
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan
April 6, 2025 10:00 AM



Invites the congregation to stand, as able

Bold Text is spoken in unison by the congregation



The Sanctuary main floor is equipped with a loop system for the hearing impaired

We are happy you are here this morning!

*Third Reformed Church celebrates the gospel of Jesus as the way God moves people
from exclusion to embrace by grace through faith. As a gospel community
we are fully inclusive of all people who seek to know, love, and follow Jesus
in a life of faith regardless of race, class, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Lord of the Dance

Sydney Carter

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come down from the tree, Zacchaeus and friends. Come and worship together!

The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.

You are witnessed, worthy and welcomed today by Jesus, the bread of life.

The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.

Let us feast at the table of love and justice, where no one dines alone.

The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!



CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Above All

Paul Baloche

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of righteousness and justice, you know our hearts and minds.
While we center and glorify people who are talented,
famous, conventionally beautiful or wealthy,
you see beauty in places we tend to ignore or neglect.

**We confess we have judged people by their ability to fit into social norms,
win awards, accumulate wealth, and perform with power.**

We miss the Zacchaeuses of our times
because we have overlooked the value of those who don't fit our standards,
who struggle to be seen or who are dismissed by society.
We have neglected to honor the dignity of those unlike us
or displaced from their homelands
and have allowed our biases to shape our actions and choices.

**Forgive us, God, for the times we have failed
to reflect your inclusive love and justice.**

**Open our eyes to see the worth of every person,
and teach us to honor all your creation with the respect it deserves.**

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

The people offer a sign of peace to one another

CHORAL ANTHEM

Alleluia Canon

Donald Moore

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

Luke 19:1-10 (NT pg. 71)

MESSAGE

Bread for Community

The Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF THE LORD'S TABLE

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

One Bread, One Body

John Foley

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(We partake with gluten free bread and grape juice.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty . . .

. . . With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven
we worship and adore your glorious name.

-Sung-

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.

Most righteous God . . .

. . . Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray . . .

. . . Even so, **come Lord Jesus!**

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

...ending with THE LORD'S PRAYER (printed inside the hymnal cover)

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **518** *He's Got the Whole World*

WHOLE WORLD

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

The Wonderful Cross

Chris Tomlin

If you brought an offering this morning, please put it in an offering plate, located on the tables in the narthex.

Offerings may also be mailed to the church, made online at: <https://thirdgr.breezechms.com/give/online>
or made by scanning the QR code below.

Make an Offering



Assisting God's people in worship this morning are:

the Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

Ron Roden, liturgist

Adult Choir under the direction of Paul Boelkins

Clare Portinga, oboist

Pam Lockwood, Director of Music

Brock Shoemaker, sound technician

AJ Arechiga, Head of Technology



NURSERY AND TODDLER ROOM (LITTLE LAMBS)

We provide care during worship for our little ones, from birth through 3-years-old. The nursery and the toddler room are both located at the southwest end of the building (rooms 104 and 105) near the church office. [Click here to sign-up to help on a future Sunday](#) Thank you!



*Our youngsters will not be invited during worship today to dismiss to their own space for worship (children's worship). There are coloring pages and colored pencils available on the table in the narthex that can be taken to and worked on in the pews. Children's worship will resume next week on Palm Sunday (April 13)!

ARE YOU VISITING?

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please take a moment to fill out a "visitor card," found in each pew, and give it to one of our pastors. Or, simply scan the QR code below and fill out a "visitor form."

Contact Information



Please join us for a time of fellowship following the worship service, and for a cup of coffee or punch and a cookie or two!



FAITH FORUM (2nd HOUR)

There will be no Faith Forum today. We will resume next Sunday (April 13) when Ted Zwart will share his faith story!



THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING

Bill Davidson – AM Coordinator

Joyce Bengelink, Millie Noordyke, Barb Struik – Greeters

Tammy Schollaart - Nursery & Little Lambs (Toddler Room)

NEXT WEEK (April 13)

AM Coordinator:	Bill Davidson
Greeters:	Ted and Nancy Zwart, Bruce and Susie Neckers
Liturgist:	Volunteer Needed
Nursery & Toddler Room:	Bill and Barb Hamlin

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

April 20	The De Korte Family
April 27	The Crow Family, Esther Woudenberg
May 4	Chris and Leslie Muller, Steve and Lisa Roskiewicz
May 11	The Teitsma Family
May 18	The Reid Morris Family
May 25	The Kent Family, Margo Taylor
June 1	The Maddox Family, Nancy Mc Intyre
June 8	The Plantenga Family, Bryan and Cheryl Hageman
June 15	Len and Dianne De Braber
June 22	Rog and Jane Bolhouse
June 29	Gary Graef and Kim Krause

***Please call or email the office if you have a conflict with the date you are scheduled for.**

DO YOU HAVE ANY THIRD MEMORABILIA?

Edy Borgondy is working hard to fill our display case in the front hallway with things that are a part of Third Reformed Church's history. Do you have any photos that you would like to share? Please put your photo(s) in Edy's church mailbox or leave them in the church office. Be sure to put your name on them so Edy can return them to you at the end of the year. If you do not want her to hang them with a few small pins, be sure to make that clear. Lisa in the office will gladly make a copy for Edy to use. Thank you, Edy, for helping us relive and return to some very cherished memories!

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Our 2025 Lenten devotional, *Bread of Life Lenten Devotional*, is available in the Connection Center. Pick one up today! The devotional can also be accessed electronically.

[Click Here for the Electronic Copy of the Bread of Life Lenten Devotional](#)



EASTER FLOWERS: It is our tradition here at Third to fill the sanctuary on Easter morning with fresh flowers that are purchased in memory or honor of loved ones. Today is the last day we are taking orders. Pam Lockwood will be in the gathering space (near the church mailboxes) following worship this morning to take your order.

Flower prices are as follows:

Lilly (one stem) - \$15

Lily (two stem) - \$29

Daffodils (6 in) - \$15

Tulips (6 in)– \$15

Hyacinths (6 in) - \$15

ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

If you are in need of prayer or know of someone who is, or if would like to receive prayer requests via the prayer chain, please contact Paula Boeve @ 616.581.5459 or psvsboo@aol.com, or call the church office. Prayer requests are sent out by Paula and received by you via email.



Continue to Remember our Friends – Nancy Bloem, Mary Boelkins, Len Nagel, Virginia Schollaart, Dee Scully, Sandy Swan, Char Van Slooten and Joan Vila.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5 (NRSV)

CHURCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

Third partners with Pine Rest in a church assistance program. Each one of us (and everyone living in the home) has access to many services offered by Pine Rest, including 3 free counseling visits, elder care consultation, real estate consultation, and 100s of webinars on topics related to mental health and wellness. It is all confidential and between only you and the folks at Pine Rest.

If you would like to make an appointment with Pine Rest, call 1.800.442.0809 (press 1 and follow the prompts). Please remember to say, “I have a CAP with Third Reformed Church.” A licensed counselor will return your call within 60 minutes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
April 6	Celebration of the Lord's Supper	
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
April 7		
TUESDAY	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
April 8	Worship Planning Meeting	11:30 AM
	Third to Serve at Supper House (St. Alphonsus Parish)	4:45 – 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
April 9	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	11:00 AM
	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
	Improv Class	6:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous	6:30 PM
FRIDAY	Church Office Closed for Spring Break	
April 11		
SATURDAY	DeColores Board Meeting	9:30 AM
April 12		
SUNDAY	Palm Sunday Breakfast	8:30 – 9:45 AM
April 13	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School (2 nd Hour)	11:30 AM



Plan to come early next week for BREAKFAST!

On the menu: Egg dishes, French toast casserole, sausage, fruit and assorted sweet rolls.

Breakfast will be served from 8:30 – 9:45 am.

We will gather in the fellowship hall at 9:50 am for a palm processional.
-Community Life



EASTER EGG HUNT AND HOLY PILGRIMAGE

Third's annual Easter Egg Hunt and Holy Pilgrimage is on Saturday, April 19 at 11 am. We expect a large crowd this year because spring break will be over and Easter Sunday is the next day! There are several ways you can help us make this an awesome outreach event:

Donate wrapped candy that can be stuffed into eggs

Collection box is in the connection center

Help set up the Holy Pilgrimage the week before the event

Click here to sign-up: [I can help set up the Holy Pilgrimage](#)

Volunteer to help during the event itself

Click here to sign up: [I can help on the day of the Easter Egg Hunt & Holy Pilgrimage](#)

Donate cookies for the fellowship time after the event

Drop off at the church on Friday, April 18 during office hours



HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS

April 13 Palm Sunday

Breakfast Served from 8:30 – 9:45 am

Worship at 10 am

April 17 Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae Service (A service of lights) at 7 pm

April 18 Good Friday

Worship with Communion at 12 pm in the Lounge

April 19 Easter Egg Hunt & Holy Pilgrimage

Community Event Begins at 11 am

April 20 Easter

Worship at 10 am



EASTER WORSHIP AND “FLOWERING THE CROSS”



On Easter Sunday (March 20), we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at 10 am! A tradition at Third is to arrive early to “flower the cross.” This is a chance to add a flower in memory of someone you have loved and lost to the wooden cross that will be lifted high at the start of worship and brought into the sanctuary, along with the Christ candle. There will be some flowers available, but you are encouraged to provide your own from your yard or local store.

CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS

It’s time for us to consider who God is calling to serve the church through the work of the Consistory. The Consistory is a group of 12 women and men who work alongside the pastor to provide leadership for our congregation. In making recommendations, you should consider people who reflect Christ-like love in the way they live their lives and engage with others. The Consistory is made up of 6 elders who provide leadership in the areas of worship, discipleship and pastoral care, and 6 deacons who provide leadership in the areas of justice and mercy, outreach and the care of our finances and facilities. Nomination forms can be found in the Connection Center or by clicking here: [Consistory Nomination Form](#)
Please submit any names by Sunday, April 20, 2025.

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY

- **Food Pantry** - April is a sweet month in more ways than one. We are collecting **sugar** this month for the Pantry 😊 There is a table in the “gathering space” or space by the church mailboxes for donations. You may also make a monetary donation, which can be put in the white mailbox on the food donation table.
- **Supper House** – It is time for us to serve again as a church at Supper House, which is located at St. Alphonsus Parish – 224 Carrier St NE. The day is **THIS Tuesday**, April 8. Serve time is 4:45 – 6:30 pm. Sign up at the Connection Center today or by clicking this link: [Sign up to help at Supper House](#)



**A community of Christ's disciples,
and the presence of Christ to our neighbors.**

YOUR 2024/2025 CONSISTORY

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Walt Lockwood
Dawn Muller
Windy Schnelker
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