

**The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Philippians 4:23**

Prelude “Beautiful Savior”
“O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise”

arr. Harris
arr. Bish

Greeting & Welcome

***Mutual Greeting**

**To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.
Philippians 4:20**

***Call to Worship**

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:
let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:
and we shall praise your name.

***Hymn of Worship** “Beautiful Savior”

LUYH 17

***The Psalm**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 146

***Song of Praise** “How Great Is Our God”

LUYH 574

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:2**

Song of Confession “I Surrender All”

LUYH 739 vs 1,2

The Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.
Philippians 1:27**

The Assurance of Salvation

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***Song of Assurance** “To God Be the Glory”

LUYH 604 vs. 1,2

**And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:6**

The Blessing for Children

Father, as we prepare our hearts to read your word and celebrate the life, death and risen life of Jesus at the table, feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior. Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. Amen.

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to follow the banner for Walk Out Worship.
Children are dismissed at 11:20 from their classrooms located near the nursery.)

**Holding fast to the word of life.
Philippians 2:16**

Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading Acts 16:11-24 and Philippians 1:1-2

p. 925 and 980

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Sermon "Identity Issues"

Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Philippians 2:9-11

***Hymn of Response** "We, Will Extol You, God and King"

LUYH 562 vs 1,2,4

Communion Liturgy

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is always right to give you thanks.

God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Savior, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world and clothe us with power from on high.

**And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Prayers of the People

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me." After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me."

Jesus Christ has died.
Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.
Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.
Jesus Christ will come again.

Giving of Communion

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

Communion Music "Let us Break Bread Together"

arr. Rinehart

Communion Hymns “Love Divine All Love Excelling”
“Shout to the Lord”

LUYH 351 vs 1,3,4
LUYH 603

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

**And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19**

The Offering Bethany Christian Services

Offertory “To God All Praise and Glory”

arr. Wilson

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7**

***Closing Hymn** “Thine is the Glory”

LUYH 187 vs 1

***Benediction**

Postlude “Thine is the Glory”

arr. Root

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Jennifer Fortosis

Vocalists: Amy Goorman, Luke Anderson, Paul LaMaire.

We display all music and LUYH (red hymnal) in the pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Welcome Guests:

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Registration Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and cookies after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Special Offering: *Bethany Christian Services* believes every child deserves to be safe, loved, and connected through family. Bethany demonstrates the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting children, empowering youth, and strengthening families through quality social services.

Walk Out Worship: This week, we will welcome our children back to the sanctuary for Communion. Due to the abbreviated time in W.O.W., children will have time for singing, engage in their weekly liturgy, review past stories and have a response time. When we take this time to step back and reflect more on the stories we've heard, we can notice the goodness of God. Each week, may it be evident that our God is Sovereign and worthy to be praised!

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

"Thank you for the Christmas Cards. Wishing my church family a Blessed New Year" ~ *Evelyn Baker*

"We are so very thankful for the caring cards, the delicious meals, the visits, texts, and calls following my recent surgery. Recuperation was made easier, helped by these expressions of the love of Christ among us. This is a beautiful fellowship to be a part of." ~ *Jan & Doug Zuidema*

Bonnie Tammen's sister passed away just before Christmas. She is currently spending the winter months with her daughters.

Shirley Achterhof's sister *Marilouise Reuter Dahl* passed away on December 24th. Please keep Shirley and her family in your prayers.

Sharon Wolters will be having knee surgery next Thursday January 16th. Please pray for a successful procedure and full recovery.

Ray Kuiper has returned to The Laurels of Hudsonville. Please continue to keep him and Shirley in your prayers.

Ken Westveld is in the ICU at Holland Hospital. Please keep him and Kathy in your prayers.

Please continue to keep Mary North, Jan Veenstra, and Glen Wierenga in your prayers.

Announcements:

Book Club: We will meet on Monday, Feb. 17 at 1:30pm in the parlor. Book discussion will be "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis.

Coffee Schedules: They've been placed in church mailboxes, please note that some of the Prayer Partners have been scheduled to serve this year.

Giving Envelopes: Boxes for 2025 are on a table in the Atrium along the railing. If you have any questions about giving, please contact Amy Wolffis or Dave VanderHeide, treasurer.

January Series: Attention all Bakers, we will again be hosting the award-winning January Series for two weeks from January 20 – January 31. The series features top-rated speakers. It draws many visitors from the community each day who come to learn, but also come to enjoy the delicious treats that are provided. If you are willing to help provide cookies and bars, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Midweek Gathering: Our Winter Midweek Gathering will begin on January 29, 2025. One of the sessions will be with Jeff Munroe on his book *Telling Stories in the Dark*. Jeff has been a frequent visitor to Second CRC and is the editor of the Reformed Journal. The book is a collection of stories of people who have not only experienced significant trauma but become good stewards of their pain, transforming their pain into something redemptive. Copies of the book are available in the office with a suggested donation of \$20. The other session topics will be announced soon.

Ping Pong Group: We will meet on Mondays at 1:30pm in the church basement.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will begin our winter session on Saturday, January 18. We meet from 8-9am at church. Future Dates: Feb. 1 & 15, Mar. 1, 15, 29, Apr. 12 & 26, and May 10 & 24. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Razzini at razzini@att.net.

We are Hiring: We are looking for a *Communications Coordinator*. If you or anyone you know have a talent for communications or secretarial work, please have them contact [Amy Wolffis](#) for the job description.

Volunteer Schedule

January 12, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Gary Roelofs, Jason Zuidema, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Chuck DeWitt (Team 10), Mike Katje, Ron Retsema, Dennis Schaaf

Coffee Hosts: Larry & June Au, Art & Marilyn Bolt

Nursery: Carisa Marotti, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Corinne VanStratt, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out 4s-1st: Mary Winkle, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Annie Hoekzema, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Jay Brace, Paul LaMaire

Offering: Bethany Christian Services

January 19, 2025

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Mark Boelens, Dirk Weesies

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: John Rycenga (Team 11), Jon Mulder, Jim Sacks, Carl Vertregt

Coffee Hosts: Brian & Kerry Bierma; Stan & Gilda Boekins

Nursery: Darcie Clapp, Kari DeLange

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Jenn Steigenga

Walk Out 4s-1st: Barb Fritz, Lucia Folkert

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Betsy Blackmon, Dawn Rotman

Greeters: Dan Braak, Les & Bern Lewis

Offering: Faith Promise--Love in Action's Auto Ministry

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Guest Registration:



Calendar

Sunday, January 12

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

Monday, January 13

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

Tuesday, January 14

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM – Leadership Board

Wednesday, January 15

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

7 PM – CHAOS

Thursday, January 16

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Friday, January 17

Office Closed

Saturday, January 18

Sunday, January 19

10:00 AM–Sunday Service