

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship our Lord and King

11 August 2024

Welcome! If you are visiting this morning, we're glad to have you with us today.

In our text for today, we will see that Jesus claims a title for himself with significant implications: The Good Shepherd. What is he saying about himself, and what does it mean for us today?

Prelude *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Arise, My Soul, Arise
I Believe*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Ancient Words*

Kingdom Prayers
Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3

Message **I AM – THE GOOD SHEPHERD**
Dr. Branson Parler JOHN 10:11-18 (P. 1040)

Communion

Singing *You Never Let Go*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received following our worship service

This week at Fourth

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| Today | Greeters | Brian & Becky Tubergen Next week: Jeff & Erin Broene |
| | Nursery | Grace Wammack, Gideon Eising Next week: Amy Coeling, Haju Kimyang, Nevaeh Bills |
| | Children's Worship | Nevaeh Bills, Christian Parler Next week: Ruby Parler, Nolan Baragar |
| | Coffee | Dave & Richanda Bolt Next week: Micah & Erin Meendering |
| Tuesday | 10:00 AM | Women's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i> |
| Wednesday | 6:30 AM | Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i> |
| Thursday | 10:00 AM | Knitting Group <i>at Rest Haven</i> |
| Saturday | 9:00 AM | Women's Passion Prayer <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i> |
| | 1:30 PM | Gardens Sunflower Event |

Praise & Prayer

God has really shown Himself in the process of healing for **Eric O'Brock**. The surgery for a new pacemaker/defibrillator went well and his clarity of thought has improved dramatically! He has been moved from the Heart Center but is still receiving multiple therapies with daily field trips out of his room in a transport chair! We praise God and pray for continued progress.

Please be in prayer for **Nancy Brinks** as she has knee replacement surgery on Tuesday! Pray for a successful surgery and a smooth recovery!

We give praise that **Bob & Gail's son-in-law Taylor** was able to find a new job! Please keep praying for Taylor as he starts this new job, and as they try to take care of the gap in income the family is facing.

Announcements

Gardens Sunflower Event

Join us and bring your family, friends and neighbors to our Sunflower event this Saturday, August 17 from 1:30 – 3:30pm. We are planning an awesome afternoon of fun and activities! Not only can you explore the sunflower field, but you can do sidewalk chalk, play basketball, and eat donuts!!! That's right, we have Ollie's Donuts coming with their truck to hand out free donuts throughout the event. We need some folks to help setup that day, so please sign up if you can do that. We also really need folks from Fourth to come out and make connections with neighbors, so make plans to be there!!!



Missionaries of the Month – Mission India

Mission India provides life-changing education through Adult Literacy classes and shows students the way to new life in Christ so they can lead their families to Him, too. Founder John DeVries devoted his life to the cause of spreading Christ's joy in India with more than 45 visits to organize Bible-based literacy courses so people learn reading, writing and math. Literacy was the first step to learn to walk with God – changing their lives! Donations for Mission India can be given anytime during the month of August and we will take a special offering during our worship service on August 25.

New CE Directors

The Consistory is happy to announce that God has led us to hire Evan and Nicole Donovan to lead our Christian Education ministry. Evan and Nicole bring with them years of ministry experience serving in other churches, and have a great vision for the future of CE and Children's Worship at Fourth. We are grateful to have them hit the ground running as they plan for the fall.

Where Has God Called You to Serve?

We're a month away from School-year ministries!!!! We are looking for a person to help lead the young children's CE class. If you can help with this class, please see Evan or Nicole Donovan. We're also looking for people to help with Children's Worship. If you are willing to help with Children's Worship this fall, please sign up on the back table.

Rooted Pool Party

On August 25, we'll be heading over to the Broene's for one final dose of summer at a pool party. More details coming soon, but mark your calendars and plan on joining us after church!

Ministry Safe

Everyone who is involved in Youth Ministry, Christian Education, Children's Worship, GEMS and Cadets is encouraged to attend a training on Saturday, August 24 at Fourth from 9-11am. We'll be going over some new guidelines for keeping our kids safe, and watching a training video together.

Foundry class - The Missional Story of Scripture

What is the big story of the Bible? What are the big stories that drive our culture? How can we as Christians live faithfully today? Join Branson Parler and Jeff Fisher as they lead a four-session course that will equip you to answer these questions. This course is being offered at two different locations and times: at Fifth Reformed Church from 12pm-3pm beginning on Tuesday, Aug. 27, and meeting every other week. You can register at www.thefoundrygr.org/iml/mss-fifth/. We also meet at Madison Church from 12pm-3pm beginning on Wednesday, Aug. 28, and meeting every other week. You can register at www.thefoundrygr.org/iml/mss-madison/. The cost is \$500 and the consistory generously covers 50% of the cost for Fourth Church members to participate. Please talk to Branson if you have any questions. We'd love to have you!

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Empowered by the Spirit
to **follow** Jesus together, **serve** others,
and **share** God's love.
