

Eighth Reformed Church

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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 †
Sunday, June 29, 2025 - 9:30 am
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 510

Heaven Came Down

Opening Prayer

Hymn # 368 (vs. 1,3)

He Lives

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 367

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:35-49 (page 1641)

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 22, Q&A 57, 58
(see back of bulletin)

Message: "Eternal Comfort"

*Hymn of Response # 361

Worship Christ the Risen King

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 308 (vs. 1) *There is a Redeemer*

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to worship at Eighth Reformed Church. What an encouragement it is to have you with us. We're glad you came! 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.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Sharon Byington

Song Leader: Terry Grooters

Trumpet: David Ellis

Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (post service): Pete Rusticus

Valet/Lift: Rob Pols

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: John Deppe Jr., Larry Rudnik

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Beth Koops

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Pete Rusticus, Shannon Wagoner

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, John Deppe Jr.

Coffee Fellowship Servers: Terry & Lis Grooters

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Harvey Hertz

Organist: Annjean DeVries

Pianist: Linda Wolfe

Song Leader: Ron Engels

Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (post service): Tim Tacoma

Valet/Lift: Jake VanderHart

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Pat Crandle, Larry Dreyer

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Scott Pastoor

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Jeff VanMeekeren, Larry Rudnik

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, John Deppe Jr.

Coffee Fellowship Servers: TBA

Cookie Donators: Ron & Jenny Benedict

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.

Last Call for Right To Life Baby Bottle Banks! If you still have a baby bottle bank at home, it's not too late to turn it in. You can drop it off at church during office hours (Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) or if you'd like to arrange a pick-up, please contact Mary Roelofs, 616-538-7842, or call the church office.

Pastor Harry & Beth will be at Camp Maranatha from July 5th through the 13th. The plan (D.V.) is to be back July 14th. If you have a question or concern, please reach out to your Care Group elder or deacon. Any requests for the Prayer Chain should be directed to Tim Tacoma, 616-262-9972, except during office hours when Marilee can be contacted directly.

Diaper Dash: We are excited to participate in Alpha Center of Grand Rapids' Diaper Dash once again! During the month of July, their goal is to collect 100,000 diapers (see insert). Please leave donations in the play pen in the coat room across from the library. (Sizes 5 and larger are most in demand.) Your donation allows us to continue being a beacon of hope in our community.

The Mission Committee is looking for a few more members. Our Mission Committee gives intentional care to our missionaries by staying connected to them, providing updates on them, helping the congregation pray for them, and providing support in times of need. If you have a heart for missions and would like to share it, please contact Tim Tacoma, 616-262-9972.

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.

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

We extend our sympathies to Dawn Groen in the passing away of her mother-in-law, Joyce Steigenga, on Tuesday. She lived a long, healthy life of 96 years.

May God graciously give comfort and strength to Dawn and her family during this season of loss.

- ❖ Betty Holmes was admitted to Pennock Hospital in Hastings earlier this week. She had trouble breathing and was diagnosed with rhinovirus. She returned home on Tuesday.
- ❖ Robert DeYoung was diagnosed with an aggressive form of lung cancer on Tuesday. He will have more tests to determine the type of treatment needed.
- ❖ Please be in prayer for the family of Sam Deems who died in a car accident on his way to work Tuesday morning. He was a former colleague of Amanda Heyboer.
- ❖ Doug Peuler's procedure went well on Monday. He wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and concerns.
- ❖ David Shaver's sister, Carla, was released from the hospital and is receiving in-home wound care.
- ❖ John Rickaby was scheduled to be released from Oaks at Byron Center and return home this past Friday, June 27th.
- ❖ Brett Roberts, son of Karen Roberts, returned home from Blodgett Hospital Monday evening where he was recovering from hip replacement surgery. He was rushed back to ER Tuesday morning due to a drastic drop in his blood pressure. He will remain in the hospital until they find a cause for the blood pressure issue.

- ❖ Don Wynalda continues to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Glenn Bartman and Gladys Kessel.
- ❖ 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: Renee (Cindi & Gordon Ralph's friend), Steve & Dot Luce (Pastor Harry and Beth's friends), Mary Davis, Max Nelson (Anthony Byington's friend), Emily Dreyer (Larry & Mert Dreyer's granddaughter), Ruth Harlan (Shirley Polderdyk's sister), Shirley Lohman, Lynne (Mary Roelof's friend), Jerry Lothschutz (brother-in-law to Rick & Debbie Miller), Donna Miller (Rick Miller's mother), Michelle Strating (Dick & Lorraine Strating's daughter-in-law), Ron Oostdyk, 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, Dan Rotman (John Deppe Sr.'s nephew), Dave Conrad (Jethro), Dan Luyk, and Dorothy Bartlett.

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you to our church family for the wonderful cards and wishes we received for our 40th wedding anniversary. They made our day even better.
~Tim & Sue Tacoma

Thank you to everyone who remembered me with prayers and get-well cards. Also, thank you to Pastor Koops for coming and letting us be part of communion. That was very special.
~John Rickaby

We would like to thank our congregation for the many thoughtful and caring anniversary cards we received as we celebrated 53 years of marriage.
~Doug & Judy VanderMeer

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 22,
Q&A 57, 58

57 Q: How does “the resurrection of the body” comfort you?

A: Not only my soul will be taken immediately after this life to Christ its head,
but even my very flesh, raised by the power of Christ,
will be reunited with my soul
and made like Christ's glorious body.

58 Q: How does the article concerning “life everlasting” comfort you?

A: Even as I already now experience in my heart
the beginning of eternal joy,
so after this life I will have
perfect blessedness such as
no eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
no human heart has ever imagined:
a blessedness in which to praise God eternally.