# Morning Worship ~ 9:30 AM May 4, 2025

## Evening Worship 6:00 PM

## **God Gathers Us into Worship**

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Song: CH 207

\*Prayer

\*Mutual Greeting

We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship

\*Songs of Praise: CH 435 vs. 1-2

God of Grace and God of Glory

We Have Come to Join in Worship

734

Be Strong in the Lord

Isaiah 55:1-3

Reading of the Law/Christian Living

We Respond Through Prayer

Praises and Prayer Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Offering General Fund/Ministry Shares

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: **Joshua 1:8-9** (P. 332)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: Strong and Courageous: Living by the Word!

\*Song of Response CH 408 How Firm a Foundation

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

\*Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song CH 815 Doxology

**God Gathers Us into Worship** 

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Prayer

We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship

\*Opening Songs: CH 221

All Praise to our Redeeming Lord 344 vs. 1, 2, & 4 Grace Greater than Our Sin

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 5

(Back of the Psalter, P. 12)

Hebrews 12:22-24

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We Respond Through Prayer

\*Song of Prayer CH 539

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Praises and Prayer Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Offering Kalamazoo Christian School

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture:

**Hebrews 2:14-18** (P. 1864)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message:

age: The Need for Grace

\*Song of Response LUYH 177

Oh, to See the Dawn

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song LUYH 177 vs. 4

Oh, to See the Dawn

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand if able

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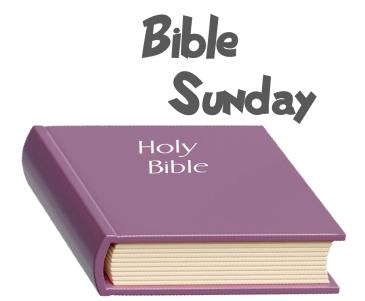
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#### **OUR VISION**

Our purpose, having been called by Christ to a life of service, is to glorify God through Biblical worship, strengthening and enriching one another in the Christian life, and sharing Christ's love through word and deed in faithful witness, both within our congregation and outside our fellowship.

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People: Satisfy us with Your provision, and fix our desires on You.

Pastor: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Pastor: And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

People: Teach us to meditate on Your law day and night, that we may walk in Your ways.

## Assurance of Pardon: Romans 6:17-18 (in unison)

But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

Today we celebrate Bible Sunday: a treasured tradition here at East Martin CRC. It is an opportunity to pass the Word of God to the younger generation, gifting them a personal copy so they can come to love it and learn from it.

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

Today's recipients are: Boaz Katje

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We welcome Joel Trinidad for today's services. Next Sunday, we will have Pastor David Prince for both the morning and evening service.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held May 18 following the morning service. The candidates for Elder are Randy Bouman, Dennis DeYoung, Harold Wykstra, and Glenn Leep. The Deacon candidates are Kevin Bouman and Doug DeMann. We thank Tom Rook, Bruce Tiemeyer, Jonathan Kalkman, and Scott Tuinstra for serving in their respective roles of Elder and Deacon.

Jonah Wubben is on deployment. There is a Facebook page where we can follow along: USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19).

Today is the last day for the shower for Trey Rillema and Kassi VanderLind. Trey and Kassi's baby boy was born on March 6. They are all set with newborn items. Please place your gifts in the pack 'n play in the narthex.

The first session of Young at Heart will meet on Thursday, May 15. Please come at 11:30 for fellowship; lunch will be served at noon. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to come.

If you are planning on attending Joel Trinidad's graduation and would like to join them for dinner at 3:00 pm at their house, please let them know so they can plan accordingly.

Please join Mid-America Reformed Seminary either in-person or via live stream on our YouTube channel as it celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Commencement exercises on Thursday, May 15, 2025, 7:30 p.m., at Redeemer United Reformed Church in St. John, IN. We will be graduating eleven candidates for the Master of Divinity degree. Refreshments will follow.

Summer is fast approaching and Project Hope is partnering with ACFPC for the 2025 Cereal Drive – May 1<sup>st</sup> thru May 31<sup>st</sup>. You can donate in a few different ways: to alleganfoundation.org; text cereal to 44-321; mail a donation to ACCF at 112 Locust St, Allegan MI 49010; donate to a drop site; or donate to Project Hope 1808 143<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Dorr MI 49323.

Memorial Day Breakfast: Please join Dorr CRC for the Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, May 26, 7:00-10:30am. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee and juice will be served. Donations will go to the 2026 Guatemala Mission Team trip.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER PRAYER REQUEST**

Please pray for God's guidance and direction for Dave Misner this week.

**OFFERINGS** 

**Today** AM: General Fund/Ministry Shares

PM: Kalamazoo Christian School

**Next Week** AM: East Martin Christian School

PM: Luke Society

**GREETERS** 

**Today** AM: Ron & Lorraine VandenBerg, Dave Misner

PM: Harold Wykstra

**Next Week** AM: Dean & Carolyn VanderMeulen, Tom Rook

PM: Bruce & Renee Aukema

**LIBRARY** 

Today Rena Lynema Next Week Nancy Tuinstra

**NURSERY** 

Today Jen and Violet Tuinstra

Next Week Laura DeMaagd

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Today Kevin Bouman, Randy Bouman, Joe DeKoekkoek Next Week Kevin DeKoekkoek, Chase DeMaagd, Doug DeMann

**LORD'S SUPPER:** June 8

<u>**OUR WEEK**</u> May 4, 2025

Sunday 8:00 AM Prayer Group

10:30 AM Fellowship Coffee 7:30 PM Girl's Youth Group

Wednesday 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

Reading of God's Law and Confession of Sin (Responsively)

Pastor: And God spoke all these words, saying,

People: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

Pastor: "You shall have no other gods before me."

People: Lord, incline our hearts to worship You alone.

Pastor: "You shall not make for yourself a carved image You shall not bow down to them or serve them."

People: For You, O Lord, are a jealous God, and we shall worship You in spirit and truth.

Pastor: "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

People: May we honor Your holy name in word and deed.

Pastor: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

People: Teach us to rest in You and delight in Your day.

Pastor: "Honor your father and your mother."

People: Help us walk in humility, showing respect and love.

Pastor: "You shall not murder."

People: Lord, make us instruments of peace and protectors of life.

Pastor: "You shall not commit adultery."

People: Purify our hearts and preserve our covenantal love.

Pastor: "You shall not steal."

People: Grant us contentment and honesty in all things.

Pastor: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

People: May truth dwell richly in our speech and actions.

Pastor: "You shall not covet..."

Sermon Title: Be Strong and Courageous: Live by the Word! Sermon Text: Joshua 1:8-9 Sermon Points: I. Strength Comes from Holding onto God's Word (v. 8)	Sermon Series: The Heidelberg Catechism Sermon Series: The Heidelberg Catechism Sermon Title: The Need for Grace Sermon Text: Hebrews 2:14-18 Lord's Day 5
	Sermon Points:
	I. The Human Condition: We Deserve Judgment (v. 14a)
II. Courage Comes from Trusting His Promises (v. 9)	II. The Futility of Self-Salvation (vs. 14b, 16)
	III. The Kind of Savior We Need (vs. 17-18)
	IV. Our Response: Receive Grace, Rest in Christ (v. 18)