

Eighth Reformed Church

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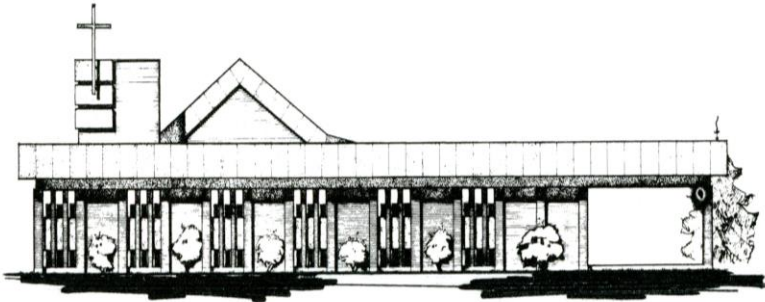
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"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

Galatians 6:14

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** †
5th Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Piano Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship (in unison):

**Lord Jesus, we walk with you through the valley
of the shadow of death.**

Let us find our life in you, O Lord.

**Banished from the Garden of Eden for our rebellion,
we long for the garden of Paradise.**

O Lord, you are the Christ.

Remember us in your kingdom.

We come to hear you speak of your love for us.

You have the words of eternal life. Amen.

*Opening Hymn # 650

O for a Heart to Praise My God

*Opening Prayer

Choir

Sweeter as the Days Go By

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 482

Jesus Is Calling

Scripture: John 11 (page 1529)

Message: “Jesus Weeps”

*Hymn of Response # 308 (vs. 1 & 2)

There is a Redeemer

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 308 (vs. 3)

There Is a Redeemer

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to worship at Eighth Reformed Church on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. This morning, may we feel a greater sense of anticipation as we draw closer to the beautiful day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our prayer is that your time here will be uplifting and joyful. If you are visiting with us today, 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 & Cookies in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

11:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal.
Young people's Sunday School.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study.

Wednesday:

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Donut Fellowship.

10:45 a.m. Music Committee Meeting.

1:00 p.m. Quilting Group.

6:30 p.m. Psalms Bible Study.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

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Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Shirley Lohman

Song Leader: Beth Pastoor

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: *North door:* Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: *East exit:* Pete Rusticus

West exit: Pastor Harry Koops

Organ exit: Doug VanderMeer

Valet/Lift: Rob Pols

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Ted Nelson, Tim Takken

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Kevin VanHeukelom

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Tim Tacoma, Keith Warren

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee&Cookie Donators/Servers: Marsa Barclay, Joy Hendricks

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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 a.m. on Wednesday. you leave a note for her, please put it in the black mailbox on the wall across from the Church Office. Thank you.

In Memory Of: The flowers in front of the pulpit this morning are in loving memory of Shirley Heyboer who would have turned 99-years-old yesterday, March 21st, given by her family.

Next Sunday's Sunday School Class: On March 29th Amy West, one of our newer attendees, will be doing a presentation on her recent mission trip to Guatemala during the Sunday School time in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

LADIES! SAVE THE DATE! The Ladies Spring Luncheon will be held on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 12:30 p.m. The theme for our luncheon will be "HATS". Big hats, small hats, fancy hats – whatever makes you happy! Wear your favorite one and join the fun!! Sign-up sheets will be available next Sunday.

Attention Choir Members: We will sing next Sunday, March 22nd. Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. to warm up.

Music Appreciation Sunday: On Sunday, April 19th, at 3:00 p.m. we will celebrate the musical gifts God has blessed us with here at 8th Reformed Church. From solos and duets to instrumental offerings and congregational singing, we are grateful for the talent and devotion that fills our place of worship. If you would like to participate in this special service by sharing your ministry of music, contact Paul Kerkstra, (616) 459-6335.

Prayer Chain: We have a prayer chain at Eighth Church where we share requests with the congregation and send out important information such as church closings. To place a request, contact Pastor Harry or Beth Koops at 616-209-5724 or by email at bethkoops@gmail.com. To receive the prayer requests and information, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex near the guest book. We will send requests out either by email or phone call. It's a privilege to uphold each other in prayer.

Memorial Day Hymn Sing: Mark your calendar for this annual Christian patriotic celebration here at 8th on Sunday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m. RJ and Marian Poel will organize and MC this special service.

Our Monthly Missionary: Please pray for Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather as they continue to serve in East Africa, through RECONCILE, for almost 2 decades now. RECONCILE is a South Sudanese Christian organization committed to peacebuilding, and trains grassroots leaders in refugee camps, equipping them with tools for conflict transformation and trauma recovery.

Important Information Regarding Church Cancellations: In the event that Eighth decides to cancel services and/or activities, please tune your TV to Channels 8 (WOOD) or 13 (WZZM), check your email for a Prayer Chain announcement, or go to Eighth Reformed's Facebook page. If you can't access any of this information, call either your elder or deacon on your Care Team and they will know. (To sign up for the Prayer Chain, please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway or call the church office.)

Prayer Concerns and Praises

- ❖ Jan Higley had skin cancer surgery on Friday, March 13th. Surgery went well and she is recovering at home.
- ❖ Ruth Tacoma had thyroid surgery on Tuesday, March 17th. Her procedure went well and she is also recovering at home.
- ❖ Mel VanderWest continues to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Heath Misiak (son of Kathy Misiak) and Brett Roberts (son of Karen Roberts).

- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Glenn Bartman, Carol Diekevers, and Gladys Kessel.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Shane Sweeney, Brian (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law), Ruth (Phil Doornbos' sister), Cindi Ralph, Doug Peuler, Steve & Dot Luce, Laura VanHeest, Betty Holmes, Mel Miller (Rick Miller's brother), Ron Engels, Lorraine Strating, and Ron & Jenny Benedict.

Notes of Appreciation

Dear Eighth Church friends, Thank you so much for the cards and kind wishes in celebration of my birthday. Each one was a special blessing to me!
~Pat Crandle

Ford is recovering nicely at home from his back surgery. Thank you for your cards and prayers. Thank you, also, to Pastor Harry for his visits and to the ladies for the prayer shawl given to him.
~Ford & Pat Berghorst

Thank you to my church family for the beautiful birthday cards I received. It is such a blessing to be remembered and celebrated.
~Art DeRaad

Thank you all for the lovely cards, wishes, and singing we were blessed with last Sunday morning for our anniversary. We were truly touched, not just by your kindness, but also by the realization that our church mailbox can, in fact, overflow! It reflects how our hearts feel – overflowing with love, joy, and much gratitude.
~Tim & Marilee Takken

I would like to thank my church family for the prayers, cards, and concerns since my back surgery. My recovery is going well. We have such a caring and thoughtful congregation and Gordon and I are blessed to be a part of it.
~Cindi Ralph

Sermon Notes