

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Welcome Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket. Also, join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!

The Gathering

Prelude: “All Glory Be to God on High”
“How Brightly Beams the Morning Star”

J. Pachelbel
P. Nicolai

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Welcome and Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise:** “How Bright Appears the Morning Star”

LUYH 101

***Prayer of Preparation**

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

***Song of Worship “All Glory Be to God on High”**

LUYH 542

Prayer of Confession

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.**

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him:
have mercy on you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song of Assurance “Lord, I Need You”

Maher

The Liturgy of the Word

The Blessing of our Children

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead our children, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where they may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children Leave for Walk Out Worship

(Children 5 through 2nd grade are invited to follow the banner to Walk Out Worship.
Parents will find the classroom on the lower level, near the nurseries).

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 1:1-15

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: The Beginning

***Hymn of Response:** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

LUYH 70

*The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Offering: Love in Action's Auto Ministry

The Offertory: "O Lamb of God, I Come"

E. Broughton

The Liturgy of the Table

The Prayer of Communion

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.

Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;

we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.

But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners.

So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son,

that he may live in us and we in him; and that we,

with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom.

Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.
To you be glory and praise for ever.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
To you be glory and praise forever.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Songs of Communion: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

“We Are Called”

LUYH 821

LUYH 534

LUYH 296, vs 1,3

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

***Hymn of Sending:** Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LUYH 936

***Benediction**

Postlude "Fugue in C Minor"

J. Walther

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organist: Jean Schuitman

Flute: Karen Katje

Pianist: Julie Hordyk

Liturgist & Prayer of the People: Tony Razzini

Vocalists: Rob Wagenmaker, Patrice Frantz

We display all music and readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) and SNC (green) are in the pew rack; CH (brown) is located under the seat. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex.
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Prayer Requests, Praises, Gratitude:

Together with her husband *Carl* we mourn the death of *Sherrye Vertregt* who passed away on Wednesday, December 27. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held on Tuesday, January 2 at church.

"Wishing my church family a blessed and happy New Year - also thank you for the lovely Christmas Cards, visits and calls." ~ Evelyn Baker

"Thank you for all the beautiful cards and notes received during the Christmas Season and also the Carolers who came to sing for us. All were greatly appreciated". ~ Ray and Shirley Kuiper

Announcements:

Today's Offering: Love in Action's Auto Ministry,

Leadership Board Update: Representatives from the leadership board will be available in a town hall meeting after the service on January 7, to explain our new office bearer selection process and to answer your questions. Please plan to attend.

Atrium Art Gallery: If you missed the reception for the exhibit in our atrium, featuring art from the book, *visions – a remembrance of grand haven area artists*, written by local author and historian Wally Ewing, there will be a reception this Thursday from 10-11:30. Wally will give a slide presentation that features the stories behind several pieces included in the book. Refreshments will be served. Come and hear the fascinating history of many of the artists and their works.

Cuba Mission Trip: The recent economic changes in Cuba have hit hard. With prices skyrocketing for essentials like water, electricity, food and fuel, many households and small businesses are struggling to make ends meet. Starting this year, Cuba has eliminated assistance for basics like rice or sugar for most people meaning that only the most vulnerable will get help, leaving many families in a tough spot. People are genuinely worried about affording everyday needs. This is why our mission trip this summer is crucial - we need to stand by the people in Cuba. If you would like to join us to offer support, and bring hope and Jesus love to those affected, **please contact Rob Wagenmaker, by Jan. 15** at 616.638.0976 or rwagenmaker@hotmail.com. We are in the process of finalizing our travel plans (the dates are July 19-26).

January Series: Attention all Bakers, our church will once again host this award-winning series from January 15 – February 2, which features top-rated speakers. It draws many visitors from the community each day who come to learn and come to enjoy the delicious treats that are provided. If you are willing to help provide cookies and bars, there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Midweek Gathering: A 5-week Bible Study with dinner and children's programs will return on Wednesday January 10 and run through February 7.

Sovereign Grace: The Five Consolations of the Canons of Dort with Rev. Tim Blackmon
Grief, Loss, Death, and Dying with Amy Anderson
CHAOS and *Midweek Kids* will both occur during the time of Bible Study.

If you haven't signed up, you are still welcome to join us, even if you can only make it for dinner and fellowship. Please let **Amy Wolffis** know if you plan to attend one of the studies so that we have materials for you.

Projection Team: We are looking for someone to be a substitute on the projection schedule. Right now, there is a need for three open Sundays in the next four months. If you can stay awake, can read, and push a key on the computer at the right time, we will train you. Please contact via phone, text, or email either Dan Braak or Harley Dyk.

SWANS: Let's start the New Year by having an enjoyable lunch together on January 17, 11:00 a.m. at Lakeside Eats in Grand Haven. It is located at 216 Washington (next to Borr's Bootery). Reservations are needed so please call Carole Ruiter at 616-502-2015 to reserve a seat.

Summer Camp: Attention families, day camp and overnight camp schedules are starting to come out. The Welcome Desk has information about *Camp Geneva*. Interested in a scholarship for a Christian Camp? Contact Amy Wolffis for more information and a form.

Tool Time: We will continue our study on the Gospel of John on Saturday January 6 from 7:30-8:30am at church. Coffee and donuts are provided. Please contact Rick Geertsma at 616-402-9791 for more information. Upcoming Dates: January 6 and 20, February 3 and 17, March 2 and 16.

VBS 2024: Mark it on your calendars to dive into a thrilling undersea adventure at SCUBA! Calling all kids from ages 4 years old to 5th grade to join us on July 8 to 11, from 9:45 am to 11:45 am. Through this immersive experience, children will uncover the truth that God is a faithful friend who loves them endlessly. Also, we're seeking enthusiastic minds to join our think tank and help elevate this experience for the kids. Reach out to [Rob Wagenmaker](#) at 616.638.0976 if you'd like to help.

White Elephant Epiphany Party: Children's Ministries invites parents and children (birth-elementary) to a special gathering today Sunday January 7 from 4-6pm at Jay and Cindy Brace's house (16798 Timber Ridge). Please bring an appetizer to share and one white elephant gift per family. Kids will enjoy a movie and a game while the parents share a time of fellowship and fun.

Volunteer Schedule

January 7, 2024

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Mark Boelens, Harley Dyk

Ushers: Chuck DeWitt (Team 10), Mike Katje, Ron Retsema, Dennis Schaaf

Coffee Hosts: Wes & Mary Willink, Ralph & Sheri Van Duyn

Nursery: Mary Terpstra, Onika Beswick

Little Lambs: Betsy Blackmon, Kyla Zuidema

Walk Out Worship: Cindy Brace, Jonathan Blackmon

Greeters: Dan Meindertsma, Jim & Dawn Sacks

Offering: Love in Action - Auto Ministry

January 14, 2024

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Mark Boelens, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Jim Mulder (Team 11), Jon Mulder, John Rycenga, Carl Vertregt

Coffee Hosts: Jim & Bonnie Van Orman, Ralph Veldboom, Carl Vertregt

Nursery: Rosemary Geertsma, Cherise VanderHeide

Little Lambs: Jenn Steigenga, Amy Wolffis

Walk Out Worship: Marie Rycenga, Ruth Marotti

Greeters: Jim Query, Chuck & Jeanne Schuch

Offering: Bethany Christian Services

Calendar

Sunday, January 7

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Town Hall on Nomination Process

Monday, January 8

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Tuesday January 9

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM –Full Council

Wednesday January 10

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM Knitting Club

5:30 PM Midweek Gathering

7:00 PM CHAOS

Thursday, January 11

9 AM-1PM–Office Hours

10 -11:30 AM –Art Gallery Reception

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

Sunday, January 14

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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