

WORSHIP SERVICE

November 2, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from Genesis 1)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

* Opening Song: "To God Be the Glory"

Lift Up Your Hearts #604

To God be the glory, great things he has done;

so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory; great things he has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

to every believer the promise of God;

the vilest offender who truly believes,

that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory; great things he has done.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,

and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder,

our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.

*Opening Prayer

*Song: "A Mighty Fortress Is our God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #776

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. You ask
who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.
And thou this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
That Word above all earthly powers-no thanks to them-abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

The Five Tenets of the Reformation:

Leader: Scripture Alone: We believe that the Bible contains the will of God and that everything one must believe to be saved is sufficiently taught in it. (from the Belgic confession, art. 7)

People: We receive all these books and these only as holy and canonical, for the regulating, founding, and establishing of our faith. (from the Belgic Confession, article 5)

Leader: Grace Alone: It is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8)

People: Without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. (from the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60)

Leader: Faith Alone: True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others but I too have had my sins forgiven, have been made right with God, and have been granted salvation. (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21)

People: All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart. (from the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60)

Leader: Christ Alone: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord. (Philippians 2:9-11)

People: Jesus saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for salvation elsewhere. (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 29)

Leader: Glory to God Alone: What is the chief end of humanity?

People: To glorify God and to enjoy him forever. (Westminster Catechism Q&A 1)

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, You have shown us your grace in your word and through your son.
Strengthen our faith that our lives may give glory to you each day.

Forgive us for the times we get distracted by the things of this world and forget that You made it all.

Help us to follow in the footsteps of the faithful who have gone before us. In the Son's name we pray, amen.

Words of Assurance (Psalm 16:5-8)

"Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken."

Song of Entrusting:

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other;
Nothing is deprived of its warmth.

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,

Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Message: Soli Deo Gloria

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response:

“The Heavens Declare Your Glory” (Music by J.S. Bach) *Lift Up Your Hearts #3*

The heavens declare your glory, The firmament your power;

Day unto day the story Repeats from hour to hour.

Night unto night replying, Proclaims in every land,

O LORD, with voice undying, The wonders of your hand.

The sun with royal splendor Goes forth to chant your praise,

And moonbeams soft and tender Their gentler anthem raise.

O'er every tribe and nation The music is outpoured,

The song of all creation To you, creation's Lord.

All heaven on high rejoices To do its Maker's will;

The stars with solemn voices Resound your praises still.

So let my whole behavior, Each thought, each deed I do,

Be, Lord, my strength, my Savior, A ceaseless song to you.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Communion Song: “Jesus, with Your Church Abide” *Psalter Hymnal #508*

Jesus, with your church abide; be our Savior, Lord, and Guide,

While on earth our faith is tried: Lord, our Savior, hear us.

May we guide the poor and blind, seek the lost until we find

And the broken-hearted bind: Lord, our Savior, hear us.

May our lamp of truth be bright; may we bear aloft its light

Through the realms of sinful night: Lord, our Savior, hear us.

Pardon us for work undone, pardon us for fields unwon,
Bless the work we have begun: Lord, our Savior, hear us.

May we holy triumphs win, overthrow the hosts of sin,
Gather all the nations in: Lord, our Savior, hear us.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song:

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” vs 1, 4 *Lift Up Your Hearts #281*
God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Children’s Message: Randy Raak

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Maggie VanDyk, Pam Voss, Marlies ‘t Hoen

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion: This Sunday, 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 annual Peter Fish giving campaign for World Renew's effort to address world hunger is underway! Peter Fish can be picked up at church. Please help the children at Trinity fill them with change. We ask that they be returned by November 9th. Checks (or cash) designated with "World Renew" in the memo will be accepted as well. The special offering on November 9 will be designated for the World Renew Peter Fish campaign.

Adult Sunday School will meet in Room 8/9 at 10:50 AM. Rev. Tom Niehof will lead in a study of the Gospel of Mark, chapter 7. All are welcome.

The council has put together a Search Committee to start looking for our next pastor. The members of the committee are Jeff Kopaska (chair), Melody Franje (council liaison), Rex DeBruin, Laura Hufford, Mindy Nikkel, Lindee Ten Pas, and Rob Barnes. Please pray that God gives them guidance as they search and interview for our next pastor.

Daylight Savings Ends on Nov 2. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour (or you may be very early to church that day 😊)

General Elections November 4: A reminder that the church will be a polling place for the general election on November 4. Workers will be onsite at the church from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm. Equipment will be delivered on Monday and picked up on Wednesday.

Nov 16 Congregational Gathering: After the worship service, plan to meet together to follow up on the strategic planning discussions that took place a few weeks ago. Look for more details next week.

Following the meeting, there will be a lunch in the fellowship hall: baked potatoes with all the fixings—broccoli, cheese, chili, sour cream, bacon bits. Please bring along something to share—last names beginning with A-L bring a salad and M-Z bring a dessert.

Sponsor a poinsettia to enhance our sanctuary during Advent. This year's poinsettia theme will be white in 6.5" gold-foiled pots. The cost is \$11/plant. If you would like to sponsor one, please add your name to the signup sheet on the table by the office, and drop your payment—**designated for "poinsettia"**—in the offering basket. The deadline to order and pay is Sunday **November 22**. Please direct any questions to Pam Voss.

Our new Roomba is busily toiling away each evening on a mission to clean the sanctuary floor. Please help keep it on the right path by leaving the sanctuary doors closed (especially in the evening).

If your group or committee has an announcement, please be sure to get an update to the church office by 10:30 am on Thursdays to be included in the announcements for the week. Thank you!

There is a printout of upcoming Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office. The latest church directory is on the table as well. If you have changes or need to add info, please make notes on this sheet or send an email to office@amestrinity.org.

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 3rd Monday of the month.

Women's Bible Study meets on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is on Nov at 9:00 AM at the home of Pam Voss, 827 Tennyson Ave in Ames.

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month at Mucky Duck; next meeting will be **November 30 at 7 PM**.

Hymn Sing will not meet in November; the next event will be on **Sunday, December 7 at 5:00 PM**

Next Council meeting is **November 12** at 6:30 PM.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRC Heritage Fund

Giving to Your Church from an IRA - If you are 70½ or older, you can give to CRC Ministries like your church from your IRA and receive significant tax benefits in return. Learn more at crcna.org/heritagefund or call Josh Remer, CRCNA Planned Giving Advisor, at 616-223-5885.

World Renew

Let's Answer God's Call to Feed the Hungry - Around the world, conflict and disasters are pushing more families into a food crisis. There is an urgency to answer God's call to feed the hungry, now more than ever. With your support, we can walk alongside communities and equip them with the training and tools to achieve lasting food security. Please give generously to today's World Hunger Sunday offering. To learn more, go to worldrenew.net/worldhunger

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Praying with Our Whole Selves - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Praying with Our Whole Selves" at www.kidscorner.net. There are so many fun and special ways to talk to God—like dancing, clapping, kneeling, or folding your hands. You can worship God with your whole body through quiet prayers, joyful songs, kind actions, and big movements! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC video series, "Kids in Action", telling stories of kids who serve God right now!

Groundwork: Your Questions about God's Care and the Life of Faith - The life of faith is a journey, and it's natural to have questions along the way. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 16, Psalm 146:6-9, John 15:1-17, Micah 6:8, John 16:1-4, Luke 13:1-5, and Isaiah 55:8-9 to discover the Bible's answers to our questions about God's care for us as individuals, discipleship, suffering, and God's timing. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - World Hunger Sunday - Find time this week to invite some friends and neighbors over for a simple meal. Afterward, donate what you would have spent on an evening out to World Renew's efforts to help achieve food security around the world (worldrenew.net/world-hunger). Or commit to not eating out for a set number of days and donating the money you save to World Renew. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: 't Hoen
Nursery: Mary K. and Elizabeth H.
Sound: Rex De Bruin
Children's Message: Randy Raak
Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Greeters

Nov 2	't Hoen	Dec 21	Bergman
Nov 9	VanDyk	Dec 28	De Bruin
Nov 16	Verkade	Jan 4	Franje
Nov 23	Niemeyer	Jan 11	Copley
Nov 30	Voss	Jan 18	Hobson
Dec 7	Yoder	Jan 25	Voss
Dec 14	Bakker		

Nursery

Nov 2	Mary and Elizabeth	Dec 21	Mindy and Cassie
Nov 9	Sue and Clayton	Dec 28	Megan and Pam N
Nov 16	Rachel and Brianna	Jan 4	Judy and Kenzie
Nov 23	Melody and Alisabeth	Jan 11	Mary and Sue
Nov 30	Jessica and Kathlyn	Jan 18	Lyndee and Elizabeth
Dec 7	Donna and Sue	Jan 25	Rachel and Clayton
Dec 14	Lyndee and Kristy		

Children's Message

Nov 2	Randy Raak	Dec 21	Rex De Bruin
Nov 9	Rex De Bruin	Dec 28	Randy Raak
Nov 16	Randy Raak	Jan 4	Laura Hufford
Nov 23	Laura Hufford	Jan 11	Lora Copley
Nov 30	Lora Copley	Jan 18	Jeff Kopaska
Dec 7	Jeff Kopaska	Jan 25	Stacy Hertz
Dec 14	Stacy Hertz		

Congregational Prayer

Nov 2	Randy Raak	Dec 21	Jeff Kopaska
Nov 9	Rex De Bruin	Dec 28	Tom Niehof
Nov 16	Tom Niehof	Jan 4	Randy Raak
Nov 23	Randy Raak	Jan 11	Lora Copley
Nov 30	Mark Voss	Jan 18	Tom Niehof
Dec 7	Paul Kleinwolterink	Jan 25	Randy Raak
Dec 14	Randy Raak		

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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 – Christopher 't Hoen; Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Technology – Tom Kuyper; Outreach and Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Randy Raak