



Worship Service for
Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prelude “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today and Thine is the Glory”
“Thine Is the Glory”
“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

arr. C. Callahan
arr. C. Stamenga
arr. W. Held

Choral Introit: “This Is The Day The Lord Has Made”

M. Hayes

***Call to Worship**

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 1 Corinthians 15:51-56

Christ has died!
Christ has risen!
Christ will come again!

***Hymn of Worship** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

LUYH 182

Prayer of Adoration

O Father God of the risen Christ, in whose resurrection we find new life, send your Spirit to dwell among us in this day of worship. O risen Christ, Son of the Father, may we hear your word of peace today.

O Spirit of the living God, teach us once more to live in the power of Christ’s resurrection, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Song of Praise** "Give Thanks to God for All His Goodness"

LUYH 196 vs 1,4,5

Out of my distress I called on the Lord.

Call to Confession

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

The Prayer of Confession

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Words of Assurance

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-7

Sharing of the Peace

Glad Songs of Salvation

Song of Praise “All I have is Christ”

Kauflin vs 1,2,3

The Blessing for Children

O God Almighty, through your only Son Jesus Christ, you conquered death and unlocked the door to eternal life for us. As we joyfully remember the Lord's resurrection, we ask that by your life-giving Spirit, we may be freed from sin and raised from death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

The Offering Faith Promise Missionaries - Don Slager

Offertory “This Joyful Eastertide”

Groetenhuis/Ellingboe

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading Psalm 118

p. 511

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Sermon “Elevation”

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

***Song of Response** “Behold our God”

Baird/Altrogge

Prayers of the People

***Closing Song** “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

LUYH 193 vs 1-3,7

***Benediction**

Postlude “The Strife Is O'er”

arr. N. Johnson

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Brass: Paul Lamaire, Jeff Erickson, Chris Hordyk, Jason Zuidema, Dennis Schaaf.

Organ & Choir Director: Jean Schuitman

Piano & Accompanist: Julie Hordyk

Prayer of the People: Erik Veker

Vocalists: Luke Anderson, Joslyn Wagenmaker

We display music on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in 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:

Prayer Card: We invite you to take a prayer card. Prayerfully consider one person in our Grand Haven community – a friend, relative, acquaintance, neighbor, or co-worker – and note their first name on the card. Following the service, please place your card in the bowl beneath the Easter cross in the atrium gallery.

Special Offering: Faith Promise Missionaries - Don Slager.

Walk Out Worship: 4s-1st graders will celebrate the empty tomb together and enjoy responding to the story and the new life we have through Christ! 2nd-5th graders will learn about the different accounts of the resurrection and joyfully celebrate the Risen Lord!

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Doug Zuidema had heart surgery to replace an aortic valve on Friday. Please pray for a minimum of pain, and a swift recovery.

Agnes DeBoer has moved to Village at the Pines. Her new address is 1450 S. Ferry St., Apt. #215, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

A Celebration of Life and luncheon for Corky & Mary North will be held next Saturday April 26 at 12pm at church. Please come and share your stories of their faithful witness with their family.

Please continue to pray for Ron & Carol Brouwer, Hank & Carla Byma, Shirley Kuiper, Jim Mulder, Stan Teunis and Mary Willink.

Church Announcements:

Book Club: We will meet on Monday April 21 at 1:30pm in the parlor. The book to be discussed is "The Five Red Herrings," by Dorothy L. Sayers. All are welcome to attend.

Online Pictorial Directory: You have been invited via email to add your information and upload photos of yourself and/or household to the Digital Directory. Next Sunday, an Afterword session explaining the process will be held. You're encouraged to bring your smartphone or tablet. For questions or photos taken at church, please contact Amy Wolffis.

SWANS: On Tuesday, May 13, at 10:30am, we will take a step back in time at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum in Grand Haven. Ellen Paulin will present wedding traditions of GH and SL, including fashion and flowers, etiquette and food. This should be fun and interesting! Lunch at the Kirby House will follow. Reservations are needed, please call Carole at 616-502-2015.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will continue Saturday April 26. Future Dates: May 10 & 24. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Razzini at razzini@att.net.

VBS: "*True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*" on July 14–17 from 9:15am-12pm. Sign up at the Welcome Desk to volunteer as classroom leaders and assistants, food preparation, and craft helpers. Please invite families you know with 4 year- 5th graders and encourage them to register early on our website.

Women's Bible Hour: We will conclude our study of Proverbs on Thursday April 24 at 1:30pm in the parlor. Questions, please contact Char TerHaar at 616-842-0848.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece: Join Dr. Jeff Weima professor at Calvin Theological Seminary on October 13-24, 2025. Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu



MIDWEEK GATHERING

Our Spring Session will be April 23-May 21

Gospelism: Learning to Live & Share the Gospel with Erik Veker

We share the gospel because Jesus is good news! Do you want to grow in sharing the gospel more confidently, more clearly, and more naturally? No one is an expert, but together, we'll encourage each other and trust God as we cover the fundamentals:

- What is the gospel?
- What holds you back?
- How do you begin?
- How do you find the courage to testify to what God has done in Jesus Christ?

There are people in your life that only *you* can reach. The Canons of Dort says, "In order that people may be brought to faith, God mercifully sends messengers of this very joyful message to the people and at the time he wills." This course is about learning to *live* the gospel and invite others into its life-giving power.

Unapologetic: The Five Solas of the Reformation with Rev. Tim Blackmon

Have you noticed the bold gold lettering in our atrium? They proclaim the five watchwords of the Reformation: Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, Solus Christus, Soli Deo Gloria.

These core theological principles emerged from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation and continue to define biblical Christianity. During the Spring Midweek Gathering, Pastor Tim will aim to demonstrate why these seemingly ancient truths are vital and relevant for your life today.

Dinner & Fellowship

If you wish to join us for the mealtime, please sign up using the Dinner & Fellowship option.

Register online at <http://bit.ly/3G5tJVR> or use a Midweek form at the Welcome Desk.

Volunteer Schedule

Apr 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Gary Roelof, Ian Clapp, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Ken Terpstra (Team 3), Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Brian Bierma

Coffee Hosts: Brian & Barb Fritz; Joseph & Joy Gasser

Nursery: Sam Farrar, Mary Terpstra

Little Lambs: Cherise VanderHeide, Gabe Schaaf

Walk Out 4s-1st: Barb Fritz, Reed Van Stratt

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Annie Hoekzema, Cheryl Diephouse

Greeters: Deborah Erickson, Brian & Barb Sikkenga

Offering: Faith Promise - Don Slager

April 27, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Mark Boelens, Harley Dyk

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: Rick Geertsma (Team 4), Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies, Ralph VanDuyn

Coffee Hosts: Dick & Shirley Good; Jan & Glenn Gronvelt

Nursery: Kerry Bierma, Victoria McCarthy

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out 4s-1st: Mary Winkle, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Cindy Brace, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Steve Marotti, Glen & Yvonne Sparling

Offering: Christian Leaders Institute

Calendar

Sunday, April 20

10:00 AM – Easter Sunday Service

Monday, April 21

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 22

7 PM – Friendship Club

7 PM – Care Teams

Wednesday, April 23

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

7 PM– CHAOS

Thursday, April 24

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM–Women's Bible Hour

Friday, April 25

Office Closed

Saturday, April 26

Sunday, April 27

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM- Afterword on Pictorial Directory

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Guest Registration:

