

## WORSHIP SERVICE

October 5, 2025

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship (from Psalms 103, 90, 31, 139)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

*Lord, remember us. Our times are in your hands. Let your face shine upon us and hold us in your steadfast love.*

**For you know how we were made, and remember that we are dust. Our days are like the grass; like flowers that bloom and then fade away.**

*But your steadfast love is from everlasting to everlasting. Our past, our present, and our future are in you. Amen.*

\* Opening Song: "Here I Am to Worship"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #567*

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross  
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\* Opening Prayer

\* Song: "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" (vs 1,2,4,5)

*Lift Up Your Hearts #334*

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,  
by His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.  
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

What We Believe About the Unity of the Body of Christ - From the Belhar Confession

*We believe in one holy, universal church, the communion of the saints called from the entire human family.*

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.**

*We believe that this unity of the people of God must be lived out and be active in a variety of ways:*

**In that we love one another; that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and mind, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.**

*That together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.*

### Prayer of Confession

*Dear Father, you loved us before we loved you. Jesus, you came to earth to save us when we didn't even know we needed you.*

**You made the way for us to be reconciled with you, and each other, by the forgiveness we find in your sacrifice.**

*Help us to check our pride, acknowledge our sin, and know that our only hope is in you.*

**Help us to love and forgive each other, so that our unity may be a testimony to this world. In Christ we pray, amen.**

### Words of Assurance: John 17:20-23

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Song of Entrusting: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (vs 1,2,3,6) *Lift Up Your Hearts* #257

Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Children's Message: Lora

Congregational Prayer: Rex

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture: Reading: Matthew 18:15-17

<sup>15</sup> "If your brother or sister<sup>[a]</sup> sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'<sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

Message: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace" *Psalter Hymnal* #545

Make me a channel of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me bring you love  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there is doubt, true faith in you

O Master grant that I may never seek, So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace, Where there's despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light, And where there's sadness, ever joy

O Master grant that I may never seek, So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all people, we receive, And in dying that we're born, to eternal life

O Master grant that I may never seek, So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love with all my soul

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Communion Song: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #837*

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the Lord of life  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the Lord of life  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the Lord of life  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "I Love Your Church, O Lord" (vs 1&3)

*Lift Up Your Hearts #247*

I love your church, O Lord! Her saints before you stand  
Dear as the apple of your eye and graven on your hand.

I love your church, O God, the people you have called,  
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Lora Copley

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Rex DeBruin, Natalie DeBruin

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Communion:** Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who are baptized into Christ and have made a public stand for him are welcome to the Lord's Table, to receive the nourishment and refreshment of the bread and cup of the Lord "as sure signs" in remembrance of Christ's body and blood poured out for us in his once-for-all sacrifice on the cross.

**The Sawyer Elementary School Winter Clothing Drive** is an opportunity to provide decent winter gear for K-5th grade children who need it in our own community. Needed items

include: winter coats, hats, mittens & gloves (waterproof preferred), and snow pants. We will collect these items until **Sunday, October 5** in a tub in the church lobby.

**Meal from the Heartland:** The outreach committee has signed up to package meals at the 18th annual packaging event on **October 11, 10 am - noon**. The event will take place at the packaging center in West Des Moines. All Persons who are 8 years old or older are encouraged to participate. If you wish to car pool, we will leave Trinity at 9 am in the morning. If you are interested in signing up or have any questions, please contact Mark Voss.

**Pastor Appreciation Day is Sunday, October 12:** October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and Sunday, October 12 is a great time to thank your pastors for their dedication to the church. A simple handwritten note or a thoughtful gesture can show them how much their work is valued. Please consider showing your appreciation with a donation in the collection or a personal gift. Please mark your gift with "pastor appreciation". On behalf of the Deacons, thank you!

**The special offering next week is for Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance** which provides emergency rent, utility and food assistance to Story County residents in an atmosphere of dignity, comfort, and encouragement. TCRC contributes to Good Neighbor as our way of assisting those in need in our community. To learn more, visit [www.gnea.org/](http://www.gnea.org/)

**Ames Christian School** is back at Trinity for the 2025-2026 school year. The school is here every day. They use the fellowship hall, kitchen, and class rooms. If you or your group use the church for anything, please remember to clean up everything after using the space.

**Adult Sunday School** will meet in Room 8/9 at 10:50 am Rex De Bruin will lead in a study of the Gospel of Mark, chapter 4. All are welcome.

**Trunk or Treat** is happening again this year! With Halloween on a Friday, the date has been moved to the Friday before, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. Time will be from 4pm to 6:30pm. A sign-up sheet is on the table by the office—there is plenty of space to left to sign up!

The church will be host to 2 weddings this month: Niemeyer wedding on Oct. 18 and De Penning wedding on Oct 25.

**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](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**If your group or committee has an announcement**, please be sure to get an update to the church office by 10:30 am on Thursday in order to get it into the announcements for the week.

**There is a 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** meet after fellowship time

**Children and Worship** meets after the Children's message.

**Young Adult Ministry:** This group will be meeting on Fridays and Sundays throughout the year. Get added to the GroupMe for details on events! See Derek Ten Pas with questions.

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

**UFO** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month.

**Women's Bible Study** meets on the first Monday of the month.

**Pub Theology** meets the last Sunday of the month at Mucky Duck; next meeting will be **October 26 at 7 pm**.

**Hymn Sing will be on October 12 at 5 pm** this month (instead of the usual first Sunday).

**Next Council meeting is October 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner Devotion:** Learning God's Story - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Learning God's Story" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Want to grow strong in your faith like you grow strong in your muscles? Learn how prayer, Bible reading, and small daily habits can help you become a stronger follower of Jesus! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like our video Bible study "God's Big Story".

**Groundwork:** Discipleship During Life's Tragedies - What happens to our discipleship while we experience grief, pain, frustration, anger, and the many other emotions we experience during these times? Join Groundwork as we study Job 1:13-22, Psalm 56:8, 1 Peter 5:7, and Job 42:10-11 to stay the course of discipleship during life's tragedies. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

#### **Thrive**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Continue celebrating the diverse group we see worshipping God in Revelation 7:9-12 this week as you celebrate All Nations Heritage Sunday. Explore music, prayers, or art from a culture different from your own as a way of recognizing and honoring

the global body of Christ. Reflect on how diversity reveals more of God's creative nature.  
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## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Rex De Bruin  
Sound: Tom Whitney  
Nursery: Sue and Cassie  
Children's message: Lora Copley  
Greeters: Raak

### **Greeters**

Oct 5	Raak	Nov 30	Voss
Oct 12	Saldana	Dec 7	Yoder
Oct 19	Sanders/Bassham	Dec 14	Bakker
Oct 26	Sterenbergh	Dec 21	Bergman
Nov 2	't Hoen	Dec 28	De Bruin
Nov 9	VanDyk	Jan 4	Franje
Nov 16	Verkade	Jan 11	Copley
Nov 23	Niemeyer		

### **Nursery**

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

### **Children's Message**

Oct 5	Lora Copley	Nov 30	Lora Copley
Oct 12	Laura Hufford	Dec 7	Jeff Kopaska
Oct 19	Randy Raak	Dec 14	Stacy Hertz
Oct 26	Jeff Kopaska	Dec 21	Rex De Bruin
Nov 2	Stacy Hertz	Dec 28	Randy Raak
Nov 9	Rex De Bruin	Jan 4	Laura Hufford
Nov 16	Randy Raak	Jan 11	Lora Copley
Nov 23	Laura Hufford		

## **Congregational Prayer**

Oct 5	Rex De Bruin	Nov 30	Mark Voss
Oct 12	Randy Raak	Dec 7	Paul Kleinwolterink
Oct 19	Tom Niehof	Dec 14	Randy Raak
Oct 26	Rex De Bruin	Dec 21	Jeff Kopaska
Nov 2	Randy Raak	Dec 28	Tom Niehof
Nov 9	Rex De Bruin	Jan 4	Randy Raak
Nov 16	Tom Niehof	Jan 11	Lora Copley
Nov 23	Randy Raak		

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Oct 1	Tom & Pam Whitney	Nov 6	William Hobson
Oct 7	Cassie Kopaska	Nov 7	Jacob Sterenberg
Oct 8	Tom Oftedal	Nov 7	Tom Whitney
Oct 10	Avery Irvin	Nov 7	Marlies 't Hoen
Oct 13	Jessica Irvin	Nov 13	Deb Niehof
Oct 14	Tom & Elaine Oftedal	Nov 22	Brittany Tapp
Oct 16	Tyler and Christina Helpers	Nov 27	Marv & Janet Bakker
Oct 17	Melody Franje	Dec 1	Donna Bergman
Oct 19	Jocilyn Tapp	Dec 8	Rylie DePenning
Oct 22	Mbom Mbih	Dec 12	Ryker Tapp
Oct 22	Ngieh Mbih	Dec 16	Pam Niemeyer
Oct 29	Christina Helpers	Dec 21	Tara Tilstra
Nov 2	Brianna Kopaska	Dec 29	Mark Irvin
Nov 3	Anastasia Tuckness	Dec 29	Randy & Holly Raak
Nov 4	Jeff & Kristy Kopaska		

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**Deacons:** A-G = Derek Ten Pas; H-K = Christopher 't Hoen; L-S = Mark Vos;; 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