

Eighth Reformed Church

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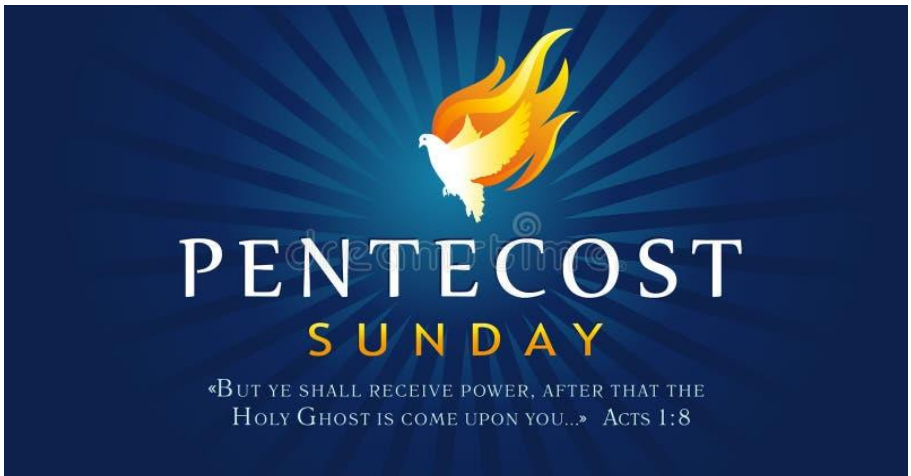
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Our worship service is Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

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.

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May 24, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 799

America, the Beautiful

*Opening Prayer

Hymn # 386

The Comforter Has Come

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 389

Spirit of the Living God

Scripture: John 15:26-27 (page 1538)

John 16:7-15 (page 1538)

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: “The Comforter Has Come”

*Hymn of Response # 390 (vs. 1,3,4)

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

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 Lord's Day. What an encouragement it is to have you with us. 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 & Cookies in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

6:00 p.m. Memorial Day Hymn Sing.

Wednesday:

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

10:45 a.m. Music Team Meeting.

1:00 p.m. Quilting Ministry.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: AnnJean DeVries

Pianist: Shirley Lohman

Song Leader: Ron Engels

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

Organ exit: Jeff VanMeekeren

Valet/Lift: Rob Pols

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Marsa Barclay, Tim Takken

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Beth Koops

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Tim Tacoma, Keith Warren

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers: Tim & Marilee Takken

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Garrett Sweeney

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Marilee Takken

Song Leader: Beth Pastoor

Trumpet: David Ellis

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

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

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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.

Memorial Day Hymn Sing This Evening: This weekend is a time to honor those who gave their all, thank all who served (and their families), and thank God for the freedoms that are ours. Join us this evening at 6:00 p.m., here in our church sanctuary, for our annual Christian patriotic service. R.J. and Marian Poel will MC this special service. Following the service there will be refreshments in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. For those who are unable to attend, we are grateful to Scott and Beth Pastoor that Jethro Radio will broadcast this program!

Last Call for Coffee & Donuts!! This Wednesday morning is the final gathering for Coffee & Donuts this season. We will not meet during the months of June, July, and August. Enjoy your summer!

Puzzle Closets: Check out the two puzzle closets in the library. Feel free to take a puzzle and return it when you're finished. It's all on the honor system, so no need to sign them out. Enjoy!

Paul Kerkstra is excited to celebrate his 90th birthday and would like to invite his church family to celebrate with him. Everyone is invited to his cottage on Big Star Lake on July 3rd for an Open House Luncheon. You're welcome to come anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. (directions will be provided). Please bring an outdoor chair. To help Paul prepare for the number of guests to expect, please RSVP on the blue sheet in the hallway.

Committee Volunteers Needed: We are currently in need of volunteers for a Building & Grounds Committee and a Safety & Security Committee. Please contact Larry Rudnik at 616-209-2680 if you feel called to serve. Thank you.

Right To Life Baby Bottle Banks are still available on the table in the hallway and downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please take one home and fill it with your loose change - all money collected will be donated to Right to Life of Michigan. You may return your bottles to the tables at any time. Our final collection day is on Father's Day, June 21st. Last year we filled over 100 bottles and raised \$2,477. Let's see if we can surpass that total this year!

Attention Choir Members: We will sing next Sunday, May 31st, so please arrive by 8:45 a.m. to rehearse.

Nursery Volunteers Needed: We're thankful for the people who have already signed up to volunteer in the nursery. To keep a healthy rotation and allow each volunteer to worship regularly, we are looking for a few more helping hands. If your heart is being nudged toward this ministry, please contact Sharon Bowen at 616-308-5130 (if you're able, please text her). A background check is required.

Our Monthly Missionary: Please pray for Christiaan and Cecilia van Dijk who are church planters in Apeldoorn, Netherlands. They extend a warm welcome at their Koffie Kamer (coffee room) ministry, as well as at the church they are relaunching, Gemeente Filadelfia. These ministries provide opportunities for seeds of faith to sprout through gracious hospitality, caring conversations, Bible studies, and Sunday services.

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

- ❖ Karen Roberts had hip replacement surgery this past Tuesday.
- ❖ Joe VanBeek will have outpatient foot surgery this Tuesday.
- ❖ Terry Pepper is at The Oaks (Byron Center) recovering from neck surgery.

- ❖ Jason Olson is at home recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- ❖ Michelle Strating, Dick & Lorraine's daughter-in-law, was rushed to the hospital last Wednesday, due to seizures. She will be transferred to Mary Free Bed once the seizures have subsided. Please keep Michelle and her husband, Ron, in your prayers.
- ❖ Mel VanderWest continues to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Larry Rudnik and Tim See (Marty Riemersma's son-in-law).
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Shirley Grit and Bob Noteboom.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Kevin Roberts, Steve VerStrate, Betty Holmes, Ford Berghorst (friend of Larry & Mary Roelofs), Lorraine Strating, Brian Bruxvoort (our missionary in Alaska), Ron & Jenny Benedict, Mark Davis (Pastor Howard's son), Ron & Barb Engels, Doug Peuler, and Brian Cripps (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law).

Notes of Appreciation

I want to say "thank you", brothers and sisters, for all the cards and heartfelt words for my birthday. Nothing better than being part of the family of God. ~Jeff VanMeekeren

I'm blessed by the overwhelming support for my birthday. ~Mel Disselkoen

Thank you to our church family for the many anniversary cards and kind wishes. We are grateful to the Lord for blessing us with 58 years together. ~Howard & Peg Potter

★ **ALL-CHURCH PICNIC** ★
SUNDAY - JUNE 7, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend our All-Church Picnic Lunch on Sunday, June 7th!!

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall downstairs immediately following morning worship. There will be no coffee and cookies after church.

Our menu includes hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips, pickles, and cookies.

Please RSVP on the purple sign-up sheets located in the upstairs hallway **TODAY** so we can plan the food accordingly.

Please contact Cheryl Schellenberg, 616-531-7069, or Nadine Farran, 616-340-2937, with questions or concerns.

