



Worship Service for
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025

Head Lifted: Entering God's Presence

Prelude "Aria and Allegro"
"I Love You, Lord"

S. Wesley/arr. C. Callahan
L. Klein/arr. F. Bock

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Psalm 100

God's Greeting

Arms Open: Welcoming One Another

*Mutual Greeting

Hands Raised: Offering Our Praise

***Song of Praise** "He Will Hold Me Fast"

Habershon/Merker

*Opening Prayer

O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LUYH 776

Knees Bent: Seeking Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have
done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace,
there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to
all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly,
righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace;
that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***Song of Assurance** "Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine"

LUYH 363 vs 1,3

Ears Open: Hearing His Word

***Prayer of Blessing for Walk Out Worship**

**God, you made us to be with you, and this world is yours. You love us so much
that you made us like you, and you value life so dearly that you gave us this gift.
Thank you for making us with such care and for keeping us safe and whole each
day with your protection and grace. Amen.**

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

The Scripture Reading “Genesis 4:1-26”

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

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “The Fire Within”

Hearts Overflowing: Giving Back to God

Prayer of Response

***Song of Response** “Here I Am to Worship”

LUYH 567

***Confession of Faith**

The sixth commandment: “You shall not murder.”

Q. What is God’s will for you in the sixth commandment?

A. I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.

Q. Does this commandment refer only to murder?

A. By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness. In God’s sight all such are disguised forms of murder.

Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 40 | Q & A 105

Prayers of the People

The Offering *Tri-Cities CROP Hunger Walk*

Offertory “Jesus, Still Lead On”

A. Drese/arr. Haan

Feet Sent: Walking in His Blessing

***Closing Hymn** “Let This Be My Supreme Desire”

LUYH 729 vs. 1-3

*Benediction

Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

J. Walther

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Prayers of the People: Jason Zuidema

Vocalist: Paul LaMaire, Amy Goorman

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 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 sweet treats after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Today's Ministry Spotlight: Tri-Cities CROP Hunger Walk is an annual collaborative event of area churches and organizations to take steps and raise funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them. This year's annual walk will be held next Sunday, October 5 at Ferrysburg Community Church. To register as an individual or team, ask Amy Wolffis or take a packet from the Welcome Desk.

Newcomers Class: If you are new to our congregation and are interested in membership, please join Pastor Tim today, Sunday September 28 and October 5 for our membership class. This will be held in the Adult Ed room (lower level across from the stairs). You are still welcome if you are not signed up. Questions, contact Amy Wolffis or Pastor Tim.

Walk-Out Worship:

Worship Center I: Children will learn about Adam, Eve, Cain, and Abel. They will enjoy wondering about the beauty of creation and consider the importance of God's commitment to still be with his sinful creatures.

Worship Center II: Children will have a guided visual meditation and reflect on how God was working through the Hebrew people thousands of years ago. This sets the scene for our stories this year as we learn not only about Yahweh but about people who trusted and believed in Him.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Mary Winkle has been at St. Mary's Hospital. Please continue to pray for healing, wisdom and for a successful procedure on Monday. They are also requesting meals so please sign up at: <https://mealtrain.com/w418ke>

Joan Loeper passed away last Sunday, September 21. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Tuesday September 30th at 1pm at Klaassen Family Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Please join us for praying for Evelyn Kapteyn. She was recently taken to the hospital for observation but is now recovering at home.

Please continue to pray for *Fred and Marti Vanden Brand* as Fred has moved to the Mary Free Bed Rehab floor at Trinity Muskegon.

Jeanne Schuch is recovering from knee surgery. Please pray for continued progress as she begins physical therapy next week. Also, sign up for their meal train at <https://mealtrain.com/2w0345>

"Thank you so much for hosting a wedding shower for me. Grant and I are incredibly thankful for your generosity. I am always grateful to have been raised in such a supportive and loving church community." ~ Leigh Frantz

Church Announcements:

Contact Info Directory: The 2025-2026 Member Directory has been placed in mailboxes. Additional copies are available at the Welcome Desk.

Friendship Club: Calling All Bakers! Please sign up at the Welcome Desk for cookies needed for our Fall Session. If you have questions, please call Ruth Marotti at (616) 886-6216.

Handbell Choir: We will gather today Sunday, September 28 at 11:30am in the choir room. Bring your coffee to discuss and plan for the upcoming season. New members are always welcome. Additional instruction is available if desired. Questions, contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com or by text at (231) 750-6676.

Sanctuary Choir: Fall rehearsals continue on Thursday October 2, in the choir room. New members are always welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com or by text at (231) 750-6676.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will meet October 11 from 8-9am. Fall Dates: October 25, November 8 & 22, December 6 & 20. Questions, call Tony Razzini at (614) 753-2164.

Women's Bible Hour: We will continue our fall session on Thursday, October 2 at 1:30pm. Our lessons are on 1st & 2nd Timothy and Titus. Questions, call Char at (616) 842-0848.

Community News

Classis Muskegon: Presents "Protect Young Eyes" on Tuesday, October 14 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Allen Avenue CRC, 695 Allen Avenue, Muskegon 49442. "Mental Health & Tech: Understanding Fabulous and Fragile Brains with Protect Young Eyes" will be informative, insightful and inspiring for everyone connected to kids. Youth and children's ministry leaders, parents, grandparents, and teachers will benefit from this presentation. Childcare is available for kids from babies to age 11 years. Questions, contact: muskegonsafechurch@gmail.com
Reservations are required online: www.tickettailor.com/events/protectyoungeyes/1750404

From Calvin Seminary: *Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece* (April 3 – 13, 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Hosted by Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar. For more info, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.



MIDWEEK GATHERING

Our Fall Session will be September 10- Wednesday, October 22
Dinner at 5:30pm | Bible Study at 6:30pm
Register [online](#) or at the Welcome Desk

“With My Body I Thee Worship” led by Pastor Tim Blackmon.

This line from the traditional wedding vow in the Book of Common Prayer speaks of giving yourself fully—body and soul—to your spouse. But what if we applied this phrase to our relationship with God? You have a body. And it is with this body that you worship the Father, follow Jesus, and experience the Holy Spirit. You live life with God in a body. Join us as we explore how we can worship God with every part of our lives—eating, resting, working, and playing.

“A Man After God’s Heart” led by Erik Veker.

God created men to work and to keep, to cultivate and to guard. This calling is established in God’s word—reliable and timeless. God invites us to live as he designed. For seven weeks, we’ll clarify what it means to be a man: in the home, in friendship, in marriage, in work, and in how we steward our bodies and resources. We’ll see that God’s design is good. Join us for “A Man After God’s Heart”—a midweek class for men.

Midweek Kids

Kids 4 years -5th grade will learn about different parts of the body and see how we are each God’s Masterpieces. We will explore what the Bible says about our bodies and how we can use them to treasure God's Word and live life with God!

CHAOS: Middle School

Leaders and kids explore the Bible and what their faith really means in today’s world. There are also games, events, and lots of, well chaos!
We welcome any middle school student to join this fun fellowship.

YOU WERE
MADE
FOR

Life
with
God

WORSHIP

Sanctuary Choir - Jean Schuitman

Hand Bells - Jean Schuitman

Brass - Paul LaMaire

Praise Team - Pastor Tim Blackmon

Audio/ Visual Booth - Harley Dyk & Mike Katje

WITNESS

Ping Pong - Dale Schuitema

Bowling - Bruce Drukker

Craft & Knitting Club - Darcie Clapp

Softball - Rob Wagenmaker

Garden Club - Sharon Wolters & Marti Vanden Brand

SWAN's - Carole Ruiten & Barb Hammond

Women's Bible Hour - Char Ter Haar

Tool Time Bible Study - Tony Razzini

Friendship Club - Ruth Marotti

WORD

Cadets (Boys 2nd - 6th Grade) - Dan Braak
Gems (Girls 1st - 7th Grade) - Lori Houskamp

CHAOS (Middle School Youth) -

Rob Wagenmaker

Focus (High School Youth) -

Rob Wagenmaker

Children's Library - Lori Buitendorp

Children's Nursery/ Walk-Out Worship -

Annie Hoekzema

Wednesday Midweek Gathering -

Amy Wolffis & Barb Sikkenga

Volunteer Schedule

September 28, 2025

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Rick Geertsma (Team 4), Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies, Ralph VanDuyn

Coffee Hosts: Dale & Norma Schuitema; Pierce Van Stratt; Bonnie Tammen

Nursery: Mary Wierenga, Machele Knochenhauer

Little Lambs: Manette deJonge, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out I: Sheri VanDuyn, Elisa Alvarado

Walk Out II: Joslyn Wagenmaker, Dawn Rotman

Greeters: Dennis Schaaf, David & Rita Zuidema

Parlor Elder: Ken Terpstra, Patti Steigenga

Offering: Crop Hunger Walk

October 5, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Gary Roelofs, Paul Marotti, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Mike Katje

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

Coffee Hosts: Jane & Mary Willink - Gabe Schaaf; Gary Roelofs

Nursery: Kari DeLange, Victoria McCarthy

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out I: Carla Byma, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out II: Betsy Blackmon, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Ken Terpstra

Parlor Elder: Patti Steigenga, Jim Warners

Offering: River Rock Church

Calendar

Sunday, September 28

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:30 AM – Newcomers in Adult Ed room

Monday, September 29

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Tuesday, September 30

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Wednesday, October 1

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

5:30 PM – Midweek Gathering

6:30 PM - CHAOS

Thursday, October 2

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM- Women's Bible Hour

7 PM – Sanctuary Choir

Friday, October 3

Office Closed

Saturday, October 4

Sunday, October 5

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM- Newcomers Class in Adult Ed room

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Guest Registration:

