

WORSHIP SERVICE of HOLY COMMUNION

August 3, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude:

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

How sweet are your words to our taste, O Lord,

sweeter than honey to the mouth!

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

We will be satisfied as with the richest of food.

With singing lips, our mouths will praise you,

for You, Lord Jesus, feed us.

* Opening Song: "Jesus Messiah"

He became sin who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness. He humbled Himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah. Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The Rescue for sinners the Ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah Lord of all.

His body the bread His blood the wine. Broken and poured out all for love. The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn. Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

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All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You. All the glory to You God, the Light of the world!

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* Opening Prayer

* Song of Response "Speak O Lord"

Lift up Your Hearts #755

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness – that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

A Litany of the Goodness of God's Law

The Law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The rules of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart.

Hear, people of God, the law the Lord speaks in your hearing this day, so you may know His good will and walk according to the grace of His commands.

Song: "When We Walk with the Lord" (vs 1)

Lift up Your Hearts #327

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his Word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey

The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying: I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.

We will worship the Lord our God and serve only Him.

You shall not make yourself an image of anything to worship it.

Living no more in bondage to other masters, we will worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

We will represent the holy name of God with reverence and praise.

You shall keep the Sabbath day set apart, for in six days you shall labor and do all your work but the seventh is the Lord's day.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

The first part of the Law is this great commandment:

That we love the Lord our God with all that we are: heart, mind, and strength.

Song: "When We Walk With the Lord" (vs. 2)

Lift up Your Hearts #327

But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows,

and the joy he bestows
are for them who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

You shall honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you.

As children, we will obey our parents in the Lord; as parents, we will train our children in the Lord's instruction; we all will respect the lawful authorities appointed by God.

You shall not murder.

We will be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.

You shall not commit adultery.

We are not our own. We've been bought with a price. Therefore, we will honor God with our body, fleeing all sexual immorality.

You shall not steal.

We will do what we can for our neighbor's good and work faithfully to share with those in need.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

We will speak the truth in love, using words that are faithful and honorable.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

We will be content whatever the circumstances, through Christ who gives us strength.

Thus we love our neighbor as ourselves.

In keeping God's law, there is great reward!

Song of Response: "When We Walk with the Lord"(vs 3) *Lift up Your Hearts #327*

Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go -
never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Exodus 15: 22-27

²² Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. ²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is

called Marah.) ²⁴ So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?” ²⁵ Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink. There the Lord issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. ²⁶ He said, “If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you.” ²⁷ Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

Message: The Sweet Life

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper (*See below*)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: “Here from All Nations” (vs 1, 3-5) *Lift up Your Hearts #490*

Here from all nations, all tongues, and all peoples, countless the crowd but their voices are one. Vast is the sight and majestic their singing: “God has the victory: he reigns from the throne!”

These have come out of the great tribulation; now they may stand in the presence of God, serving their Lord day and night in his temple, ransomed and cleansed by the Lamb’s precious blood.

Gone is their thirst and no more shall they hunger; God is their shelter, his power at their side. Sun shall not pain them, no burning will torture; Jesus the Lamb is their shepherd and guide.

He will go with them to clear living water flowing from springs which his mercy supplies. Gone is their grief, and their trials are over. God wipes away every tear from their eyes.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and power be to the Savior again and again. Might and thanksgiving and honor forever be to our God: Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Children’s Message: Lora Copley

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Musicians: Andrew Friend, Pam Voss, Elizabeth Hobson

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Thanksgiving

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come buy and eat. (Is 55:1) For our Lord has said "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, and streams of living water will flow from within him." (John 7.37)

With joy we come to you, Lord Jesus, for by the tree and empty tomb, you overcame the power of sin and gave us new life.

Therefore, lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

The Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

The Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

Thanks be to God!

Song: "Tis So Sweet to Trust" (vs 1-3)

Take, eat! Remember and believe that the body of Christ is the bread of heaven broken for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Thanks be to God!

Take, drink! Remember and believe that the blood of Christ is the cup of healing poured out for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Thanksgiving Litany

Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains!

For the Lord comforts his people and has compassion on his afflicted ones.

Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their Shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Amen! Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Communion: Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for believers. If you are sorry for your sins and follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you are invited to come to his table.

The special offering this 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.

The 29th Annual Senior Variety Show, “Catch a Radio Wave” will be presented Friday, August 15, 7:00 pm, and Saturday, August 16, 2:00 pm at Ames City Auditorium. Over 100 talented Story County seniors will showcase songs, dances, and humor as they celebrate aging in style! The net proceeds will benefit the following senior projects: Ames Ecumenical Housing, Inc., Ames History Museum, Heart of Iowa Band, Seniors in Story, and Wreaths Across America. Tickets, \$10, are now on sale at Worldly Goods, 223 Main St., Ames, and other county-wide locations. Information: 515-620-8843 or SeniorVarietyShow.org.

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.

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.

Sunday during fellowship we hope to have 8 tables set up with fleece. At the tables at least one adult and helpers of all ages. We have 20 blankets to make. Please bring scissors to cut the fleece. We have lots of adults signed up to help. We can use all of you and the teens and kids who can help. It will go quickly this way. And thanks for everyone’s help Sunday and your donations

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: David's Confidence in God - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "God's Grand Story: David's Confidence in God" at www.kidscorner.net. Discover how God used young David to do something incredible and how he can use you, too! Be inspired to trust God's strength in every challenge, no matter how big it seems. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

Groundwork: Remember, Repent, and Return - The prophet Hosea speaks directly against Israel's spiritual betrayal and rampant injustice. Join Groundwork as we study God's accusations against Israel in Hosea 4-10 and 12-13, and witness his longing for his people to return. Together, we'll discuss what we can learn from their story about our own hearts today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) - Are you someone with time on your hands that is passionate about service towards God's kingdom? It's not too late to repair homes in a disaster-impacted community this fall by volunteering with World Renew DRS! Our reconstruction teams in Sarasota, Florida, and Windsor, North Carolina, have a spot waiting for you. Contact Diana Marquez, our Volunteer Program Manager, at dmarquez@worldrenew.net or 616-224-0701 for more information.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - As another school year approaches, spend some time in prayer for teachers, administrators, and students from preschool through graduate school. Pray that students may turn their ears to wisdom, apply their hearts to understanding, and find the knowledge of God (Prov. 2:2,5). Pray that administrators and teachers may model God's wisdom, love, and compassion as they support and instruct students. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Lora Copley

Sound: Rex De Bruin
 Nursery Mindy and Kenzie
 Children's message: Lora Copley
 Greeters: Irvin

Greeters

August 3	Irvin	Oct 26	Sterneberg
August 10	Nancy Klemme	Nov 2	t' Hoen
August 17	Kleinwolterink	Nov 9	VanDyk
August 24	Kopaska	Nov 16	Verkade
August 31	Kuyper	Nov 23	Whitney
Sept 7	Niehof	Nov 30	Voss
Sept 14	Niemeyer	Dec 7	Yoder
Sept 21	Nikkel	Dec 14	Bakker
Sept 28	Oltman	Dec 21	Bergman
Oct 5	Raak	Dec 28	De Bruin
Oct 12	Saldana	Jan 4	Franje
Oct 19	Sanders/Bassham	Jan 11	Copley

Nursery

August 3	Mindy and Kenzie	Oct 26	Judy and Sue
August 10	Megan and Mary	Nov 2	Mary and Elizabeth
August 17	Kopaska and Elizabeth H	Nov 9	Lyndee and Clayton
August 24	Sue F and Caraline	Nov 16	Rachel and Brianna
August 31	Sue F and Brianna	Nov 23	Melody and Alisabeth
Sept 7	Sue F and Alisabeth	Nov 30	Jessica and Kathryn
Sept 14	Sue F and Kathryn	Dec 7	Donna and Sue
Sept 21	Jessica and Sue F	Dec 14	Sue and Kristy
Sept 28	Donna and Kristy	Dec 21	Mindy and Cassie
Oct 5	Sue and Cassie	Dec 28	Megan and Pam
Oct 12	Mindy and Pam	Jan 4	Judy and Kenzie
Oct 19	Megan and Kenzie	Jan 11	Mary and Sue

Children's Message

August 3	Lora Copley	Oct 12	Laura Hufford
August 10	Stacy Hertz	Oct 19	Lora Copley
August 17	Rex De Bruin	Oct 26	Jeff Kopaska
August 24	Randy Raak	Nov 2	Stacy Hertz
August 31	Laura Hufford	Nov 9	Rex De Bruin
Sept 7	Lora Copley	Nov 16	Randy Raak
Sept 14	Jeff Kopaska	Nov 23	Laura Hufford
Sept 21	Stacy Hertz	Nov 30	Lora Copley
Sept 28	Rex De Bruin	Dec 7	Jeff Kopaska
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Dec 28 Randy Raak

Jan 4 Laura Hufford
Jan 11 Lora Copley

Congregational Prayer

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August 10 Randy Raak
August 17 Mark Voss
August 24 Paul Kleinwolterink
August 31 Randy Raak
Sept 7 Jeff Kopaska
Sept 14 Tom Niehof
Sept 21 Randy Raak
Sept 28 Rex De Bruin
Oct 5 Melody Franje
Oct 12 Randy Raak
Oct 19 Tom Niehof

Oct 26 Rex De Bruin
Nov 2 Randy Raak
Nov 9 Rex De Bruin
Nov 16 Tom Niehof
Nov 23 Randy Raak
Nov 30 Mark Voss
Dec 7 Paul Kleinwolterink
Dec 14 Randy Raak
Dec 21 Jeff Kopaska
Dec 28 Tom Niehof
Jan 4 Randy Raak
Jan 11 Lora Copley

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Elders: A-G = Paul Kleinwolterink; H-K = Melody Franje; L-S = Joel Copley; T-Z = Naomi Friend:

Deacons: A-G = Derek Ten Pas;; H-K = Christopher 't Hoen;; L-S = Mark Voss;; T-Z = Donna Bergman:

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