



Worship Service for
Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025

Glory to God Alone

Prelude “Lord. Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”
“O Word of God Incarnate”

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*Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Psalm 103:20–22

***Hymn of Praise** “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LUYH 763 v. 1-3

*Psalm

119:97–105

Psalm

Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

***Song of Praise** “Ancient Words”

LUYH 762

Grace Alone

Call to Confession

If anyone sins, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf—Jesus Christ, the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of the whole world. I John 2:1-2
Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

The Prayer of Confession

Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves;
though you should rule us, we control ourselves;
though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.
We think your truth too high, your will too hard,
your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not!
And without them, we are of all people most miserable.

**Now heal our confused minds with your word,
heal our divided wills with your law,
heal our troubled consciences with your love,
heal our anxious hearts with your presence,
all for the sake of your Son,
who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. John 15:7–11

Call to Holy Living

Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:6–9

Welcome

*Sharing of the Peace

*Song of Praise “Thy Word”

Scripture Alone

VBS Ministry Moment

The Blessing for Children

**Dear Lord, you made sure all the holy writings were there to teach us.
Please help us really listen, read, pay attention, learn, and think deeply about
them. That way, your Word will give us strength and comfort, and we can hold
onto the wonderful hope of life forever that you gave us through our Savior
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
Children will return to the Sanctuary to join their families for Communion.)

The Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 3:10-17

p. 996

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Prayer of Illumination

O heavenly Father, in whom is the fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds
by the holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility,
without which no one can understand and speaking your truth;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

The Sermon “Sola Scriptura”

*Hymn of Response “O Word of God Incarnate”

LUYH 757

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise

Prayers of the People

Conclude with The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy 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.

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

Words of Institution

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Communion Music: "Jesus I come"
"Speak, O Lord"

Sleeper/Thompson v. 1-3
LUYH 755 v.1,3

The Offering *Mosaic Counseling*

Offertory "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

arr. D. Wood

Christ Alone

***Closing Song** "Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness"

LUYH 766

***Benediction**

Postlude "Bouree"

R. Haan

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon
Organ: Jean Schuitman
Piano: Dawn Bouman
Vocalists: Patrice Frantz, Paul LaMaire

We display music on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Welcome Guests:

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Registration Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and cookies after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Prayer Card: We invite you to take a prayer card. Prayerfully consider one person in our Grand Haven community – a friend, relative, acquaintance, neighbor, or co-worker – and note their first name on the card. Following the service, please place your card in the bowl beneath the Easter cross in the atrium gallery.

Special Offering: *Mosaic Counseling* provides accessible and affordable professional mental health service, which includes suicide prevention training, and a School Outreach program made of 28 area schools.

Walk Out Worship: This week, we will welcome our children back to the sanctuary for Communion. The classes will be combined as the children will prepare for their liturgical performance next Sunday.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Mary Terpstra had a successful procedure on her heart Tuesday. Mary and Ken are thankful for the prayers during the procedure and for continued prayers of healing during her recovery.

Doug Zuidema has returned home. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.

John Klinger has returned home. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues to recover.

Joan Baker is scheduled to have aortic valve replacement Monday, May 5. Please pray for successful surgery and minimum pain.

Darcie Clapp is still at Butterworth Hospital. Cards or notes may be sent via email to clappdarcie@gmail.com or their home, please no visitors at this time.

This week the flowers are dedicated to Amy Anderson. This is the last Sunday Amy and her family are with us. We are so grateful for the countless ways Amy has served and blessed us. The staff, leadership, and the entire congregation will deeply miss her. Please join us in extending our heartfelt thanks to Amy for her faithful service and in wishing their family all the best in this next season of life.

Please continue to pray for Shirley Kuiper, Jim Mulder and Mary Willink.

Church Announcements:

Audio/Visual Team: A Projectionist is needed in the booth 6-8 Sundays during the months of May through August. We will schedule around any known conflicts. If interested, please contact Harley Dyk, at 16-502-4593 or Dan Braak at 616-402-7296. Anyone interested is welcome to sit in the booth during a service.

Bridal Shower: Please join us as we celebrate the marriage of Sydney Fritz to Trevor Reeths. Their wedding date is August 15. The brunch shower will be held at church Saturday, June 21 at 9:30 AM. They are registered at Target. Everyone is welcome! And please remember, all gifts are given anonymously. *Please sign up at the Welcome Desk by Sunday, June 15.*

Online Pictorial Directory: We are working on an Online/ Digital Pictorial Directory. You have been invited via email to add your information and upload photos to the directory. On Sunday, Amy Wolffis held an Afterword session. Handouts are at the Welcome Desk. If you would like assistance or need a photo taken, please contact [Amy Wolffis](#).

Painters Wanted: Calling all painters! We are gathering a willing team to transform the basement hallways next week to enhance our children's learning! If you are available to help with the important job of rolling paint on Wednesday, May 7, please contact Annie Hoekzema. Thank you!

SWANs: On Tuesday May 13, at 10:30am, we will take a step back in time at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum in Grand Haven. Ellen Paulin will present wedding traditions of GH and SL, including fashion and flowers, etiquette and food. This should be fun and interesting! Lunch at the Kirby House will follow. Reservations are needed, please call Carole at 616-502-2015.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will continue Saturday May 10 Future Date: May 24. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Razzini at razzini@att.net.

VBS: *"True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"* on July 14–17 from 9:15am-12pm. Sign up at the Welcome Desk to volunteer as classroom leaders and assistants, food preparers and craft helpers. Please invite families you know with 4 year- 5th graders and encourage them to register early on our website.



MIDWEEK GATHERING

Our Spring Session will be April 23-May 21

Gospelism: Learning to Live & Share the Gospel with Erik Veker

We share the gospel because Jesus is good news! Do you want to grow in sharing the gospel more confidently, more clearly, and more naturally? No one is an expert, but together, we'll encourage each other and trust God as we cover the fundamentals:

- What is the gospel?
- What holds you back?
- How do you begin?
- How do you find the courage to testify to what God has done in Jesus Christ?

There are people in your life that only *you* can reach. The Canons of Dort says, "In order that people may be brought to faith, God mercifully sends messengers of this very joyful message to the people and at the time he wills." This course is about learning to *live* the gospel and invite others into its life-giving power.

Unapologetic: The Five Solas of the Reformation with Rev. Tim Blackmon

Have you noticed the bold gold lettering in our atrium? They proclaim the five watchwords of the Reformation: Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, Solus Christus, Soli Deo Gloria.

These core theological principles emerged from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation and continue to define biblical Christianity. During the Spring Midweek Gathering, Pastor Tim will aim to demonstrate why these seemingly ancient truths are vital and relevant for your life today.

Dinner & Fellowship

If you wish to join us for the mealtime, please sign up using the Dinner & Fellowship option.

Register online at <http://bit.ly/3G5tJVR> or use a Midweek form at the Welcome Desk.

Volunteer Schedule

May 4, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Harley Dyk, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Dan Braak (Team 5), Jeff Erickson Joe & Paula Risselade

Coffee Hosts: Joslyn & Rob Wagenmaker, Frankie Folkert, Diana Ciofu

Nursery: Kerry Bierma, Kathy Westveld

Little Lambs: Manette deJonge, Jenn Steigenga

Walk Out Combined: Annie Hoekzema, Samantha Farrar

Greeters: Garry VandenBerg, Jason & Jennifer Steigenga

Offering: Mosaic Counseling

May 11, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Mark Boelens, Harley Dyk

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Ron Brouwer (Team 6), Dave VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Ron & Sherry Herrington; Dan & Cheri Holtrop

Nursery: Darcie Clapp, Cathy Brolick

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Kyla Zuidema

Walk Out 4s-1st: Sheri Van Duin, Gabe Schaaf

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Lori Buitendorp, Reed VanStratt

Greeters: Dale Schuitema, Kendall & Patti Steigenga

Offering: Friendship Club of 2nd CRC

Calendar

Sunday, May 4

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

6:30 PM - Focus

Monday, May 5

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Tuesday, May 6

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM – Friendship Club

Wednesday, May 7

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

5:30 PM– Midweek Dinner

6:30 PM– Midweek Bible Study

7:00 PM CHAOS

Thursday, May 8

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Friday, May 9

Office Closed

Saturday, May 10

Sunday, May 11

10:00 AM–Worship Service

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