

**“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”  
– John 6:35**

**Third Sunday in 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 Evie Dykhouse and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Pianist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Arie TerBeek

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**Ten o’clock**

**March 3, 2024**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: Partita on “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” [#599]      Matthew H. Corl

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart”      arr. Jorge Lockward

Text and Music: Traditional Spanish

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart pours out my praise to you; you are holy, Lord.

\* Opening Hymns: “O God, Beyond All Praising”  
“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

**#557:1-3**

**#599:1,3**

\* God’s Greeting

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Forgive us our sins, O Lord.

Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,  
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,  
our secret and our whispered sins,  
our presumptuous and our careless sins,  
the sins we have done to please ourselves,  
and the sins we have done to please others.

**All: Forgive us the sins that we know,  
and the sins that we know not.  
Forgive them all, O Lord,  
because of your great goodness.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: “Come, You Disconsolate”

**#614:1-3**

\* 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: “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

**#754:1-3**

### Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 6:22-59

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Response: “Jesus the Lord Said, ‘I Am the Bread’”

**#125:1**

## Sermon: **I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE**

### 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,  
by whose grace we may triumph over temptation,  
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:

**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.  
Therefore we proclaim our faith  
as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**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:

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots

Music: Johann Cruger

arr. Austin C. Lovelace

"Forgive our sins as we forgive" you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew,  
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Text: Charles Wesley [#239]

Music: Joseph Parry

arr. Terre Johnson

Prayer

## WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

\* Hymn of Response: “God, Who Created Hearts to Love”

**#317:1,2,5**

\* Invitation to Offering: Marissa Dierlam

\* 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: “God, My Children, with My Blessing”

**#946:1,3**

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing; you are my own.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

\* Postlude: “Postlude in D”

C. Armstrong Gibbs

# **Calvin CRC Announcements for March 3, 2024**

## **WORSHIP Today, 10 AM**

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*Morning worship:* We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from John 6, "I am the bread of life."

## **WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 10, Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from John 14:1-14, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." The Allegro Ringers and Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Mission Outreach.

## **Lent sermon series:**

March 17 – "I am the True Vine" John 15 – Pastor Brad

(We will take a break for Palm Sunday and Easter and conclude the series the Sunday after Easter.)

April 7 – "I am the Resurrection and the Life" John 11 – Pastor Brad

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

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As the next steps in our continued congregational discernment around the Loving and Learning Together document, Council has decided to ask for a congregational vote on Loving and Learning Together, which is scheduled for Sunday, March 10 after the morning worship service. Absentee ballots may be requested through the church office and must be returned by Thursday, March 7. See the recent emails for more information about this process, or contact a council member, the church office, or one of the pastors. Your council is grateful for your continued partnership in the mission of the church.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

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We collected baby gifts for Eric Ruvuna and his family after the birth of their daughter Zoe. They share this message: "On behalf of my family, I take this time to thank the whole Calvin family for your generosity and love you always show to us. God bless all the members of Calvin Church." – *Family of Eric Ruvuna*

With grateful hearts, we would like to update the congregation on advancements in the treatment of hemophilia which have greatly impacted David's life. Since 2022, David has been benefiting from a bi-weekly subcutaneous injection known as Hemlibra. This therapy ensures David maintains a consistent, low level of clotting factors. Prior to this, David received treatment three times a week through a port access. Hemlibra is an amazing advancement in treatment for hemophilia and allows David to live an active life of a typical boy with some activity restrictions. Last month, we met with David's hematologist and care team to discuss his treatments and overall health. At this visit, his treatment was reduced to just once a month. We still remain vigilant in keeping him safe and have learned how to administer his Advate (standard clotting medicine) peripherally in case of

a significant injury. We are so grateful for this congregation that has wrapped us in prayer and love and whose support has lifted us up.

*John and Leanne Hendrikse family*

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

A million thanks to the 28 donors from Calvin Church who donated at our winter blood drive! We had two first time donors, and 4 members who reached milestone achievements of one, two, and three gallons donated. Because of your combined efforts, we were able to impact the lives of 78 moms, dads, and children at area hospitals. Please reserve Wednesday, April 17 for our spring drive.

**LENTEN EXHIBIT:** The artworks on display in the Atrium are from Calvin Church's permanent collection.

**BOOK CLUB:** We will gather on Monday, March 4 at 3:00 PM to discuss the book, *The Dutch Girl* by Robert Matzen. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, contact Pat Elders.

**FAMILY SUPPER:** A light supper will be provided at church on March 6 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. LeRoy and Anjean Stegink and district helpers will serve food from 5:00-6:30 PM.

**FAMILY ASSISTANCE** is always looking for deals and shopping ahead. Hats and gloves are starting to be on clearance in stores. If you are willing to keep an eye out and pick up a few (kids and adults) to help us stock up for next winter, we would greatly appreciate it! Donations can be dropped off in the church office.

**FESTIVAL CHOIR:** This year's Maundy Thursday service on March 28 will be a Service of Tenebrae (Shadows) featuring a retelling of the Passion story through the eyes and voice of Matthew. Please consider joining our Festival Choir to participate in this service and also on Easter Sunday. The Festival Choir will rehearse on three Wednesday evenings at 7 PM beginning on March 13.

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT DATES:** Mark your calendar for a neighborhood Pasta Party on Wednesday, April 17 from 5:00 -7:30 PM. Please join us for a free pasta dinner, activities for kids, and an opportunity to assemble supper kits for Kids Food Basket. More details will be coming to your mailbox soon. Please also save Wednesday, July 17 for the second annual community summer supper.

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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The **Christian Reformed Conference Grounds**, 12253 Lakeshore Drive, Grand Haven, MI, invites you to Join us for our annual **Spring Fundraiser Dinner and Concert** on Saturday, April 20. The doors will open at 5:30 pm. At 6 pm we will serve a delicious Conference Grounds dinner. After dinner, you can sit back and enjoy the music of the Burgess Brothers, Kendra Walters, and Julie Baylor. You will be blessed and challenged by our speaker who is a longtime Grounds camper, Pastor Jeremy Krueze. He will inspire and challenge you to come alongside us as we seek funds for our new Ministry Center. Tickets for the dinner are on sale now for \$15 per person! Call 616-842-4478 to reserve your spot today!



# CALENDAR

	<i><b>Today, Sunday, March 3</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Tom Hendrikse
	Nursery Volunteers: Curt Overbeek, Abi Lizewski
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lori Feenstra
	Coffee Servers: Bob and Beth Schoone-Jongen
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
	Catechism
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Kristy Ippel
6:30p	CYG Bible Study
	<i><b>Monday, March 4</b></i>
3:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
	<i><b>Tuesday, March 5</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Executive meets in the Conference Room
7:30p	Elders meet in the Atrium
	<i><b>Wednesday, March 6</b></i>
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Junior Bells rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:00p	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
	78ers, Cadets, GEMS
	<i><b>Thursday, March 7</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i><b>Next Sunday, March 10</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Kathy VanOss
	Nursery Volunteers: Louise Nunn, Hazel Nunn
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Marlene Vanderhill
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
	Catechism
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Suzi Steketee
	Congregational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
3:30p	CYG activity



## **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.
- The prayer of confession is adapted 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-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: [www.youtube.com/@CalvinCRC/streams](http://www.youtube.com/@CalvinCRC/streams)

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