

Prelude “Sheep May Safely Graze”

arr. J.S. Bach

The Welcome

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***The Call to Worship**

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Let the humble hear and be glad; let us exalt his name together.
We come not trusting in our righteousness, but in your great mercy.
**For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.**

***The Hymn of Praise** “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

LUYH 590 vs 1,4,6,8

***The Psalm**

You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem.
**Then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings.**

Then bulls will be offered on your altar.
**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

***The Song of Praise** “What a Beautiful Name”

Fielding/Fraser/Lingenwood

The Confession of Sin

Merciful Father, we confess that we have trusted in ourselves that we are righteous, and have looked down on others. We have hidden pride in our hearts, and have compared ourselves rather than repenting before you. We have spoken of our goodness, but have failed to see the depth of our sin. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Not because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy, forgive us, cleanse us, and restore us. Teach us to stand before you with empty hands, trusting only in the righteousness of Christ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A brief moment of silence for individual confession of sin.

The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. God justifies the ungodly who put their trust in him. Therefore, all who humble themselves before him are received in grace. In Jesus Christ, you are justified, forgiven, and made righteous before God.

Amen

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you resist the proud but give grace to the humble.

We thank you that you hear the cry of the brokenhearted.

You do not treat us according to our sins, but according to your mercy.

We praise you for the righteousness given to us in Christ.

You lift up those who humble themselves before you.

We rejoice that we are accepted not by works, but by grace alone.

Keep us low before you and full of gratitude all our days.

To you be glory forever. Amen.

***The Song of Thanksgiving** "The Goodness of God"

Cash/Ingram/Fielding/Johnson

The Profession of Faith

The Vows

Reed VanStratt, Maelyn Wagenmaker, and Kyla Zuidema, will you stand now, and in the presence of God and his people respond to the following questions:

Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God sent to redeem the world, do you love and trust him as the one who saves you from your sin, and do you with repentance and joy embrace him as Lord of your life?

Answer: I do.

Do you believe that the Bible is the Word of God revealing Christ and his redemption, and that the confessions of this church faithfully reflect this revelation?

Answer: I do.

Do you accept the gracious promises of God sealed to you in your baptism and do you affirm your union with Christ and his church which your baptism signifies?

Answer: I do.

Do you promise to do all you can, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to strengthen your love and commitment to Christ by sharing faithfully in the life of the church, honoring and submitting to its authority; and do you join with the people of God in doing the work of the Lord everywhere?

Answer: I do.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I now welcome you to all the privileges of full communion. I welcome you to full participation in the life of the church. I welcome you to its responsibilities, its joys, and its sufferings. "May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever."

Amen.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God! We promise you our love, encouragement, and prayers.**

***The Prayer of Blessing**

**Heavenly Father, guard these children from pride and self-reliance.
Teach them to walk humbly before you and to love your mercy.
Give them hearts that are quick to repent and slow to boast.
May they grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, trusting only in him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Children 4 years-5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
They are released from their classrooms at 11:20 in the lower level.)

The New Testament Reading “Luke 18:9-14”

p. 878

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

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “The Pharisee and the Tax Collector”

The Prayer of Response

***The Hymn of Response “Jesus Paid it All”**

CH 305

The Prayers of the People

The Sung Prayer “The Lord’s Prayer”

arr. S. Williamson

The Offering *Tri-Cities Area Habitat for Humanity*

The Offertory “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

H. Lemmel/ arr. G. Lanier

***The Sending Song “His Mercy is More”**

Papa/Boswell vs 1,3

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “Rigadon”

Mouret

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Flute: Karen Katje

Oboe: Sally Wagenmaker

Organ: Rob Hlebinsky

Organ: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Prayer of the People: Joanne Query

Vocalist: Patrice Frantz, 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 cookies after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Today's Ministry Spotlight: *Tri-Cities Area Habitat for Humanity* has built over 60 simple, and affordable homes in our community. Their hope is to eliminate substandard housing in our area. They partner with area churches, like Second, as well as businesses and individuals.

Walk-Out Worship: Worship Center I: Today our children will hear the story of and celebrate Pentecost!

Worship Center II: Today our children will enjoy a guided visual meditation about spending time alone with God and think about ways they can do this regularly, starting this summer.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please continue to pray for Carol Brouwer, who is recovering from back surgery.

Please pray for continued healing for Donna DeVries who suffered a bout of Influenza A.

Church Announcements:

Book Club: Our summer read is "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans. We will meet on Monday September 14 at 1:30pm in the church parlor for a discussion. Questions, please contact Agnes Fisher at (616) 377-7221.

Garden Tour: On Saturday June 6 from 1-5pm, we will celebrate God's beautiful creation and our church family's loving support during our recent difficulties. Join Henk & Sharon Ottens at their home located at 17271 Lincoln Street, Grand Haven.

Summer Lawn Care & Yard Work: Pierce Van Stratt, a junior at GHHS, is available this summer for lawn mowing and yard work on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays during the day. Work can be requested as weekly, biweekly, or one-time project. Contact Pierce by phone/ text at 616-402-4610 or find him after church.

Synod Volunteers: We are the host church for Synod 2026. Are you willing to drive a golf cart for a few hours around Calvin University? Often referred to as the best job at synod, volunteers support delegates with golf cart rides. Synod needs drivers every day at different times during their June 12-18, 2026 meetings. To volunteer, please sign up online www.signup.com/go/igYLABH or contact Jeff Bolt at 616-224-0817.

Young Families/Adults Bonfire Nights: Join us at Kase and Laura Knochenhauer's home for relaxed summer bonfires intended for young families, couples, and adults in a similar stage of life. Enjoy a casual, kid-friendly evening with light snacks provided. Please invite another family and bring your own drinks and lawn chairs. Come and go as you're able between 6:00–8:30pm. Address: 16230 152nd Ave Spring Lake. Questions: contact Laura at 616-450-9519. The next bonfire will be Tuesday June 9. Future Dates: July 21 and August 11.

PROFESSING THEIR FAITH

Reed VanStratt:

Why do you want to make Profession of Faith?

I want to make Profession of Faith because I feel like it is important for me to show the people around me that my faith is not my parents' anymore and that it is my own.

What is your favorite Scripture passage?

My favorite Scripture passage is Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." This is my favorite verse because it has really helped me with my mindset through times when I was stressed or scared. I would just repeat it in my head, and it would clear the stress away.

What is your favorite Heidelberg Catechism question and why?

My favorite Heidelberg Catechism is Q&A 1: "What is your only comfort in life and in death? That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ." I feel really reassured by the promising words, knowing that I am not my own, but I belong completely to Christ.

Maelyn Wagenmaker

Why do you want to make Profession of Faith?

I want to make Profession of Faith because I want to continue growing in my relationship with Christ and make my faith my own.

What is your favorite Scripture passage?

My favorite passage is Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This verse gives me assurance and security that I don't have to worry about the future and that God has it all planned out for me, and I can have rest in that.

What is your favorite Heidelberg Catechism question and why?

My favorite Heidelberg Catechism is Q&A 86: "Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works? Because Christ, having redeemed us by His blood, is also restoring us by His Spirit into His image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for His benefits, so that He may be praised through us."

This is my favorite from the Heidelberg because I feel like a lot of people, including myself, ponder the idea that if we are already saved, why do we have to do good works and act differently than nonbelievers? This explained it very well and helped me understand why Christians are held to a higher standard. It also encouraged me to think about everything I do and say throughout my day and ask myself if it is glorifying God and showing others my love for Him.

Kyla Zuidema

Why do you want to make Profession of Faith?

I want to make Profession of Faith because I feel that I need to make my faith my own. Growing up in a Christian home, I always went to church and felt that it was “easier” to follow God. Once I got into 3rd grade, I started to do my own devotions and tried to have my own faith. By 6th grade, I was deep in my faith but still fell every once in a while. Nowadays, I try my best to stay near God because I want my faith to continue to grow. It is my decision to profess my faith, and I felt that the timing of God was upon me.

What is your favorite Scripture passage?

My favorite verses Psalm 16:8-11. “I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”

These are my favorite Bible verses because they remind me of God’s faithful nature. He will never abandon me, no matter what I do. It is human nature to abandon God, but He stays faithful. This encourages me through hard trials, knowing that God will always be beside me.

What is your favorite Heidelberg Catechism question and why?

My favorite question and answer from the confessions, is from the Westminster Catechism: “What is the chief and highest end of man? Man’s chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy Him forever.” This Westminster Catechism question and answer inspires me to push myself through life in glorifying God. It is never about me; it is about what I can do to show who Christ is. God is our Creator who deserves the glory, and we must give it to Him.



MIDWEEK GATHERING

Spring Session: Weds. April 29- Weds. May 27, 2026
Dinner at 5:30pm | Bible Study at 6:30pm

A Living Member Forever:

The Beauty and Necessity of the Church in the Three Forms of Unity *with Erik Veker*

Belonging to the church is not optional. It is a living reality into which believers are placed and sustained—for their good and the glory of God. The Three Forms of Unity are not relics of the past. They are rich, precise, and alive with a vision of the church that is beautiful and necessary.

We will spend most of our time in the Belgic Confession and Heidelberg Catechism—lingering where the Catechism calls believers not merely individuals with private faith but living members of Christ's body. What a joy to be held by Christ and placed among his people. In him—we are living members forever.



Vacation Bible School

July 13- 16, 2026 | 9:00am-11:30am

Calling all kids to Join our Exploration of the Nature of God in Rainforest Falls!

Registration for VBS is now *Open* on our [website](#). Please invite your friends and sign-up. Also, we still need volunteers from decoration set up to welcoming faces at the doors and registration tables, to group leaders, to crafts and games. See the *Atrium Table* for volunteer descriptions and decide how you can best use your gifts. Please contact Rob or Annie with any questions.

Volunteer Schedule

May 24, 2026

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Sound: Jim Warners

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

Coffee Hosts: Jon & Ann Kaemingk; Jamie & Amy Goorman; Reed VanStratt

Nursery: Rosemary Geertsma, Victoria McCarthy,

Little Lambs: Cherise VanderHeide, Sheila Warners

Walk Out I: Mary Winkle, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out II: Betsy Blackmon, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Patti Steigenga, Kase & Laura Knochenhauer

Council in Parlor: Jim Warners, Anne Zuidema

Offering: Tri-Cities Area Habitat for Humanity

May 31, 2026

Projection: Paul Marotti

Video: Dan Holtrop, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Dennis Schaaf, Mike Katje, Chris VanStratt, Pierce VanStratt

Coffee Hosts: Jim & Sheila Warners - Evie Hoekzema; Levi Hoekzema

Nursery: Mary Terpstra, Carissa Marotti

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Jenna Brian

Walk Out I: Sheri Van Duyn, Cheryl Diephouse

Walk Out II: Annie Hoekzema, Rio Gasser

Greeters: Jim Warners, Garrison & Ann Koch

Council in Parlor: Anne Zuidema, Alan VanDyke

Offering: Christian Schools International

Calendar

Sunday, May 24

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM–Bell Choir

Monday, May 25

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Wednesday, May 27

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:00 PM- Knitting/Craft Group

5:30 PM – Midweek Dinner

6:30 PM – Midweek Bible Study

6:30 PM – CHAOS Middle School

Thursday, May 28

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM- Sanctuary Choir

Friday, May 29

Office Closed

Saturday, May 30

Sunday, May 31

10:00 AM – Worship Service

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