

† **Eighth Reformed Church** †
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Organ/Piano Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5 11

*Opening Hymn # 357

Christ Arose

*Opening Prayer

Choir

He's Living Today

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 367

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-9 & 12-20 (page 1640)

Message: “Our Only Hope: The Risen Christ”

*Hymn of Response # 368

He Lives

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 358 (vs. 1,3)

Because He Lives

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to worship at Eighth Reformed Church on this happy and blessed Resurrection Sunday! Your presence adds greatly to our celebration of the victory of Christ over sin and death. 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 & Cookies in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

11:00 a.m. No Sunday School.
No choir rehearsal.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study.

6:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting.

Wednesday:

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

6:30 p.m. Psalms Bible Study.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Linda Wolfe

Song Leader: Tim Tacoma

Trumpet: David Ellis

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

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: *East exit:* Pastor Harry

West exit: Mel Disselkoen

Organ exit: Pete Rusticus

Valet/Lift: Jake VanderHart

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Larry Dreyer, Larry Roelofs

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Scott Pastoor

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Jeff VanMeekeren, Larry Rudnik

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers: Amanda Heyboer

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Garrett Sweeney

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Pianist: Sharon Byington

Song Leader: Beth Pastoor

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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.

Pastor Harry and Beth will be on vacation in Florida from this Tuesday, April 7th, through Thursday, April 16th. 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.

Attention Choir Members: We will sing again next Sunday, April 12th, so please arrive by 8:45 a.m. to rehearse.

Nursery News: Beginning today we will begin offering nursery care downstairs during worship. We're grateful for this opportunity to serve young families, and we ask that you spread the word and pray that God will lead more families with little ones to come visit Eighth and feel at home here.

LADIES! YOU ARE INVITED to our Ladies Spring Luncheon to be held on Friday, April 24th, at 12:30 p.m. Our program will be presented by our very own Hat Lady, Wilma Quist. We invite you to wear your most fabulous hat, fancy or not, big or small, to add elegance to our luncheon. Come for a time of fun, food, and fellowship. Hats are optional. The yellow sign-up sheets are in the hallway through Sunday, April 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Dee Diekman, 616-827-1349, Julie Aman, 616-258-3792, or Diane Maitner, 616-481-6486.

Free Books & VHS Tapes: The Library Committee is doing some spring cleaning so for the next couple of weeks, there will be a table downstairs in the Fellowship Hall with free books and VHS tapes. Help yourself!

Women's Bible Study Friends: Please note that our April meeting has been moved from Wednesday, April 15th, to Thursday, April 16th – same time, same place.



Grace Ministries International: Last Sunday we were blessed to hear Amy West speak about her recent mission trip to Guatemala. Many people expressed interest in learning more about the ministry i.e. history, mission teams, donations, etc. You can find their website online at www.aglimpseofgrace.com or on Facebook under “GRACE Ministries” with the picture shown above. You can also reach out to Donna Westhouse, the Organizer of the mission trips, via email at: donna.westhouse@gmail.com.

Notes from the Library Committee: We are still missing book #30 from the Sugarcreek Amish Mysteries Series. We have others waiting to read this book. Please return it as soon as possible. Also, we ask that if you are checking out a book, please fill out and deposit the card in the designated box. Some paperbacks do not have cards, so feel free to take those and return them when you're finished. Thank you.

Music Appreciation Sunday: Join us in two weeks on Sunday, April 19th, at 3:00 p.m. as we celebrate the musical gifts God has blessed us with here. From solos and duets to instrumental offerings and congregational singing, we are grateful for the talent and devotion that fills our place of worship.

Memorial Day Hymn Sing: Mark your calendar for this annual Christian patriotic celebration 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 Barry and Terryll Bruce who have served at The Way Out Ministries in Hawaiian Gardens, California for nearly 40 years. Many people in Hawaiian Gardens struggle under the weight of crime, domestic violence, addiction, homelessness and poverty. This ministry demonstrates the love of Christ through a full-time resource center, mission church, and community outreach programs.

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

- ❖ Betty Holmes remains at Trinity Health for multiple health issues.
- ❖ Barb Engels received her MRI results and will not need surgery on her foot. She is wearing a boot for now and will need rehab.
- ❖ Carol Diekevers fell last weekend and broke her pelvis. She is recovering at Zeeland Hospital.
- ❖ Ron Benedict has been quite sick and does not seem to be improving.
- ❖ Jan Higley fell and cut her leg this past week. She is recovering at Metro Hospital and will most likely go to rehab next.
- ❖ Joe Anthor had combination surgery for his detached retina and cataract on Thursday, April 2nd.
- ❖ Mark Davis, Pastor Howard's son, has been diagnosed with cancer and will begin chemo and radiation treatments tomorrow, April 6th (correction from last week's bulletin).
- ❖ Joe VanBeek's wife, Pam, and son, Mike, met with her cardiologist on Wednesday. Pam will have an angioplasty with stent placement procedure on April 23rd. They thank you for your prayers and support.

- ❖ Mel VanderWest continues to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Barb Eash (Keith Warren's sister) and Steve Luce.
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Darlene Cimochowicz, Gladys Kessel, and Laura VanHeest.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Mark Kerkstra (Paul Kerkstra's son), Shane Sweeney, Brian (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law), Ruth (Phil Doornbos' sister), Cindi Ralph, Doug Peuler, Ron Engels, Lorraine Strating, and Ron & Jenny Benedict.

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you for the many cards I received for my birthday. I'm so grateful for all the wonderful people here at 8th Church.

~Dorothy Bartlett

Thank you to my church family for all the beautiful cards and birthday wishes. It's a blessing to be remembered.

~Karen Engelsman

Thank you everyone for the sympathy cards for the passing of my brother.

~Mel Koetsier

Thank you to my church family for all the cards I received for my birthday. I really enjoyed reading each one. It is such a blessing to be remembered.

~Lorraine Strating

Dear Church Family, Thank you all so much for your celebratory greetings over the last few months. We have been touched by all your love and care, especially all the wedding congratulations, so many sweet cards and notes. We look forward to many more joys and blessings as we journey together here at 8th. Happy Easter!

~Larry & Jane Rudnik