

April 26, 2026

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Elshout

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter 7: All*

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1–24

Psalter 140:1, 2

Scripture: John 20:18–31

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 263: All*

Sermon Text: John 20:19–23

Sermon Theme: Jesus’s First Appearance to His Disciples

- 1) Jesus greets them**
- 2) Jesus shows them His hands and side**
- 3) Jesus commissions them**
- 4) Jesus empowers them**

Prayer

Psalter 402:1, 4, 6*

Benediction*

Doxology: Psalter 196*

** Please stand as you are able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions—John 20:19–23 (AM Service)

- 1*. How did Jesus prepare His disciples for His first appearance to them?
2. Why is it emphasized that Jesus appeared to His disciples on the **first** day of the week?
3. Why is Jesus’s greeting to the disciples such an extraordinary manifestation of grace?
- 4*. How does Jesus reassure His disciples that as the resurrected Christ He still has a true human nature?
5. What is the profound meaning of the fact that Jesus showed His disciples His hands and His side?
6. Why is it so precious that Jesus repeats His greeting to His disciples?
7. How does Jesus empower His disciples to do what He commands them to do—what He sends them to do?
8. How does Jesus articulate the remarkable authority of gospel ministry?

Question for Self-reflection

- # Do we have an assured and experiential knowledge that our sins are forgiven?

* Questions for younger children

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Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m.

Pastor Elshout

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter 23:1, 2, 6*

Scripture: Romans 3:9–26

Confession: Canons of Dordt, Head 3 & 4, Art. 4–6 (p. 107)

Psalter 132:1, 5

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 400:1–4*

Sermon text: Genesis 3:15 (Belg. Conf., Art. 17)

Sermon Theme: The Recovery of Fallen Man

- 1. God sees wretched sinners**
- 2. God seeks wretched sinners**
- 3. God saves wretched sinners**

Prayer

Psalter 261: All*

Benediction*

Doxology: Psalter 197

** Please stand as you are able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions—Belg. Conf, Art. 17 (PM Service)

1. What important connection is there between Art. 16 & 17 of the Belgic Confession?
2. Why is fallen “wholly miserable”?
3. Why must salvation be initiated by God?
4. What is meant by the statement that God gave Himself in order to be Himself?
5. How does the covenant of redemption display the admirable wisdom of God?
- 6*. Were Adam & Eve ready and willing to hear the gospel?
7. Why did God’s Son have to be “made of a woman” in order to save fallen sinners?
- 8*. What does the Bible have in mind when it speaks of happiness?

Question for Self-reflection

- # Have you experienced the wonder that God, for Christ’s sake, sees, seeks, and saves wretched and fallen sinners?

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We welcome the congregation and all visitors, to hear the Word of God.

Prayer Requests and Thanksgiving

- A spiritual awakening in our nation.
- Our persecuted brothers and sisters.
- Expecting mothers and those desiring children.
- For those struggling with disappointments and afflictions.
- Our children's education and institutions.
- On-going military conflicts.

Organist André Knevel of ON, will give an organ recital based on the Psalms at Calvin University Chapel, 1835 Knollcrest Circle SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 at **7:30 p.m.**

Dates & Events D.V.

Apr 28 Shower for Elisabeth Haaksma in the PCS gym at 7:30 p.m.

Apr 29 Senior Spring Dinner in the fellowship hall at **5:30 p.m.**

May 1 Honoray Doctorate conferment to our Pastor at **7:00 p.m.** at Heritage Reformed Church in Grand Rapids.

May 3 Pastor J. Schoeman of Abbotsford, BC, FRC, will serve us in both services.

May 3 Pastor Dan Schipper will be sent out as a missionary from the Providence Reformed church at **6:00 p.m.**

May 6 Women's prayer meeting at Liz DeVries (T) at **8:00 p.m.**

May 6 Men's prayer meeting at **8:00 p.m.**

May 7 National Day of Prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

May 9 Farewell event for our Pastor and his wife at **5:00 p.m.**

May 14 Ascension Day service at **7:30 p.m.**

May 19 Annual Congregational Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name... beginning at Jerusalem. (Luke 24:47). He who desires to be a true Christian, must be experimentally acquainted with repentance and remission of sins. These are the principal things in saving religion. To belong to a pure church, and hear the gospel, and receive the sacraments, are great privileges. But are we converted? Are we justified? If not, we are dead before God. Blessed is that Christian who keeps these two points continually before his eyes! Repentance and remission are not some elementary truths, and milk for babes. The highest standard of sanctity is nothing more than a continual growth in practical knowledge of these two points. The brightest saint is the man who has the most heart-searching sense of his own sinfulness, and the liveliest sense of his own complete acceptance in Christ. *Beginning at Jerusalem--* We see in these wondrous words, the length, and breadth, and depth, and height of Christ's compassion towards sinners. We must never despair of anyone being saved, however bad and profligate he may have been... We must not be afraid to invite the worst of men to repent, believe, and live. It is the glory of our Great Physician, that He can heal incurable cases. The things that are that seem impossible to men are possible with God.

~J. C. Ryle

Nursery

Apr 26 a.m. Infants: Rachelle Timmermans
Toddlers: Heather Ferguson, **Charlotte VanD.**
Apr 26 p.m. Infants: Hannah Greendyk
Toddlers: Liz DeVries (T), **Madison DeVries**
May 03 a.m. Infants: Jamie Marcus
Toddlers: Lydia Nieuwenhuis, **Maelle T.**
May 03 p.m. Infants: Victoria Damon
Toddlers: Jenessa Kleyn, **Tenley Blok**

Greeters

Morning

Evening

April 26 John K
May 3 Ben T
May 10 Joseph V

Joseph V
Tim D
Tim N

Collections

The Education Fund will be collected each Lord's Day.

April 26 Discretionary **May 03** General

May 10 Building

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*We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we
will set up our banners: the LORD fulfill all thy petitions.*

~ Psalm 20:5