



Worship Service for  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
June 1, 2025

## Glory to God Alone

**Prelude** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

P. Post

### \*Call to Worship

This morning we join God's people of all times and places, saying,  
**“Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!  
Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!  
Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been  
revealed.”**

Revelation 15:3–4

**\*Hymn of Praise** “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

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### \*Psalm

Psalm 96:1-9

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.  
**Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!  
**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!**

**\*Song of Praise** “Living Hope”

Wickham

## Grace Alone

### Call to Confession

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayers.

### The Prayer of Confession

**O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man, and the love of praise. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
**For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.**  
Romans 11:36

### Call to Holy Living

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.  
Romans 12:1-2

**Welcome**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**\*Song of Praise** “Because He Lives (Amen)”

Maher

## **Scripture Alone**

**Blessing for Children**

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that loving you in all things and above all things, we may take hold of your promises, which are better than anything else we might desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.  
They are dismissed at 11:20 from their classrooms located near the nursery.)

**Prayer of Illumination**

**The Scripture Reading** Ephesians 1:3-14

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

**The Sermon** “Soli Deo Gloria”

## **Faith Alone**

**\*Hymn of Response** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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**The Invitation**

Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

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.**

## **The Prayers of the People.....**

With joy we praise you, gracious Father,  
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.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **The Words of Institution**

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again.

At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## **The Prayer of Consecration**

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

## **The Communion**

Take, eat, remember, and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all your sins.

Take, drink, remember, and believe that the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all your sins.

## Thanksgiving

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart.  
Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

**The Offering** *Christian Schools International*

**Offertory** “To God All Praise and Glory” arr. by J, M, Rasley

### Christ Alone

**\*Closing Hymn** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** “Allegro in G Major”

D. Buxtehude

### Credits & Liturgical Notes

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

**Organ:** Jean Schuitman

**Piano:** Julie Hordyk

**Vocalists:** Amy Goorman, Rob Wagenmaker

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

### Welcome Guests:

Welcome, 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:

**Special Offering:** Christian Schools International is a leader in Christian education services. Their mission is to support schools in their task of teaching students to know God and his world, and to glorify him through service to others.

**Walk Out Worship:** All children will participate in their weekly liturgy followed by a time of preparation for Pentecost Sunday with an art project. They will return to sit with their families

for Communion.

### Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Gord and Mary Buitendorp covet your prayers as they make difficult decisions regarding ongoing care for Mary's cancer diagnosis. A meal train has been set-up, sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/n4416e>.

Please pray for Darcie Clapp who will have a procedure due to a blood clot, this coming week.

Bonnie Van Orman will be having total knee surgery on Tuesday, June 3. Bonnie and Jim covet your prayers for a successful surgery and full recovery.

Jan Zuidema had hip replacement surgery on Wednesday. Please pray for a swift recovery, and that this will be the last leg in this mobility journey.

We are deeply grateful for the many ways this congregation has loved and supported us. From the countless delicious meals to the steady encouragement, we have felt surrounded by the grace of God through you. Olivia's surgery—a unilateral mastectomy—is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3. Please pray on Tuesday for the perfect peace of Christ to cover Olivia, and for a special measure of grace for E.J. and Frances in the days ahead. ~ Erik & Olivia Veker

Ruth Wallinga has moved at Christian Haven to Room 224.

### Church Announcements:

**Full Council Updates:** Council has finalized the budget for church year 2025-26. You will find printed copies in your mailbox. We have also scheduled a town hall meeting on Sunday, June 1 at 11:30am to answer your budget questions.

Additionally, the following are nominated as office bearers for 2025-2026:

Leadership Board Elder – Alan Van Dyke

Leadership Board Deacon – Patti Steigenga

Care Board Elder – Jay Knochenhauer

A congregational meeting for voting to affirm both the budget and nominees will be held on Sunday June 8. Absentee Ballots are in the office.

### **Bridal Showers:**

A co-ed dessert shower for **Laura deJong**, our former pastor, will be held Sunday June 8 at 7pm. She will marry Justin Eisinga on July 5. Due to combining two households and their residence being in Canada, please consider a monetary gift to help purchase new appliances. All gifts should be anonymous, with congratulatory cards given separately. All are warmly encouraged to attend. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Join us on Saturday June 21 at 9:30am for a brunch shower to celebrate the marriage of **Sydney Fritz** to Trevor Reeths. Their wedding date is August 15. 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.*

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 12 at 7pm, for a dessert shower to celebrate **Sarah Katje's** upcoming wedding to Bryan Jones! More information to follow!

**Calling All Bakers:** Pastor Laura remembers fondly the yummy desserts lovingly made by our congregation. Please help us out for her shower on June 8<sup>th</sup> by signing up at the Welcome Desk to bring a 9x13 dessert. Your contribution will be very much appreciated.

**Children's Ministry Families:** Let's celebrate Summer together. Join us at Pottawatomie Park on Saturday, June 7 at 9:30 am for playground fun and snacks. Address is 15600 Comstock St, Grand Haven.

**Midweek Gathering:** We have concluded our Spring Midweek Gathering. A heartfelt thank you to all who have cooked, baked, set-up or served in the kitchen this Spring. Please save the dates of September 10- October 22 for our fall session.

**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. Handouts from the Afterword are at the Welcome Desk. If you would like assistance or need a photo taken, please contact [Amy Wolffis](#).

**Sanctuary Choir:** We will rehearse on Wednesday, June 4, at 7:15 pm in the Choir room. This is the last rehearsal for the season and the choir will sing on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. All former, current, and new members are invited to rehearsal and sing for the worship service. Any questions please feel free to contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com.

**SWANS:** We are going to explore the life of culinary icon, Julia Child. Interactive exhibits will bring Julia's legacy to life at the Muskegon Museum of Art, so join us on June 19. Let's meet at church to carpool at 10:30am for the 11am event. Lunch afterward will be at "Toast and Jams." Although entry to the Museum is free on Thursday, the fee for this special event is \$8. Reservations are needed so call Carole at 616-502-2015 or email Barb by June 12.

**VBS:** *"True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"* is coming up on July 14–17 from 9:15am-12pm. We are two months away and have 25 students registered. How can you help?

- Take a postcard and invite families you know with 4 year- 5th graders.
- Sign up to volunteer: classroom leaders/assistants, food preparers or craft helpers. You may even serve just one or two days.
- Pray for the week of VBS: for students to learn who Jesus is, grow in faith and be willing to share this good news with their friends.



## Volunteer Schedule

### June 1, 2025

**Projection:** Paul Marotti

**Video:** Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge

**Sound:** Todd Cunningham

**Ushers:** Eric Rotman (Team 9), Ron Frantz, Dave VanderWall, Jason Zuidema

**Coffee Hosts:** Shelia & Jim Warners - Evie Hoekzema; Jill Gallagher

**Nursery:** Mary Wierenga, Machele Knochenhauer

**Little Lambs:** Jane DeGroot, Vivienne McCarthy

**Walk Out 4s-5th:** Sheri Van Duyn, Rio Gasser

**Greeters:** David Vander Heide, David VanderWall & Ralph Veldboom

**Offering:** Christian Schools International

### June 8, 2025

**Projection:** Ben McCarthy

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Jay Brace, Harley Dyk

**Sound:** Mike Katje

**Ushers:** Chuck DeWitt (Team 10), Mike Katje, Chris VanStratt, Pierce Van Stratt

**Coffee Hosts:** Jay & Machele Knockenhauer; Doug & Kathy Kool

**Nursery:** Victoria McCarthy, Kari DeLange

**Little Lambs:** Jenna Brian, Amy Wolffis

**Walk Out:** Marie Rycenga; Annie Hoekzema; Kyla Z

**Greeters:** Jim Warners, Stu & Christie Vander Heide

**Offering:** Resonate-DeLanges

## Calendar

### **Sunday, June 1**

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

11:30 AM – Budget Town Hall

### **Monday, June 2**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

### **Tuesday, June 3**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

### **Wednesday, June 4**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

7:15 PM – Sanctuary Choir

### **Thursday, June 5**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM– GHC Graduation

### **Friday, June 6**

### **Saturday, June 7**

9:30 AM – Children's Ministries  
at Pottawattomie Park

### **Sunday, June 8**

10:00 AM–Worship Service &  
Congregational Meeting

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## **Give Online:**



## **Guest Registration:**

