

WORSHIP SERVICE

September 14, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (Psalm 34:1-3)

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

* Opening Songs: "O Worship the King" *Lift Up Your Hearts #2*

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Sing to the King" *Lift Up Your Hearts #474*

Sing to the King who is coming to reign, Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain,
Life and salvation his empire shall bring and Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.
Come let us sing a song, a song declaring that we belong to Jesus; he is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.
For his returning we watch and we pray; We will be ready the dawn of that day.

We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, 'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

Come let us sing a song, a song declaring that we belong to Jesus; he is all we need. Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, there are times when we get so focused on the short-term, here-and-now nature of our lives that we lose sight of the grand nature of your plan of redemption for humanity.

We worry about what we will do today, this week, or this month -but your ways are eternal.

Help us to remember that you care about us, and you know what we need.

We may worry about our plans for the future, but forget that our highest calling is to be your people.

Lord, help us to trust you enough to live lives that, above all, testify to your majesty and goodness. In your Son's name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Psalm 34:4-8

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."

Song of Entrusting: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" (vs 1-4)

Lift Up Your Hearts #325

O Master, let me walk with thee

In lowly paths of service free;

Tell me thy secret, help me bear

The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move

By some clear, winning word of love;

Teach me the wayward feet to stay,

And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee

In closer, dearer company,

In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,

In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray

Far down the future's broadening way,

In peace that only thou canst give,

With thee, O Master, let me live.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Genesis 47:1-10

Joseph went and told Pharaoh, "My father and brothers, with their flocks and herds and everything they own, have come from the land of Canaan and are now in Goshen." He chose five of his brothers and presented them before Pharaoh. Pharaoh asked the brothers, "What is your occupation?" "Your servants are shepherds," they replied to Pharaoh, "just as our fathers were." They also said to him, "We have come to live here for a while, because the famine is severe in Canaan and your servants' flocks have no pasture. So now, please let your servants settle in Goshen." Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Your father and your brothers have come to you, and the land of Egypt is before you; settle your father and your brothers in the best part of the land. Let them live in Goshen. And if you know of any among them with special ability, put them in charge of my own livestock." Then Joseph brought his father Jacob in and presented him before Pharaoh. After Jacob blessed Pharaoh, Pharaoh asked him, "How old are you?" And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty. My years have been few and difficult, and they do not equal the years of the pilgrimage of my fathers." Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from his presence.

Message: Joseph's Story - the Road Ahead

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

Hear the call of the kingdom Lift your eyes to the King
Let His song rise within you As a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy Came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace Hear the call of the Kingdom
To be children of light With the mercy of heaven
The humility of Christ Walking justly before Him
Loving all that is right That the life of Christ
May shine through Him King of Heaven
We will answer the call We will follow
Bringing hope to the world Filled with passion
Filled with power to proclaim Salvation in Jesus' name
Hear the call of the Kingdom To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in Him. King of Heaven
We will answer the call We will follow
Bringing hope to the world Filled with passion

Filled with power to proclaim Salvation in Jesus' name
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WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Let All Things Now Living"

Lift Up Your Hearts #5

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Elizabeth Hobson, Derek TenPas

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The special offering this Sunday is for **Resonate Global Missions, Benjamin Groenewold and Trica VanDyk (John VanDyk's sister)**. They are missionaries to Lithuania. They both teach at LCC International University in Klaipeda Lithuania. LCC is a Christian liberal arts university that is uniquely placed to develop future leaders in a region of the world deeply damaged by Soviet rule. They have a few flyers on the table outside the sanctuary.

As we look forward to the time of prayer, listening, and discussion during the Sunday School time after the **September 14** service, the council asks that you be in prayer about some specific things. What has changed about TCRC since we engaged in this process 4

years ago? Where do you see our biggest challenges today, both within the church and from the outside? How has TCRC been equipped by God to best serve and reach the community within and around us? We currently pour our efforts and resources into (in declining order) worship, education, administration & fellowship (roughly equal), property maintenance & outreach (roughly equal). Is our current mixture appropriate? Are there other ways to support the Areopagus Campus Ministry? The high school and junior high classes are welcome to join in the discussion. The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a lunch after the discussion time. A pasta bar, with gluten free options, will be provided. A signup sheet to bring a dessert is on the table by the office.

After the service this Sunday, September 14, we will gather during the Sunday School hour for a time of prayer, listening, and discussion. Please be in prayer as we prepare to reflect together on:

- How has TCRC been equipped by God to best serve and reach the community within and around us?
- Where do you see our biggest challenges today, both within the church and from the outside?

We'll meet in the sanctuary shortly after the service. After a very brief introduction, we'll be breaking up into smaller groups by elder/deacon districts to give everyone more time to discuss. Room Assignments (by last name):

- A–G: Library — Paul & Derek
- H–K: Sanctuary — Melody & Christopher
- L–S: Room 8/9 — Joel & Mark
- T–Z: Room 7 — Naomi & Andrew

High school and junior high students are welcome to join. Afterward, the Fellowship Committee will host a pasta bar lunch (with gluten-free options).

Church Clean up is scheduled for Wednesday Oct 1st. The Roots group will be helping the church family with this annual event. More information to come (Weather date is Oct 15th)

Ames Christian School – ACS is back at Trinity this fall for the 2025-2026 school year. It is at this time as well that we remind everyone who uses the church to be mindful of any mess you create. The school is here every day, and should not have to clean up after our events. They use the fellowship hall, kitchen, and class rooms. Please be mindful of any messes made by your group or yourself while using the church, including dishes.

Adult Sunday School will meet in Room 7 at 10:50 a.m. Rev. Tom Niehof will lead us in a study of the Gospel of Mark. Feel free to bring your Bible, so you can make notes in the margins. All are welcome for this new study.

Trunk or Treat is happening again this year, with Halloween on a Friday, the date has been moved to the Friday before, Oct 24th. Time will be from 4pm to 6:30pm. A sign-up sheet is on the table by the office.

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.

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 After fellowship

Children and Worship – After Children's message.

Young Adult Ministry – Will start again on Sept 28th, contact Derek before then for updates.

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. will meet on Monday, September 15th @ 6:30pm at Kelly's home

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

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month, **September 28th at 7 pm** Mucky Duck.

Hymn Sing first Sunday of the Month at 5 pm

Next Council meeting is **October 8th @ 6:30pm**

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Baking With God - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Baking With God" at www.kidscorner.net. In the devotion story today, a good time for prayer was when the family spent time baking bread. Each of us has different routines,

so when is the best time for you to pray? Maybe it's when you ride your bike to school or when you spend time building Lego. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net

Groundwork: Be A Disciple of Jesus Christ - Many Christians have questions about following Jesus. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Timothy 4:7-8, 1 Peter 2:2-5, and 1 Timothy 2:1-3 to help us define discipleship, understand what this means for the lives of his disciples today, and discover the importance of community on our journey. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

CRC Heritage Fund

Have You Ever Considered Giving Real Estate to Your Favorite CRC Ministry? -

Many people are able to give more than they ever thought possible by giving a vacation home, rental property, farmland or other real estate to CRC Ministries. It's a smart way to redirect property you no longer need for the benefit of God's Kingdom. Learn more at crcna.org/heritagefund or call Josh Remer, CRCNA Planned Giving Advisor at 616-223-5885.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This week is Mission Emphasis Week in the Christian Reformed Church, a time to think about God's mission to restore and renew his broken creation through Jesus Christ (see Rev. 21:1-4). It is also a time to renew our participation in that mission by supporting missionaries nearby and far away and by creating our own descriptions of God's mission—a few sentences that describe what God is doing and why we are glad he's doing it. Practice sharing your sentences with one another, and then look for opportunities to share them with others! Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew

Support Earthquake Survivors in Afghanistan - Thousands of families are still experiencing urgent need from the devastating 6.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Afghanistan on August 31, followed by multiple aftershocks across remote, mountainous regions in several eastern provinces. More than 2,200 lives have been lost, and entire villages have been leveled—leaving families without shelter as winter approaches. We pray for God's comfort for grieving families, healing for the injured, and provision for those displaced. World Renew is responding to meet urgent needs among the most vulnerable. Please give generously at worldrenew.net/afghanistan-earthquake or by calling 1-800-552-7972. Let us stand together to extend God's hope to families impacted by this disaster.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Sound: Byran Van Belle

Nursery Mindy and Kathlyn

Children's message: Jeff Kopaska

Greeters: Niemeyer

Greeters

Sept 14 Whitney
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 Niemeyer
Nov 30 Voss
Dec 7 Yoder
Dec 14 Bakker
Dec 21 Bergman
Dec 28 De Bruin
Jan 4 Franje
Jan 11 Copley

Nursery

Sept 14 Mindy and Kathlyn
Sept 21 Jessica and Donna
Sept 28 Sue and Kristy
Oct 5 Sue and Cassie
Oct 12 Sue 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

Sept 14 Jeff Kopaska
Sept 21 Stacy Hertz
Sept 28 Rex De Bruin
Oct 5 Randy Raak
Oct 12 Laura Hufford
Oct 19 Lora Copley
Oct 26 Jeff Kopaska
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Nov 9 Rex De Bruin

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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 Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Randy Raak