institution and Invitation

Distribution Anthems: "Come and Feast"

Text and Music: Lee Dengler

Eat this bread. Drink this wine. Join the table, come and dine.

There is healing for your soul, so come and feast, and be made whole.

In this time you will be blest. Come to Christ, he is your rest.

There is healing for your soul, so come and feast, and be made whole.

Eat this bread. Drink this wine. At this table you will find

there is life for all who eat, so come and feast, be made complete.

Lay your cares and burdens here. You are free, no need to fear.

There is life for all who eat, so come and feast, be made complete.

Eat this bread. Drink this wine. Earthly signs of Love divine.

We remember what they mean, and so we feast, and are made clean.

At this table you will find there is more than bread and wine.

There is food to feed the soul, so come and feast, and be made whole.

"Grant Us Thy Peace"

Feliz Mendelssohn

Grant us thy peace, Almighty Lord, thou source of every blessing.

Feeble and frail, trust we thy word, all things in thee possessing.

In thee is our hope and safety.

Prayer

**WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: "Beneath the Cross"

**#825:1-3**

\* Invitation to Offering: Cindy Lanning Burch

\* Offertory Prayer for Benevolence

Deacon: God, your generosity to us is abundant and gracious.

Everything we have comes from you.

**All: Receive our gifts of our time, our selves, and our possessions.**

**Help us to grow in gratitude and joy as we follow Jesus.**

**Amen.**

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: "By the Sea of Crystal"

**#489:1,3**

**By the sea of crystal saints in glory stand,  
Myriads in number, drawn from every land.  
Robed in white apparel, washed in Jesus' blood,  
They now reign in heaven with the Lamb of God.**  
  
**"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,  
And the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."  
God has wrought salvation; he did wondrous things.  
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings! Amen.**

\* Postlude: "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing!"

David Cherwien

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Evie Dykhouse,  
Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys, Rev. Brad Zwiers  
Preacher: Rev. Kelly Buist  
Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos  
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir  
Accompanist: Lisa Meyer  
Scripture Reader: Steve Triezenberg  
Audio/Video: Don Buist, Brian Netz

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## **Calvin CRC Announcements for November 5, 2023**

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

*Morning worship:* We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Rev. Kelly Buist preaches from Matthew 26:36-46, "Go Deep." The Sanctuary Choir leads us in ministry of music.

*Evening worship:* We gather in the Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer and singing.

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, November 12**

*Morning worship:* We will conclude our series from the gospel of Matthew on practices of Christian conflict transformation as Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Matthew 5:17-26, "Get Right." The Allegro Ringers will lead us in ministry of music and the offering will be for Mission Outreach.

**Staff notes:** Pastor Brad will be on vacation November 6-13. Pastor Kelly will be on study leave November 12-18.

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

Since returning to evening worship after Covid, regular services have been held the first (singing and prayer time) and third (communion) Sundays of the month, with encouragement to the congregation to have small group meetings on other weeks and a time to gather for a meal on any fifth Sundays. The Worship Committee has been monitoring this format and has come to the conclusion that the first and third Sunday services are not a wise use of our resources because of low attendance. The committee recommended to the elders that the current format be replaced by occasional special evening services instead, and the elders, with some regret, approved that plan. Beginning in January, there will be no more regular evening services on the first and third Sundays.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

The flowers this morning are given by Kris Bergh in loving memory of her parents, Thor and Josephine Bergh, and her brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Mary.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**HEY KIDS:** The missionaries who got the letters you wrote thought they were great! They said, “The letters are so encouraging to us!” Thanks to each of you who took the time to write! Letter writing doesn’t have to stop now. Maybe you would like to write to a missionary more often. You can find their addresses on the church website (your mom or dad can help) or you can ask Mr. Dale Rosema, Mr. Bruce Van Oss, or Mr. Ron Rozema. We’ll be glad to help, and the missionaries will love to hear from you!

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

**BOOK CLUB:** We will gather on Monday, November 6 at 3:00 PM to discuss the book, *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, contact Pat Elders.

**COURIER ARTICLES:** Articles for the December *Courier* are due to Doris Ridders ([drikkers@aol.com](mailto:drikkers@aol.com)) by Wednesday, November 15.

**FAMILY ASSISTANCE REQUEST:** We have a big need for mittens and gloves, specifically for kids 2–4 years-old and men. If you are willing to donate any used, new, or hand knit, we would really appreciate it.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPORTERS REQUESTED:** The CCSJ committee is seeking your support in helping children be *Ready By 5*. Please stop by the CCSJ tables and sign a support card. “Childcare is a challenge we face every day!” said a neighbor at Saturday’s pancake breakfast. Let’s be neighbors supporting neighbors.

**LOVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER BOOK STUDY:** You are welcome to a discussion of *Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible, and the Church*. Be aware that the book contains frank discussions of sex. Section 4 will be discussed at 5:00 PM November 12. Contact Pastors Brad, Rebecca, or Lisa with questions.

**PICTURE DIRECTORY:** If you would like a paper copy, contact the office. The picture directory will be kept current on the password protected Directory Page, on the church website, just as we do for the phone directory.

## CALENDAR

	<i><b>Today, Sunday, November 5</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Sue Keegstra
	Nursery Volunteers: Kathy Van Oss, Allory Netz
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Irene Konyndyk
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Wanda Sytsma
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
11:30a	Catechism meets in the Catacomb
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Kristy Ippel
3:00p	CYG activity
5:00p	Prayer and Singing in the Fellowship Hall
	<i><b>Monday, November 6</b></i>
3:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
	<i><b>Tuesday, November 7</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Executive committee meets in the Conference Room
	<i><b>Wednesday, November 8</b></i>
5:30p	Junior Bells rehearsal in the Bell Room
5:45p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Narthex
6:15p	Cherub Choir and Covenant Choir rehearsal in Room 9
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i><b>Thursday, November 9</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i><b>Next Sunday, November 12</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Judy Stoner
	Nursery Volunteers: Jan Wilkins, Lydia Visker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Faber
	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: Cindy Lanning Burch