

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Lancaster
Presbyterian
Church

*A Congregation of
the Evangelical
Presbyterian Church*

Rev. Dr. Kelly Negus
Senior Pastor

Raffi Wright
*Director of Youth & Music
Ministries*

The Ten Biblical Principles of Revitalization:

1. Remember God's faithfulness.
2. Repent continually.
3. Be gospel driven and Christ centered.
4. Pray without ceasing.
5. Minister the word.
6. Cultivate spiritual formation.
7. Engage clear vision, mission and values.
8. Equip empowering servant leaders.
9. Build small groups.
10. Pursue Great Commission discipleship.

God Sees Our Hearts
1 Samuel 17:1-58 (299)
Real Shepherds Deal with the Wolves
Gaelen Negus

Camp Duffield 2026!

Sunday, June 28th @ 2PM to Friday, July 3rd @ 10AM

We are excited for another year at Camp Duffield! This year's camp is open to students completing grades 3-6, with Outpost available for those finishing grades 7-8.

Space is limited and fills quickly, especially for Outpost.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Visit <https://l-p-c.org/ministries/summer-camp/> for all registration details and to register your child online.

Registration will close on June 1.

We are looking forward to a wonderful week together at camp! Please join us in praying for the youth and staff as we ask the Lord to meet us in a powerful way at Duffield this year.

If you have any questions, please see Aurelius and Megan Chaves. With questions regarding online registration, please see Raffi Wright.

Meet our LPC Elders

This morning during the Adult Education hour

Purpose:

**For God's glory
we are committed
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
in all we say and all we do
to make and equip disciples
in our families, our community, and the world.**

Core Values:

**We believe in the authority of Scripture
and we affirm
the historic teachings
of Reformed Christianity.**

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Welcome

Please sign the Friendship pad as it is passed through the pew, returning it to the side aisle.

Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Assistance Devices

are available
An usher will assist you.

Child Care is provided through kindergarten in room 217 on the 2nd floor. An usher will guide you.

Prayer Cards are available for special prayer requests. Prayer cards can be found in the pew envelope holders and as you enter the balcony. They can be placed in the offering basket. A wooden box in the back of the sanctuary is available for confidential prayer requests.

Please silence your cell phone.

** Stand, if able*

Prelude

Welcome and Friendship Pad – Ed Carlsen Jr.

Call to Worship

(Adapted from Psalm 144, Isaiah 40)

Blessed be the LORD, my Rock!—

Who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle!

Blessed be my Faithful-One and my Fortress!

My Stronghold and my Savior!

...

Behold, the Lord YHWH will come with might—

Yea, **His Strong-Arm** rules for Him!

Behold, His payment is with Him,

And His reward before Him!

Like a shepherd He will tend His flock!

In His Strong-Arm He will gather the lambs,

And carry them in the fold of His robe.

He will gently lead the *baby lambs* who nurse.

...

Blessed be the people whose God is the LORD,
Blessed be the people whose Shepherd is King Jesus!

*Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*

Red Hymnal #2

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Almighty Shepherd of Israel,

You who have lovingly laid down Your life for Your sheep—
All-wise Counsellor, Precious Comforter, and Sovereign Keeper—

We draw near to Your throne.

We come into Your presence with kneeling hearts,
Calling confidently on the name of our Lord Jesus,

The only name that saves.

You are King, You and no other.

You are Master; we solemnly forsake all others.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all
blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures
here below;
Women: Praise Him above
ye heavenly host
Men: Praise Him above ye
heavenly host
Women: Praise, Father Son
Men: Praise, Father Son
Women: Praise, Father Son
Men: Praise, Father Son
All: Praise, Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost!

And yet we acknowledge, Jesus, that we have wandered from You—
That there are things in our lives that are hateful to You.

Holy Spirit, convict us of these sins

And strengthen us in the joyful freedom of Your all-sufficient grace,
to take the radical steps of obedience that You have called us to
even as we confess our sins to You in the silence of this moment.

Silent Confession

Sacrificial Lamb, slain for us,
We give ourselves to You.
We place all our trust in You.
Spread over us Your perfect righteousness,
And carry us until the end.
We pray in Jesus' name, AMEN.

Children's Message: Carolina Jackson

Hymn: *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

Red Hymnal #67

Prayer for Illumination

1 Samuel 17:1-58

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 35, Paragraph 1

God in infinite and perfect love,
having provided in the covenant of grace,
through the mediation and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ,
a way of life and salvation,
sufficient for and adapted to the whole lost race of man,
freely offers this salvation to all men in the gospel.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

Parting Song: *Victory in Jesus

Red Hymnal #82

Postlude

Joanne Lorenzo – Guest Organist

How Great Thou Art

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. — Psalm 48:1

Stuart K. Hine

O STORE GUD
Stuart K. Hine

1 O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der Con-sid-er
 2 *When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der* And hear the
 3 And when I think that God, His Son not spar-ing, Sent Him to
 4 *When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion* And take me

1 all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 2 *birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;* When I look down from
 3 die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my
 4 *home, what joy shall fill my heart!* Then I shall bow in

1 hear the roll-ing thun-der, Thy power through-out the u-ni-verse dis-
 2 *loft-y moun-tain gran-deur* And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle
 3 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, He bled and died to take a-way my
 4 *hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion,* And there pro-claim, my God, how great Thou

1 played:
 2 *breeze:* Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee:
 3 sin:
 4 *art!*



How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav-ior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!



... Whereof He hath given assurance unto all men that He hath raised Him from the dead. — Acts 17:31

Fanny J. Crosby

ASSURANCE
Phoebe P. Knapp

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, Vi-sions of rap-ture now
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am

1 glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,
 2 burst on my sight; An-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove
 3 hap-py and blest; Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,

1 Born of His Spir-it, washed in His blood.
 2 Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry, this is my
 3 Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.

song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; This is my sto-ry,

this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Alternate Last Chorus Harmonization

Arranged by Ovid Young

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my
Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry, this is my
song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior, all the day long.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Victory in Jesus

And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. — I John 5:4

Eugene M. Bartlett

HARTFORD
Eugene M. Bartlett

1 I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from glo - ry,
 2 I heard a - bout His heal - ing, of His cleans - ing power re - veal - ing,
 3 I heard a - bout a man - sion He has built for me in glo - ry,

1 How He gave His life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like me;
 2 How He made the lame to walk a - gain and caused the blind to see;
 3 And I heard a - bout the streets of gold be - yond the crys - tal sea;

1 I heard a - bout His groan - ing, of His pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing,
 2 And then I cried, "Dear Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"
 3 A - bout the an - gels sing - ing and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry,

1 Then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry.
 2 And some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the vic - to - ry.
 3 And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.

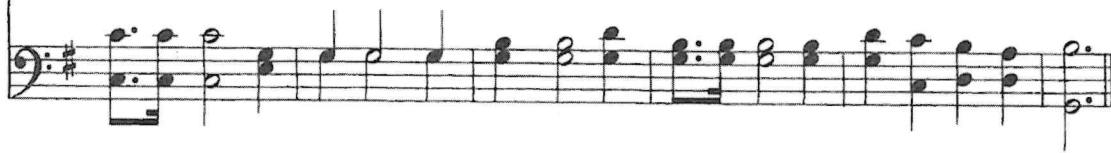
O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior, for - ev - er! He sought me and



bought me with His re-deem-ing blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, and



all my love is due Him—He plunged me to vic-to-ry be-neath the cleans-ing flood.



Praying for Our Family

Pastor Kelly
KC Carlsen
Jan Majors
Dianne Perry
Judy Cavanaugh
Bill Stortz
Helen Markham
Carole Schafer
Mike Eaton
Doris Moranski
Violet Chaves
Judy Martin
Don Flaig

Home Members

Shirley Richard
Nancy Patterson
Dave Breckenridge
Millie Epolito
Jackie Harbold
Judy Kish

Military Personnel:

Thomas Carlsen II

Prayer Ministry:

All prayer requests can be emailed to the church office at office@l-p-c.org, or simply complete the form on our church website.

Child Care - Summer 2026

- We are looking for 2 adults & 1 teenage helper each Sunday throughout the summer.
- If you are able to help with this special ministry please sign up on the sheet provided on the Information Table outside the sanctuary.

A special thank you to all who volunteer their time during our worship services!

Meal Train for the Neguses If you would like to provide a meal for the Neguses, there is a Meal Train organized. The link is shared on the LPC Facebook page and was sent through the prayer chain. If you would like assistance with scheduling or delivering please contact Beth Manley or the church office. Please note that Thursdays have been added!

Communion will take place next Sunday June 7th.

Next Sunday we invite all true believers in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to celebrate together the Lord's Supper. Let us prepare our hearts by the examination of our relationship with Christ and bring before Him any known sins. Let us use this time as an opportunity to draw nearer with a true heart in the full assurance of faith as we soon come to proclaim both our belonging to Christ and the salvation we receive from the new covenant sealed through His blood.

Session Update - May 24, 2026

Session currently has three [3] Transitional Pastor candidates that were recommended to LPC from EPC's national organization. Session is in the process of conducting an initial video conference with each of the three.

People have been asking me, "how soon will it be before LPC has a transitional Pastor on site daily"? That question is impossible to answer at this time as there are so many interlocking variables. Each of these three candidates are serving elsewhere full time at various churches as a Transitional Pastor. Each expects to be available at various times in the upcoming months.

Please help by praying for the candidates [and their families], praying for the Elders and praying for patience and wisdom for all who are involved with this seeking process. We know that God is faithful to His church. Let's praise God for that faithfulness!

Bill Stortz, Clerk of Session at Lancaster Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, June 7th - last Sunday of Adult Education & Sunday School

Next Sunday, June 7th is an opportunity to **Know Your Ministries**. This is the opportunity to learn about the activities of such groups as DAB, the Mighty Warriors, Youth and Family, Music Ministry, Men's and Women's ministries, Summer Youth Camp, and Small Groups. Representatives from each will update on their activities and visions.

Junior & Senior High Youth Group (7th –12th grade)

Join the [GroupMe](#) to stay in the loop for all upcoming events!



Saturday, June 6 - Summer Kick-Off! Beginning of summer cookout and pool party at the Carlsen's!
(5:30pm to 7:30pm) *Address available in GroupMe*

ANNOUNCING Summer Bible Study! All 7th through 12th graders are invited to a Bible Study focusing on 1 Corinthians, meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 10am to 11am beginning Wednesday, July 8th. Come for food, friendship and faithful living in Jesus!

****We are looking for Senior High Helpers/CITs for this summer's Camp Duffield! Please see Raffi if you are interested.****

Contact Raffi Wright, LPC Youth & Music Director with questions (raffi@L-P-C.org).

LPC Library News - Summer Reading Contest for Kids!

We have planned a Reading Contest for our children from June through August. For every 4 books you read from the church library, a prize will be given. Please be sure to date and sign the books out. Return books to the church library after reading.

Certificates may be picked up from the church library starting June 7th, 2026. Your parent or guardian may fill them out and return them to a box placed in the library.

Let's have fun reading this summer!

DaB - Dessert and Bible Young Adult Ministry

Happy (almost) summer, gang!

The young adults of LPC are excited to jump into another season of DaB (Dessert and Bible) with fun food, fellowship, and time in the Word together. If you're a high school graduate, a college student, a young career-age professional (or even just young at heart) and a LOVER OF JESUS, we would love to see you this summer!

DaB will meet each week on Monday evenings @6:30pm throughout the summer starting June 15 for a fun dessert, lesson-time, and games. We'll be jumping around a little bit between Ryan and Kayli's and Dave and Becky Young's (and who knows where else!) so if you're interested in joining us, the best way to stay in the loop is to join our GroupMe. We are SO excited to see what God will do in our time together as brothers and sisters in Christ! We hope to see you!

Join our GroupMe:



SAVE THE DATE - Church Picnic!

Sunday, August 2nd at the Como Park Gazebo Shelter, following our Sunday Worship Service

More details to come.

Niagara Gospel Mission Kicks Off Second Annual Butter Bowl Competition, May 2026

"We'd like to churn up enough interest about our need for butter that we cover its cost for a full year," said Executive Director Rev. John Cooper Jr.

Niagara Falls, New York—May 1, 2026, Niagara Gospel Mission is kicking off its second annual **Butter Bowl** competition to collect a year's worth of butter. "We've cooked this up to fill our freezer with all the butter we'll use in one year at the Mission," explained Rev. John Cooper Jr., executive director of the Mission.

Cooper said the Mission uses an average of 10 pounds of butter each week for cooking or putting on the Mission's dining tables. "This single line item in our food budget costs about \$35 a week or \$1800 a year. If we can churn up enough interest about this need and get butter donated, we can use that \$1,800 for other needs."

The Butter Bowl competition extends throughout May. Donations coming into the Mission, 1317 Portage Road in Niagara Falls, will be recorded. At the end of the month, the individual, church, group or business donating the most butter will receive **The Butter Bowl** trophy, which they can display until next year's competition.

"It's for fun," Cooper said, "but it's also a real need. Each day, the Mission provides meals for 120 homeless and impoverished individuals. We run out of butter a lot!"

A box is located in the church fridge for the butter. Collection will take place at LPC through Sunday, May 31st.