

Eighth Reformed Church

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Our worship service is Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

It is broadcast on WYGR Radio "Jethro FM" at 94.9 FM or 1530 AM. You can also listen to our service live on the web at Jethro.fm.

† Eighth Reformed Church †
Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025 - 9:30 am
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 386 (vs. 1,3,4) *The Comforter Has Come*

Opening Prayer

Hymn # 382 *Come, Holy Spirit*

Gideon Moment: Mel Disselkoe

Preparatory Form for Communion

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 389 (vs. 1,3) *Spirit of the Living God*

Scripture: Acts 1:4-9 (page 1549)
Acts 2:1-4 (page 1550)
Acts 2:14-41 (page 1551)

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 20, Q&A 53:

Q. What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

A. First, he, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, he has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.

Message: "And Then the Holy Spirit Came"

*Hymn of Response # 391

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 385

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to worship at Eighth Reformed Church on this Pentecost Sunday. Just as the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, may the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with wisdom, courage, and understanding as we celebrate this day. Our prayer is that your time here will be uplifting and joyful. If you are visiting with us, please sign our guest register in the Narthex, and if you are looking for a church home, we hope that you will return to worship with us again.

This Week's Events

Today:

9:30 a.m. Worship, followed by coffee in the Narthex.

11:00 a.m. Pastor Harry's Sunday School class meets.

Tuesday:

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Saturday:

9:30 a.m. Consistory Meeting.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Annjean DeVries

Song Leader: Ron Engels

Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (post service): Jeff VanMeekeren

Valet/Lift: Danielle Wagenmaker *Parking Lot Guard:* Tom Rose

Ushers: John Deppe Jr., Larry Rudnik *Sound:* John Deppe Jr.

Radio: Jeff VanMeekeren

Praying with Pastor: Pete Rusticus, Shannon Wagoner

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, John Deppe Jr.

Coffee Fellowship Servers: Julie Aman, Deb Weeks

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Sharon Byington

Song Leader: Pete Rusticus

Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (post service): Doug VanderMeer

Valet/Lift: Jodi Bultema

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: John Deppe Jr., Larry Rudnik *Sound:* Scott Diekman

Radio: Beth Koops

Praying with Pastor: Pete Rusticus, Shannon Wagoner

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, John Deppe Jr.

Coffee Fellowship Servers: Fred & Willie Hiemstra

Church News and Future Events

Bulletin Announcements: Marilee Takken, the secretary, is in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please have all announcements to her by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday. If you leave a note for her, please put it in the black mailbox on the wall in the church office. Thank you.

Father's Love Letter: Last Sunday morning Pastor Mark Bergsma read the "Father's Love Letter – An Intimate Message from God to You" during his message. Many people requested a copy, so he is happy to share it as an insert today. (Extra copies are available in the "Previous Week's Bulletins" box.)



Attention All Men Choir Members: The Men's Chorus will sing next Sunday morning (on Father's Day), so please arrive by 8:45 a.m. to rehearse.

Pastor Harry's Sunday School Class will meet this morning at 11:00 a.m. and next Sunday, June 15th, at 11:00 a.m.p

Collection Day for Right To Life Baby Bottle Banks is next Sunday, Father's Day. There are still a few empty bottles left for you to take home and fill with your loose change this week. The money collected goes directly to Right to Life of Michigan.

Faith Challenge Envelopes are available in the tract racks in the hallway. We encourage you to support the Gideons, Salvation Army, and Voice of the Martyrs by taking an envelope, placing a check or cash inside and dropping it in the offering plate. Your gift will be divided equally between all three entities. Thank you in advance for your favor on this project.

Hymn Requests: If you have a special song you would like sung during worship, please write down the name and number (preferably from our hymnal) and drop it in the black mailbox in the church office.

The Nooma Series DVD's (aqua colored cases) have been checked out, but we misplaced the card. If you have them, please let the church office know. We need them for a home Bible Study this Fall. Thank you.

Church Activity Cancellations: In the event that Eighth decides to cancel services and/or activities, please tune your TV to Channels 8 (WOOD) or 13 (WZZM), our Prayer Chain, or Eighth Reformed Facebook page.

Prayer Concerns and Praises

- ❖ Jenny Benedict's arm surgery has been postponed until July.
- ❖ Don Wynalda is now under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Lorna Bordewyk and Aria Bosman.
- ❖ Missionary of the Month: Please be in prayer for Tom Johnson as he serves as Director of Equipping Christian Leaders Among French-Speaking People Groups. The immigrant church is growing in North America and their leaders are hungry for continuing education opportunities. He assists in training and credentialing Christian leaders to French-speaking classes in the U.S. and Canada.
- ❖ Those dealing with health issues: Lynne (Mary Roelof's friend), Robert DeYoung, Shirley Lohman, Dave Hurley (friend of Keith Warren), Jan Higley, Steve Luce (friend of Pastor Harry & Beth), Betty Holmes, Dorothy Bartlett, Renee (Cindi Ralph's friend), Dan Rotman (John Deppe Sr.'s nephew), Dave Conrad (Jethro), Floyd (Kristi Schell's friend), Dan Luyk, Jerry Lothschutz (brother-in-law to Rick & Debbie Miller), Donna Miller (Rick Miller's mother), Doug Peuler, Ron Oostdyk, Dave Heuvelhorst (Mary Roelof's brother), JoAnne Sleeth, Tim See (son-in-law of Marty Riemersma), Helen (David Shaver's niece), Amber Olson (Tina Shaver's sister), Larry Rudnik, Ron & Jenny Benedict, and Michelle Strating (Dick & Lorraine Strating's daughter-in-law).

Notes of Appreciation

A belated thank you to the folks who gave Masato a birthday card in March. I arrived from Japan and discovered them in the Endo mail slot at church this week, and in my pile of USPS mail. I'll take photos and email them to him. What a sweet way of bonding and making someone feel appreciated!

~Arigato gozaimasu, Kim & Masato Endo

Thank you for the wonderful birthday cards. ~Marsa Barclay

Thank you for all the beautiful cards for my birthday and the notes enclosed really made my day. ~Carolyn Sak

God blessed us with our 63rd Anniversary this past Sunday. And once again many of you warmed our hearts with cards, texts, gifts and greetings of Congratulations. Thank you for remembering us with your thoughtful kindness. ~Don & Shirly Oppenhuizen

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Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, thro' all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

Sermon Notes