

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 2, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: Psalm 133:1-3

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

**It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.**

It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

* Opening Song: "I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #508

I rejoiced when I heard them say Let us go to the house of God

And now our feet are standing In your gates, O Jerusalem!

Refrain:

Shalom, shalom,

The peace of God be here

Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near

Like a temple of unity Is the city, Jerusalem

It is there all tribes will gather All the tribes of the house of God

[Refrain]

It is faithful to Israel's law There to praise the name of God

All the judgement seats of David Were set down in Jerusalem

[Refrain]

For the peace of all nations, pray For God's peace within your homes

May God's lasting peace surround us May it dwell in Jerusalem

[Refrain]

For the love of my friends and kin I will bless you with signs of peace

For the love of God's own people I will labor and pray for you

[Refrain]

*Opening Prayer

*Song: "Great Is the Lord Our God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #249

Great is the Lord our God And greatly to be praised
Upon a hill God's city stands In glorious beauty raise
His holy mountain high The city of our King
The joy of all the earth below In praise of God we sing
God makes His city strong By living in her halls
When kings join forces and advance They marvel at her walls
God scatters those around Whose pride makes them so sure
As we have heard so have we seen God's city is secure
Within your temple Lord In your most holy place
We on your loving kindness dwell The wonders of your grace
Your people sing your praise Where'er your name is known
By every deed your hand has done Your righteousness is shown
Let Zion now rejoice And all her people sing
Let them with thankfulness proclaim The judgments of their King
Mount Zion's walls behold About her ramparts go
And number all the lofty towers That guard her from the foe
Observe her palaces Mark her defenses well
That to the children following you Her glories you may tell
For God as our own God Forever will abide
And till life's journey close in death Will be our faithful guide

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will for the Members of His Family: Ephesians 4:1-13

Song of Response: "I Love Your Church, O Lord"

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.
Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
I love your church, O God, the people you have called,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

Children's Message

We Commission Our Second Elder: Brian Sterenberg

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: James 4:1-17

(p. 1120 in pew Bible)

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁴ You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? ⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

"God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

¹¹ Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. ¹² There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

¹³ Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your

arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

Message: Humility Before God Leads to Grace Toward Others

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Lord, Make Us Servants" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #904

Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return but seek to love unselfishly, for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day; Lord, make us servants of your peace to wake at last in heaven's light.

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

Communion Hymn: "Behold the Lamb" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #840

Behold the lamb, who bears our sins away, slain for us – and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you – eat and remember the wounds that heal; the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you – drink and remember he drained death's cup, that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond – and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

The Scriptural Teaching Regarding the Lord's Supper Celebration of Holy Communion

As the bread is passed: "There Is a Redeemer" *Lift Up Your Hearts #833*

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One
Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done
Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Hope for sinners slain
Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done
When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place
Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done
(As the cup is passed, the piano plays)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Song of Hope"

Lift Up Your Hearts #941

May the God of hope go with us every day
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace
May the God of justice speed us on our way
Bringing light and hope to every land and race
Praying let us work for peace Singing, share our joy with all
Working for a world that's new Faithful when we hear Christ's call
God will be our shepherd as we go our way
And will not forsake us when we go astray

Even though the load of life is hard to bear
We must not forget that God is always there
Praying let us work for peace Singing, share our joy with all
Working for a world that's new Faithful when we hear Christ's call

Postlude

*Please stand

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Tom Niehof

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Maggie VanDyk, Nate VanDyk

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes are on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Children and Worship is on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Roots Youth Group is on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

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. Contact Mary Kuyper for details.

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

Women's Bible Study is on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month at The Mucky Duck; next meeting is August 30 at 7:00 pm.

Hymn Sing is on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Regular Council Meeting: August 12 at 6:30 pm.

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Continuing our sermon series in James, Rev. Tom Niehof leads us through chapter 4, where James encourages us to draw near to God with humble hearts and steadfast faith.

This week 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.

On Sunday we complete the circle of our new elders and deacons as we commission Brian Sterenberg to the office of elder. Brian joins Mark Irvin, Laura Hufford and Mindy Nikkel as our new elders and deacons. May the Lord bless their service for Him in this community.

The special offering this week is for World Renew, which partners with communities around the world to respond to disasters, reduce poverty, and create lasting change through Christ-

centered compassion. Your prayers, involvement, and contributions make this work possible! Learn more and see current projects at <https://worldrenew.org/> or @worldrenew on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) .

Education Committee: Sunday School Teachers Needed. The Sunday School program is seeking caring volunteers to help with upcoming semesters. We're looking for teachers and assistant teachers for: Middle Schoolers (ages 12-14), High Schoolers (ages 15-18), and Adult groups
Curriculum, training, and support can be provided. Do you have a willingness to share God's Word with our youth and adults? If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please speak with Christopher 't Hoen after the service or contact the church office at office@amestrinity.org. Many hands make light work, prayerfully consider how you might help shape the next generation of believers.

TCRC's Annual Welcome Lunch will be held on August 23, after worship. We will gather for food and fellowship as we look toward the start of a new school year. More details coming soon.

We rejoice with Pastor SJ (Seongjun) Kim as Church Beyond Borders has led to a church plant at Crossroads Fellowship CRC in West Des Moines, where in-person worship services will be held monthly. The first service will be Sunday, August 16 at 2:00 pm. We pray that this church will continue to grow under Pastor SJ's leadership.

Save the Date for Trinity's Fall Festival on Friday, October 23, 3:30-6:30 pm. We are trading in the trunks for a new experience with games booths and prizes. We will be looking for creative game ideas and plenty of volunteers to help us welcome the community to this free family event. Mark it on your calendar and get those creative ideas flowing. Questions? Talk to Mindy Nikkel.

Disaster relief funds are available through the state for those who were affected by the recent flooding. Find details, guidelines, and the application at: <https://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/disasters/individual-disaster-assistance-programs> or see the flyer attached to this email. The application deadline for Story County and Polk County is August 20.

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.

Let's stay connected! Would you like to be included in our (printed) church directory or receive church emails? We'd love to help you stay connected with what's happening at Trinity and make it easier for others to connect with you, too. Sharing your contact information is optional, but being included in the directory and email list is a great way to stay informed about church news, events, and the occasional reminder. If you'd like to be added—or need to update your information—please contact the church office (office@amestrinity.org).

If you or your group will be using the church building for anything, please let Tina in the office know so we can keep an accurate facility calendar. Thank you!

Please submit announcements 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 include your name in case a follow-up is necessary. Thank you!

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Talking About Sin: Big & Bigger News for You - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Talking About Sin: Big & Bigger News for You" at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's devotion's Bible reading, Romans 5:18-21, we learn that sin—the things we think, say, or do that don't please God—is big and powerful. Sin separates us from God. But the good news is that bigger news about Jesus is coming. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Family Practices for Family Collection.

Groundwork: What Happens After We Die? - What happens after we die? Where do we go? Where do our bodies and souls go while we're waiting for Jesus to return on Judgment Day? Join Groundwork as we study Luke 23:39-43; Philippians 1:20-26; Ecclesiastes 9:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; 2 Corinthians 5:1-9, 16-17; Romans 8:34-39; and Philippians 3:20-21 to better understand three Christian views on life after death, and to receive the rich assurance and deep comfort God's Word provides. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The God of the Bible is radically curious. God was curious about taking formless things and creating something beautiful. God was curious on the first day as God spoke light into existence and gave darkness a place in creation. God was curious enough that creating sky, land, and oceans was life-giving and affirming in the world. God was curious enough to believe diversity in plants and animals was cool, creating them in a variety of dimensions, shapes, and colors. God's curiosity led to the creation of two beacons in the sky to serve the earth. In the mind of God, curiosity was God's radical bent of being in relationship, always moving toward life. This week reflect on what makes you curious about God, God's world, and your world. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Other

We're hiring! IT Salesforce Administrator - Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

CRC Heritage Fund

August is National Make-A-Will Month - You don't have to be wealthy to establish an estate plan. If you own a house, have any investments or special collections, you should have a plan. August is National "Make A Will" Month and a great annual reminder to set up a trust or gift a

charity in your will. The CRC has resources to help. Learn more by visiting the CRC Heritage website at crcna.org/foundation

Calvin University

Wisdom in the Age of AI Conference - How should Christians respond to Artificial Intelligence (AI) in church, education, business, healthcare, and the arts? The Wisdom in the Age of AI Conference will be held at Calvin University from October 8-10 and features top keynote speakers and parallel sessions dealing with each of these topics. For more information and register to join the conversation, visit: <https://calvin.edu/wisdomAI>

VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Brian Sterenberg
Greeter: De Bruin
Nursery: Judy and Cassie
Children's Message: Laura Hufford
Congregational Prayer: Rex De Bruin

Sound Tech

Aug 2 Brian Sterenberg	Aug 23 Rex De Bruin
Aug 9 Tom Whitney	Aug 30 Rob Barnes
Aug 16 Bryan Van Belle	

Greeters

Aug 2 De Bruin	Sep 6 Hufford
Aug 9 Franje	Sep 13 Friend
Aug 16 Copley	Sep 20 Irvin
Aug 23 Hobson	Sep 27 Nancy Klemme
Aug 30 Hubert	

Nursery

Aug 2 Judy and Cassie	Sep 6 Jessica and Brianna
Aug 9 Mary and Pam	Sep 13 Donna and Natalie
Aug 16 Lyndee and Kenzie	Sep 20 Sue and Kathlyn
Aug 23 Rachel and Sue	Sep 27 Mindy and Alisabeth
Aug 30 Melody and Elizabeth	

Children's Message

Aug 2 Laura Hufford	Sep 6 Rex De Bruin
Aug 9 Rob Barnes	Sep 13 Derek Ten Pas
Aug 16 Laura Hufford	Sep 20 Rob Barnes
Aug 23 Lora Copley	Sep 27 Laura Hufford
Aug 30 Christopher 't Hoen	

Congregational Prayer

Aug 2 Rex De Bruin

Aug 9 Lora Copley

Aug 16 Paul Kleinwolterink

Aug 23 Tom Niehof

Aug 30 Mark Voss

Sep 6 Rex De Bruin

Sep 13 Joel Copley

Sep 20 Melody Franje

Sep 27 Lora Copley

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L-S = Mark Voss; T-Z = Laura Hufford

Committee Chairs: Building & Grounds – Jim Bergman; Education – Christopher ‘t Hoen;
Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Outreach and Enfolded – Mindy
Nikkel; Search – Jeff Kopaska; Technology – Rex De Bruin; Worship – Laura Hufford