

WORSHIP SERVICE

July 27, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (Psalm 27:1)

The Lord is my light and my salvation,

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life:

Of whom shall I be afraid?

* Opening Songs: "Come, Worship God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #509

Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!

You are the rock of your people's salvation,
to whom our jubilant praises belong.

Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.

Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.

We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.

Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;
great is the one whom we worship this day!

Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
open our hearts to receive what you say.

Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Sing a New Creation #128

Lord the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us; Set us free by the truth You now bring us.

Shine on me, shine on me. Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace
and mercy. Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light!

Lord I come to Your awesome presence. From the shadows into Your radiance.

By the blood I may enter Your brightness. Search me try me consume all my
darkness.

Shine on me, shine on me. Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light!
As we gaze on Your kingly brightness. So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's will for his people: Ephesians 6: 10-17

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Song of Response: Bring Forth the Kingdom

Sing a New Creation #123

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 17:1-54

17 Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Sokoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh and Azekah. ² Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. ³ The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them. ⁴ A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; ⁶ on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. ⁷ His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. ⁸ His shield bearer went ahead of him. ⁸ Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." ¹⁰ Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." ¹¹ On hearing the Philistine's words,

Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified. ¹² Now David was the son of an Ephrathite named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons, and in Saul's time he was very old. ¹³ Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war: The firstborn was Eliab; the second, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah. ¹⁴ David was the youngest. The three oldest followed Saul, ¹⁵ but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem. ¹⁶ For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.

¹⁷ Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp. ¹⁸ Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them. ¹⁹ They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines." ²⁰ Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. ²¹ Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. ²² David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were. ²³ As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. ²⁴ Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear. ²⁵ Now the Israelites had been saying, "Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his family from taxes in Israel." ²⁶ David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" ²⁷ They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, "This is what will be done for the man who kills him." ²⁸ When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle." ²⁹ "Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?" ³⁰ He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before. ³¹ What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him.

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth." ³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like

one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.” Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.” ³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. “I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine. ⁴¹ Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. ⁴² He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. ⁴³ He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!” ⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.” ⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. ⁵⁰ So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him. ⁵¹ David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine’s sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran. ⁵² Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath^[1] and to the gates of Ekron. Their dead were strewn along the Shaaraim road to Gath and Ekron. ⁵³ When the Israelites returned from chasing the Philistines, they plundered their camp. ⁵⁴ David took the Philistine’s head and brought it to Jerusalem; he put the Philistine’s weapons in his own tent.

Message: The True King Steps Forward

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #223

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
who rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and reigns on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.
Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song; "He is Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #227

He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
He is King, he is King, he will draw all nations to him; he is King!
And the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King.
He is Love, he is Love, he has shown us by his life that he is Love!
All his people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love.
He is Life, he is Life, he has died to set us free, and he is Life!
And he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Lora Copley

Message: Rev. Tom Niehof

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Alisabeth Copley, Maggie VanDyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Communion: We look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning. All who are trusting in Christ and have made a public stand for him are encouraged to join.

The special offering next week will be for **World Renew**, which helps alleviate long-term poverty through integrated programs in health, agriculture, income-earning, literacy, and leadership development. Your prayers, involvement, and contributions make this work possible! If you want your giving for the floods, please note in memo.

REMINDER: if you or your group use a classroom or the Library during these summer months, please do not leave any food (beverage or solid) in the room, including the trash cans. We are having issues with ants and other critters and this is the major draw for them to come into the church.

Back To School – hard to believe, but is coming, our celebration will be August 24th. More details to come.

This Sunday, July 27, Rev. Tom Niehof will lead us in a study of I Samuel 17, the story of David and Goliath. May God bless the preaching of His Word.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13. 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

The UFO Group is sponsoring the making of fleece blankets for hospitalized kids-(not babies) at Mary Greeley. They are asking for volunteers of all ages to help **on a Sunday, August 3rd** during fellowship. Asking for donations to help purchase fleece or for donations of fleece (1.5yds X 60 inches (need two pieces per blanket). big enough for a single bed. Since these will be for all kids, please, try to stay away from pink or blue colored fleece, that way anyone can receive the blanket. The estimated cost will be about \$20 per blanket. There is a signup by the office or contact Sue Fee about donations or questions.

Pam Whitney has submitted her resignation to council. More information to come for those who may have interest in this position.

If your group or committee has an announcement, please be sure to get me an update by 10:30 am on Thursday so I have time to get it into the announcements for the week.

There is printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office. This has been updated for June. The directory with the newest updates. is on the table outside the office. Please review your changes if you made any. If you have changes or need to add info, please do it on this sheet.

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes Will resume in the fall.

Children and Worship – Will resume in the fall

Young Adult Ministry – Will host Summer events on Fridays and Saturdays, Text Derek

Breakfast Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 AM.

UFO Meets the 3rd Monday of the Month.

Women's Bible Study Meets the first Monday of the month

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month, **August 31st at 7 pm** Mucky Duck.

Hymn Sing first Sunday of the Month at 5 pm, next one **September 7th**

Next Council meeting is August 13th @ 6:30pm

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: God's Grand Story: Samuel Serves - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "God's Grand Story: Samuel Serves" at www.kidscorner.net. Want to hear a cool story about a kid God spoke to at night? Samuel was just a kid like you, and God used him in amazing ways—this devotion will inspire your whole family to listen for God's voice, obey with courage, and shine his light every day! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner eBook Collection: Faith Practices.

Groundwork: Unfaithful People and God's Grace - God famously instructed Hosea to marry an unfaithful woman and used his marriage to Gomer as a symbol of all that was wrong with Israel in their relationship with God. Join Groundwork as we dig into Hosea 1-3 to study this prophetic relationship and recognize its invitation into an honest reflection on our own relationship with God and our need for his grace as his people today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Ride to Renew: Cycle for Change - Join World Renew for the ride of a lifetime from November 1–9, 2025. 100 riders will cycle through beautiful Florida and help raise funds to equip 1,500 farmers worldwide with sustainable farming practices. Each rider commits to raising \$3,000, directly supporting 15 global farmers in achieving food security for their families and communities. Let's ride together for a more food-secure future! For more information and to register, visit worldrenew.net/ridetorenew.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - As a part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told the disciples, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matt. 6:26, NIV). Spend some time this week watching birds. Go on a hike near a body of water, put a bird feeder in your backyard, or simply watch for birds as you travel throughout your day. As you observe these creatures, be reminded of God's care and provision. Make a list of the ways God provides for you daily. Place it somewhere in your home where it can serve as a daily reminder of God's care for you. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Sound: Rex De Bruin

Nursery: Sue F and Pam

Children's message: Lora Copley

Greeters: Hertz

Greeters

July 27 Hertz
August 3 Irvin
August 10 Nancy Klemme
August 17 Kleinwolterink
August 24 Kopaska
August 31 Kuyper
Sept 7 Niehof
Sept 14 Niemeyer
Sept 21 Nikkel
Sept 28 Oltman
Oct 5 Raak
Oct 12 Saldana
Oct 19 Sanders/Bassham

Oct 26 Sterneberg
Nov 2 t' Hoen
Nov 9 VanDyk
Nov 16 Verkade
Nov 23 Whitney
Nov 30 Voss
Dec 7 Yoder
Dec 14 Bakker
Dec 21 Bergman
Dec 28 De Bruin
Jan 4 Franje
Jan 11 Copley

Nursery

July 27 Sue F and Pam
August 3 Mindy and Kenzie
August 10 Megan and Sue F
August 17 Kopaska and Elizabeth H
August 24 Mary and Caraline
August 31 Sue F and Brianna
Sept 7 Sue F and Alisabeth
Sept 14 Sue F and Kathlyn
Sept 21 Jessica and Sue F
Sept 28 Donna and Kristy
Oct 5 Sue and Cassie
Oct 12 Mindy and Pam
Oct 19 Megan and Kenzie

Oct 26 Judy and Sue
Nov 2 Mary and Elizabeth
Nov 9 Lyndee and Clayton
Nov 16 Rachel and Brianna
Nov 23 Melody and Alisabeth
Nov 30 Jessica and Kathlyn
Dec 7 Donna and Sue
Dec 14 Sue and Kristy
Dec 21 Mindy and Cassie
Dec 28 Megan and Pam
Jan 4 Judy and Kenzie
Jan 11 Mary and Sue

Children's Message

July 27 Lora Copley
August 3 Jeff Kopaska
August 10 Stacy Hertz
August 17 Rex De Bruin
August 24 Randy Raak
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Committee Chairs: Building & Grounds – Jim Bergman; Education – Andrew Friend; Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Technology – Tom Kuyper; Outreach and Enfoldng – Mark Voss; Worship – Randy Raak