

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 17, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

Holy and blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe. You have created the world in splendor, and you preserve and sustain it in your grace.

You have made us in your image; and you renew us in the image of your Son.

Your Spirit leads us in paths of righteousness, and you have written your law on our hearts.

You promise to make all things new, and you give us your Spirit as the firstfruits of a renewed creation.

All glory be to you, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Amen.

* Opening Songs: "Forever"

Lift Up Your Hearts #578

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "I Need Thee Every Hour" vs 1-4

Lift Up Your Hearts #322

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Word to Us About Temptation (James 1:2-4,13-15):

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.

Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, please forgive us for the times when we run toward our temptations instead of away from them;

and for the times we try to justify the desires that come from our lusts for pleasure or attention or wealth;

and for the times we rationalize the motivations that come from our pride;

and for the times we let anger or frustration or hurt direct our actions in ways that hurt others.

Lord, please forgive the ways we try to serve ourselves above all else, or to bring honor to ourselves above you. In the grace and mercy of Jesus we pray, amen.

Words of Assurance: James 1:12, 17-18

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.... Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created...”

Song of Entrusting: “You Are My Hiding Place”

Lift Up Your Hearts #412

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Genesis 39

Message: Road Closed: Detour(s) Ahead –

Slave/Household Manager/Prisoner/Prison Manager

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “Blessed Be Your Name”

Lift Up Your Hearts #343

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: “He Leadeth Me”(vs 1-3)

Lift Up Your Hearts #440

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children’s Message: Rex DeBruin

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Chloe Berns-Schweingruber, Nate VanDyk, Eli Hufford

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The special offering this week will be for the **God’s Mercy to Haiti**. God’s Mercy to Haiti is a teaching and mercy ministry to the impoverished Haitian village of Kilbitè, Travo and Marote. They live without electricity or running water. There is a constant threat from the violent gangs that roam the area.

Eleanor Ostendorf Celebration of Life will be held on August 21st @ 3 p.m. at Trinity. This will be followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments with the family in our Fellowship Hall.

UFO group would again like to thank everyone for all the work making 14 fleece blankets. We have 6 more to make—Sunday August 17th after service in the fellowship hall, please bring your scissors.

The TCRC Council is asking that you join us on Sunday, Sept 14, during the Sunday school hour after the worship service. We're setting aside this time together to prepare for Pastor Randy's retirement by listening for the Holy Spirit’s leading through prayer, conversation, and reflection. Through this, we hope to gain some insight to: help a

search committee better understand Trinity's identity and hopes; to help the council identify key issues to monitor during the vacancy; and to preserve momentum through some initiatives that will help TCRC stay healthy and engaged in ministry. We plan to have a make-up meeting on Sept 21 for those who can't be there on Sept 14. More details to come, but please begin to pray for these meetings.

Back To School – Back To School – hard to believe, but is coming, our celebration will be August 24th right after the service. There will be hot dogs, burgers and sides supplied by the fellowship committee, a sign-up to bring a dessert is on the counter in fellowship hall.

Ames Christian School – ACS will be back at Trinity this fall for the 2025-2026 school year, starting on August 25th. Teachers and staff will be in the church the week prior to set up their rooms and get organized.

Sunday school and Children in Worship: Will start on September 7th, the first Sunday after Labor Day

Roots is starting on September 10 @ 7:00 pm at the church, hope to see you all there for the start of the new year.

Trunk or Treat is happening again this year, with Halloween on a Friday, the date has been moved to the Friday before, Oct 24th.. Please watch for a sign up sheet to volunteer and more information for this great event.

The church will be host to 2 more weddings this year. Niemeyer on Oct. 18th and De Penning wedding on Oct 25th

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.

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 September 7th.

Children and Worship – Will resume September 7th.

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 24th at 7 pm** Mucky Duck.

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

Next Council meeting is September 10th @ 6:30pm

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In his book Just Mercy, Bryan Stevenson writes, “The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned. We are all implicated when we allow other people to be mistreated.” These words speak directly to the heart of Micah 6:8. As you go through this week, focus on aligning your actions with those of the one who seeks justice in all spaces. Note down your observations at the end of the week, and consider what your daily practice can become moving forward. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Get Involved with Generation Spark - Generation Spark offers hands-on coaching, practical strategies, and extensive support to help all generations form meaningful relationships that result in sustained, lifelong faith. We invite you to learn more about what it might look like for your church to invest in intergeneration mentoring!

Informational webinars are offered on August 21, 7:30pm ET or September 11, 11:30am ET. Register here: shorturl.at/d7DEO

CRC Heritage Fund

How to Use Donor Advised Funds to Give to Your CRC Ministries - Did you know that you can give cash and other assets into a single fund and then choose when and how to recommend grants to CRC Ministries with a Stewards Fund (donor-advised fund)? Learn more at crcna.org/heritagefund or call Josh Remer, CRCNA Planned Giving Advisor at 616-223-5885.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: God's Grand Story: The Boy with the Supersized Supper -

Check out this week's kids' devotion, “God's Grand Story: The Boy with the Supersized Supper,” at www.kidscorner.net. In today's Bible story, a boy thought that what he had was not enough. But like him, you will be surprised by what God can do with our “not-enoughs”. Thank God for being the God of abundance. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

Calvin University

Calvin University 150th Anniversary Events - Calvin University is celebrating its 150th anniversary and you're invited to join us in marking the occasion all year long! Check the

calvin.edu/150 website for details on many events going on at Calvin throughout the anniversary year. Some ways we're celebrating include Celebration Weeks on campus, Calvin On-the-Road events to 30 cities, an Anniversary Worship Celebration in March 2026, and a 150th Anniversary Hymn Text Contest.

The Banner

Support The Banner Magazine - The Banner's annual fundraising campaign continues! More than just an award-winning magazine, The Banner is a journalistic ministry dedicated to informing, inspiring, and connecting our CRC community. Available to you in both print and online, this vital resource is made possible by the generous support of individuals like you. Help meet the ambitious \$500,000 goal for the 2025 campaign by giving today! thebanner.org/donate

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Mark Voss

Sound: Rob Barnes/Rex De Bruin

Nursery Kopaska and Elizabeth H

Children's message: Rex De Bruin

Greeters: Kleinwolterink

Greeters

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

Nursery

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

Children's Message

August 17	Rex De Bruin	Nov 2	Stacy Hertz
August 24	Randy Raak	Nov 9	Rex De Bruin
August 31	Laura Hufford	Nov 16	Randy Raak
Sept 7	Lora Copley	Nov 23	Laura Hufford
Sept 14	Jeff Kopaska	Nov 30	Lora Copley
Sept 21	Stacy Hertz	Dec 7	Jeff Kopaska
Sept 28	Rex De Bruin	Dec 14	Stacy Hertz
Oct 5	Randy Raak	Dec 21	Rex De Bruin
Oct 12	Laura Hufford	Dec 28	Randy Raak
Oct 19	Lora Copley	Jan 4	Laura Hufford
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Congregational Prayer

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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