

Prelude**The Welcome****The Greeting**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***The Call to Worship**

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when God's people dwell together in unity!
It is like the dew falling on the mountains of Zion — for there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.
There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

The Lord has not left us alone. He has bound us to one another, and given us friends as a gift of his grace.
Let us come together to worship the God who calls us his own, and calls us to one another. Let us worship the Lord.

Psalms 133:1; Proverbs 17:17; 10:24

***The Hymn of Praise** “With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim”

LUYH 66 v 1,2,3,5

***The Song of Praise** “Better is One Day”

LUYH 506

The Confession of Sin

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are profuse. Before we confess our sins as friends and family in Christ, let us first come honestly before the God who is the truest of friends — who does not flatter us, but speaks the truth in love, and heals us. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, and against those you have given us to love, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors, or our friends, as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may love as we have been loved, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this: if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. The Lord who calls us friends has washed us clean — and now sends us out to be reconciled to one another, brought near by his blood. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

***Song of Response** “By Thy Mercy”

Thompson

The Prayer of Blessing for Children

Loving God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our friend, who loved us enough to lay down his life for us. Bless these children as they go now to learn and grow together. Give them friends who tell the truth in love, and make them the kind of friend who does the same. Keep them close to you, and close to one another, through Jesus Christ, our truest friend. Amen.

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

The Scripture Proverbs 27:1-22

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

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “It’s Complicated”

The Prayer of Response

***Song of Response** “Healer of Our Every Ill”

LUYH 303 v 1,3,4

The Prayers of the People

The Offering *Grand Haven Christian School General Fund*

The Offertory “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

***The Sending Song** “In Christ There is No East or West”

LUYH 268 v 1,3,4

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “Allegro”

J. Walther

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Mauricio Espinal

Prayers of the People: Jason Zuidema

Trumpet: Paul LaMaire

Vocalists: Julie Hordyk, Evie Hoekzema

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: Grand Haven Christian School's mission is to educate minds and shape hearts for service to God in His world. GHCS is one support, along with home and church, helping students grow and mature in their Reformed Christian faith.

Walk-Out Worship: Today our children continue their summer series following the adventures of the Torchlighters Heroes of the Faith and see how God works through those who dedicate their lives to serving him. Today children will learn about Martin Luther.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Ron Morse is turning 80 on Monday, August 24th. We will celebrate with cake during coffee time today.

Please pray for Julie Bekkering's shoulder replacement surgery this coming Tuesday.

Please pray for Lee & Mary Groters. Lee has been diagnosed with throat cancer and will be undergoing treatments.

Please be in prayer for Eileen Harden as she anticipates a court date at the end of August in hopes of securing a new guardian.

Church Announcements:

Directory Updates:

Charles and Carol DeWitt can be reached at 616-402-8451, Chuck's cell. Residence address – 531 Ridge Ave, Ferrysburg, MI 49409. Mailing address – PO Box 344, Ferrysburg, MI 49409.

Love In Action: Thank you to all who contributed to the recent food drive. Because of your generosity, we were able to deliver 426 pounds of food!

Midweek Gathering: Fall Session begins Wednesday, September 9th.

Women's Bible Hour: Beginning Thursday, September 10 at 1:30pm we will be studying "Prayers of the Old Testament" for eight weeks. Books are available in the office. Questions? Call Char at 616-842-0848.

Volunteer Schedule

August 23, 2026

Projection: Paul Marotti

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

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Team 11 - John Rycenga, Jon Mulder, Jim Sacks, Carl Vertregt

Coffee Hosts: Les & Bern Lewis; Chris & Kim Van Stratt

Nursery: Carissa Marotti, Mary Terpstra

Little Lambs: Jenna Brian, Manette deJonge

Walk Out: Marie Rycenga, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Hank Byma, Don & Barb Poel

Council in Parlor: Jay Knochenhauer, Tony Razzini

Offering: Grand Haven Chr. School's General Fund

August 30, 2026

Projection: Dan Wagenmaker

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Paul Marotti, Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Team 1 - Steve Marotti, Todd Cunningham, David Brace, Mike Buitendorp

Coffee Hosts: David & Robin Kieft; Bern & Les Lewis

Nursery: Victoria McCarthy, Laura Knochenhauer

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out: Sheri Van Duyn, Dawn Rotman

Greeters: Jay Knochenhauer, Lois Poel & Lola Fuhs

Council in Parlor: Tony Razzini, Sheila Warners

Offering: Gideons

Calendar

Sunday, August 23

10:00AM – Worship Service

Monday, August 24

9AM-12PM – Office Hours

Tuesday, August 25

9AM-12PM – Office Hours

Wednesday, August 26

9AM-12PM – Office Hours

1PM – Knitting/Craft Group

Thursday, August 27

9AM-11AM – Office Hours

Friday, August 28

Office Closed

Saturday, August 29

Office Closed

Sunday, August 30

10:00AM – Worship Service

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