

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY July 12, 2020

**“O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.”
Psalm 95:6**

Morning Service 9:30

The Saints: Addressed as Elect Sojourners

I. The Divine Origin of Their Distinct Identity

II. Having a Peculiar Status in the World

III. Recipients of a Unique Blessedness

Read: I Peter 1

Text: I Peter 1:1-2

Psalters: 306, 235, 106, 236

Offerings: **General Fund**

Benevolent Fund

Evening Service 6:00

The Years the Locusts Have Eaten: To Be Restored

I. When This Was To Be Fulfilled

II. What Was To Be (And Is Being) Restored

III. With What Blessings To Be Enjoyed

Read: Joel 2:12ff

Text: Joel 2:18-27

Psalters: 379, 140, 294, 296

Offerings: **Reformed Witness Committee
Emeritus Fund**

FROM THE COUNCIL

We welcome Rev. Koole to our pulpit today. Rev. Koole retired from the active ministry in 2018 and has been busy since assisting congregations where needed. We are thankful for his and his wife Pat's willingness to assist us at Calvary. Pastor Brummel is preaching for Doon PRC today. Those who desire to fellowship with the Kooles this week can contact them via Alan and Vi De Boer (726-3337) where they are staying.

The consistory has approved the baptism request of Mr. and Mrs. Dillon Brummel for their son, Abel Henry. The sacrament will be administered Sunday morning, July 26.

With gratitude to our heavenly Father, the consistory joyfully received the confessions of faith

of Crystal Brummel, Shane Kooima, Ethan Van Bommel, Jon Van Ravenswaay, Justin Vander Veen, and James Warntjes. Barring any objections, the public confessions of Crystal, Jon, Justin, and James will take place during the evening service on July 26, and the public confessions of Ethan and Shane will take place on August 2, Lord willing.

The consistory approved proceeding with the administration of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, August 2. The evening service of July 26 will be preparatory in addition to the confessions of faith.

The consistory has received the membership papers of Jori Eriks from Hudsonville PRC. Her phone number is 616-318-2578. She is currently living with her grandparents, Rog and Marjean Buys. We welcome Jori and pray that she will be blessed in our midst.

The council will meet Monday, July 13, at 7:00 PM.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

“We would like to thank Pastor and the congregation for remembering us in various ways. We are grateful for your prayers, cards, messages, and meals. We are thankful we can worship together again.” – “What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.”
Psalm 56: 3&4.

-Art & Mary Bleyenberg

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

First PRC in Edmonton called Rev. N. Langerak (Crete PRC). He plans to answer that call today.

Unity PRC called Rev. G. Eriks (Hudsonville PRC). He plans to answer this call today.

Kalamazoo PRC called Rev. C. Spronk (Faith PRC).

Rev. Heath and Deb Bleyenberg were able to move this past week to their new church home in Lacombe, AB, CAN.

REQUESTED ANNOUCEMENTS

There will be an information sheet about the Wealth Bible study in the mailboxes this week. The sign-up sheets for Wealth can be located by the mailboxes. Please sign up if you would like to attend this year and also consider filling one of the open volunteer positions.

The annual society meeting of Trinity Christian High School is scheduled for Monday, July 20 at 7:30PM. Meeting agenda will be sent out via email this week. Nominations for board members are Jeff Baker, Lane Brummel, Brad De Boer and Dan Poppema.

Sign up to attend the 2020 Calvary Church Picnic! Join us for an afternoon and evening of fellowship and food on Saturday, August 1. Softball tournament (high school-adult), kickball tournament (ages K-junior high), and picnic sign-up sheets are on a table in the narthex.

The Young Calvinists will be holding a Virtual Young People's Gathering via Zoom on August 8 from 11 AM-5 PM. As a small replacement for convention, this will feature a lecture on heaven by Prof. Gritters, mixer games, discussion groups and more! There will also be an indoor and outdoor singspiration at Fair Haven on Sunday, August 9, at 8 PM. Sign up for one or both before July 20 at the link: <https://forms.gle/vhpopvBpDUUYi8bQ8>.

Follow our blog (youngcalvinists.org), Facebook, or Instagram for more upcoming details.

Save the date for a singles' conference! Lord willing, we will host another three-day event in the Grand Rapids area, September 25-27, for singles ages 25+. The weekend will include two speeches, a discussion group, and several social activities. Plan to attend and be encouraged and edified by other like-minded singles! Stay tuned for more details.

Offerings next week: AM: General & Benevolent Funds
PM: Trinity Christian High School

Reformed Witness Hour: Sunday @ 8:00 A.M. KLOH 1050 AM; 5:00 P.M. KDCR 88.5 FM – Today, Rev. Audred Spriensma begins a new series on the covenant with “Enoch Walks With God” Genesis 5:22-24. Next week, Rev. Spriensma will bring us “Finding Grace in the Eyes of the Lord” Genesis 6:8.

Ushers: July AM: Craig VV, Justin VV, Zach VG
PM: Tyler VE, Brian VM, Daniel VM

Sound Booth: Today: Brandyn B
Next week: Jordan K

Nursery: There will not be nursery attendants.

QUOTES FOR CONTEMPLATION

If the worship of God is such a serious, solemn activity, then it must be entered into and carried out with careful preparation. Is it not true that if we have planned some important dinner-date with friends, then we take the necessary time and steps to get ready for it? How much more when we have an appointment with God in His house each Lord's day! ...

First, our preparation for worship must take place just before the service begins—that is, when we have come to the church building and are seated in the sanctuary prior to the start of the formal service. This is an important time in terms of preparing ourselves for what is to take place. We need to begin seeking God's face, waiting to meet Him, to hear Him, and to fellowship with Him. Therefore we ought to be in prayer and meditation through the Word. Instead we often waste this time through frivolous activities. Let us be conscious of the need to prepare to meet our God (cf. Amos 4:12)!

Second, our preparation for worship must begin even before we arrive at the church building. Sunday morning and evening at home is a critical time also in terms of how ready we will be to worship the Lord. We all know how hurried and hassled we can be on Sunday morning. We sleep too late and become rushed. We fight for time in the shower and bathroom. We wolf down our breakfast. Maybe there is time for family devotions, maybe not. And then we rush out the door and hurry to church, arriving perhaps at the last minute, or with just enough time to read the bulletin. And we expect to be ready to enter God's presence and worship Him in spirit and in truth, with mind and body fully engaged?! ...

And then third, our preparation for worship covers the time of the whole week. We really cannot worship properly on Sunday unless we are living the whole week in preparation for worshiping the Lord. What that means is that we must be living in the fear of God and in the service of God all week in order for us to have true worship on the Lord's day. We cannot fear and worship God on one day. We cannot live in an ungodly manner all week, and then expect to come ready to bow before God and give Him thanks and praise on Sunday. We cannot be living in blatant disobedience to the will of God during the week, and then expect to come and do obeisance to the Lord on Sunday. We cannot be defying God's Word Monday through Saturday, and then think we will be ready to hear His Word on Sunday.

-C. Terpstra (“The Believer's Role in Public Worship: Active Participant or Passive Spectator?” *The Standard Bearer* Issue: 10, 2/15/2002)