

WORSHIP SERVICE

February 15, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 36)

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep.

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! You give us drink from your river of delights.

*Opening Song: "Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean" vs 1, 2, 4 *The Sing! Hymnal* #155

Here is Love vast as the ocean lovingkindness as the flood

When the Prince of Life our ransom shed for us his precious blood

Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?

He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide

Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.

Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above

Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love

Oh this love vast love of Jesus bids us come and drink and live

To this weary world of longing what more could our Savior give?

Now to Christ who fully loved us and who freed us from our sin

Be all glory and dominion everlasting praise to him

*Opening Prayer

*Song: "Oh, How I Love Jesus" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #676

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;

It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Oh how I love Jesus, Oh how I love Jesus,

Oh how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;

It tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

Oh how I love Jesus, Oh how I love Jesus,
Oh how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!
It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.
Oh how I love Jesus, Oh how I love Jesus,
Oh how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession: Heidelberg Catechism QA 4-5

What does God require in his law?

Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ And ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Can you live up to all this perfectly?

No. I am inclined by nature to hate God and my neighbor.

Prayer of Confession (based on Ephesians 2:1-3)

Lord, we confess that we were dead in our transgressions and sins. Without Jesus, we prefer to go our own way, against you. We prefer to follow the ways of the tempter. We prefer to gratify the cravings of our sin nature and give in to its lies. Forgive our corrupt love, our twisted love, our dead love. Make us new again. Because of the mighty sacrifice of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:4,8

“God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love for us, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions... For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.”

Friends, hear these words of love and believe the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Song of Entrusting: “I Hear the Words of Love”

The Sing! Hymnal #131

I hear the words of love I gaze upon the blood
I see the mighty sacrifice and I have peace with God
‘Tis everlasting peace sure as Jehovah’s name
‘Tis stable as his steadfast throne forevermore the same

The clouds may go and come And storms may sweep my sky
This blood-bought friendship changes not the cross if ever nigh
My love is ofttimes low my joy still ebbs and flows
But peace with him remains the same no change Jehovah knows
I change he changes not the Christ can never die
His love not mine the resting place his truth not mine the tie

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-12

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Message: Beyond the Valentine

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" *LUYH #796*

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, To thy glorious rest above.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loves us, ever loves us, Changes never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, Died to call them all his own;
How for them he interceding, Watching o'er them from the throne.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to thee.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing `

*Closing Song: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vs 1,3,4 *LUYH* #351

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee with thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, 'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Postlude

*Please stand

Children's Message: Lora Copley

Message: Rev Lora Copley

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Derek Ten Pas, Maggie VanDyk

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes meet after fellowship time.

Children and Worship meets during the service, after the Children's Message.

Young Adult Ministry meets on Fridays and Sundays throughout the year. Contact Derek Ten Pas to get connected.

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

UFO meets on the 3rd Monday of the month. Contact Kelly Hobson for details.

Women's Bible Study meets on the first Monday of the month. Next meeting is March 2 at 9:00 am at the Ames Sixty Forward Center. Contact Pam Voss for details.

Pub Theology meets monthly on a Sunday at The Mucky Duck. Next meeting is Feb 22 at 7:00 pm

Hymn Sing meets monthly on a Sunday. Next meeting is March 1 at 5:00 pm

Next Council meeting is March 11 at 6:30 pm

Next Search Committee Meeting is Feb 23 at 6:30 pm

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week, Pastor Lora Copley will lead us in reflecting on 1 John 4:7-12 and the true source of love, God Himself, who calls us to love one another.

Memory verses for this week: 1 John 4: 7, 11

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The special offering this week will be for TCRC's Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund. Please consider giving to this fund as one of the ways in which we can support families and children of Trinity and as an action following from the promises we make at baptism to nurture the faith of the children of our congregation.

2026 Special Offering Schedule—printed copies of TCRC's 2026 Special Offering Schedule are available on the table outside the office.

Intergenerational Sunday School – February 15 This week, Sunday School for all ages will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our second intergenerational session. Together, we'll explore **1 John 4** and reflect on the message from the worship service. Instead of regular Sunday school classes, everyone is invited to join this engaging, table-style discussion led by the Education Committee. With several helpful hands-on activities designed to encourage connection and participation, there will be something for all ages to enjoy. We look forward to sharing this meaningful time as we continue reflecting on God's Word together!

Women's Bible Study will meet next on Monday, March 2 at 9:00 am at the Ames Sixty Forward Center. We will study Essential #4: "We Will Invest in the generation Following Us" as part of the Seven Essentials for Finishing Well Bible Study. Questions? Contact Pam Voss.

Council is requesting your prayerful consideration and nomination of TCRC members to serve in the offices of elder and deacon. The form, including instructions, for nominations is on the table in the entryway. Please put your completed nomination form in the box there labeled, "Nominations Elder & Deacon" **by March 8**.

Trinity is hosting the Classis meeting on Tuesday, Feb 24, from 8:30 to sometime in the afternoon. Christopher 't Hoen, Mark Voss, and Paul Kleinwolterink will participate as delegates. The Fellowship committee plans on providing refreshment and lunch for the delegates. If you would like to volunteer to help the Fellowship committee with that, please talk to any member of the committee. We will also need some help next Sunday setting up chairs in various rooms and moving the furniture at the front of the sanctuary.

During our pastor vacancy, if you or your family have a situation that requires prayer and/or pastoral care, please contact one of the elders. The elders will help in directing you to the appropriate care needed.

Upcoming Council meetings:

Council workshop: Wednesday, February 25 at 6:45 pm

Elders meeting: Saturday, March 7 at 9:00 am

Regular Council meeting: Wednesday, March 11 at 6:45 pm

January financial report from the deacons: income for the general fund was \$13,358, with a breakdown of general offerings - \$12,508 and bank interest \$750; 6.7% of budgeted income received and 8.9% of budgeted expenses spent. Food at First special offering = \$2,305.

Trinity CRC's Annual Family 2 Family Sale will be on Saturday, March 28, 2026. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details!

There is a printout of 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.

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. If you leave a written message in the office, please be sure to include your name in case a follow-up is necessary. Thank you!

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Shalom: The Peace of God - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Shalom: The Peace of God," at www.kidscorner.net. Discover how you can feel calm and brave even when life feels stormy, just like when Jesus brought peace in the middle of crashing waves. Learn how God's special kind of peace fits everything together like a perfect puzzle and fills your heart with joy and purpose! Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

Focus on the Cross - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent.

Groundwork: When Forgiveness is Complicated - How do I forgive myself? What if someone died before I could offer them forgiveness? Can I even forgive someone who is not sorry? Join Groundwork as we study 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, Micah 7:18-19, Luke 17:3-4, 1 Peter 2:21-23, Psalm 62:5-8, and Philippians 4:6-7 to see how Scripture helps us address the hard questions that arise when life situations make forgiveness complicated. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This week we begin the season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday. As we enter this season of spiritual reflection, preparation, and renewal, take time to consider how the pursuit of justice in your daily life can reflect the justice-centered journey of Christ—which led ultimately to the cross. Write down five ways in

which you intend to approach the Lenten season this year in alignment with Christ's call to justice, mercy, and love. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew

Help World Renew DRS Respond to Disasters - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) builds hope in communities across North America. World Renew DRS helps vulnerable homeowners who may not be able to recover from a flood, tornado, wildfire, or hurricane on their own. With your gifts, as well as volunteer hours and prayers, we can continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus for disaster survivors. Please give generously online at worldrenew.net/drs or by phone at 1-800-552-7972.

Calvin University

Calvin University 150th Anniversary - Upcoming events include the 150th Winter Celebration Week on campus, with festivities throughout the week (February 12-21, 2026); Calvin on the Road events, bringing the celebration to areas in the Southwest, West Coast, East Coast, and Northwest; an Anniversary Worship Celebration on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at the Calvin University Covenant Fine Arts Center (or via livestream) for community worship; and the 150th Anniversary Hymn Text Contest – Congratulations to Larry Visser ('89), for writing the 150th Anniversary commemorative hymn, "O God Beyond All Knowing". Check out calvin.edu/150 to learn more about upcoming events.

VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Friend
Nursery: Donna and Kathlyn
Sound: Brian Sterenberg
Children's Message: Lora Copley
Congregational Prayer: Rex De Bruin

Greeters

Feb 15	Friend	Mar 29	Kopaska
Feb 22	Hallihan	Apr 5	Niehof
Mar 1	Hertz	Apr 12	Niemeyer
Mar 8	Irvin	Apr 19	Nikkel
Mar 15	Nancy Klemme	Apr 26	Oltman
Mar 22	Kleinwolterink		

Nursery

Feb 15	Donna and Kathlyn	Mar 29	Lyndee and Sue
Feb 22	Sue and Natalie	Apr 5	Rachel and Elizabeth
Mar 1	Mindy and Kristy	Apr 12	Melody and Clayton
Mar 8	Megan and Cassie	Apr 19	Jessica and Brianna
Mar 15	Judy and Pam N	Apr 26	Donna and Alisabeth
Mar 22	Mary and Kenzie		

Sound Tech

Feb 15	Brian Sterenberg	Feb 22	Tom Whitney
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Mar 1 Rex De Bruin
Mar 8 Bryan Van Belle
Mar 15 Rob Barnes

Mar 22 Brian Sterenberg
Mar 29 Tom Whitney

Children's Message

Feb 15 Lora Copley
Feb 22 Laura Hufford
Mar 1 Derek Ten Pas
Mar 8 Rex De Bruin
Mar 15 Jeff Kopaska
Mar 22 Stacy Hertz

Mar 29 Lora Copley
Apr 5 Laura Hufford
Apr 12 Christopher 't Hoen
Apr 19 Jeff Kopaska
Apr 26 Rex De Bruin

Congregational Prayer

Feb 15 Rex De Bruin
Feb 22 Joel Copley
Mar 1 Jeff Kopaska
Mar 8 Tom Niehof
Mar 15 Tom Kuyper
Mar 22 Paul Kleinwolterink
Mar 21 Dylan Kleinwolterink
Mar 22 Lydia Berns-Schweingruber
Mar 25 Judy Oltman
Mar 27 Colin Kuyper
Apr 1 Antonio Saldaña
Apr 5 John VanDyk

Mar 29 Mark Voss
Apr 5 Rex De Bruin
Apr 12 Joel Copley
Apr 19 Jeff Kopaska
Apr 26 Tom Niehof

Apr 6 Char Verkade
Apr 9 Natalie DeBruin
Apr 12 Derek Ten Pas
Apr 21 Christopher 't Hoen
Apr 30 Nate VanDyk

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Office Hours: Tue & Thu, 9:00 am–3:00 pm

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 – Rex De Bruin; Outreach and Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Laura Hufford