

WORSHIP SERVICE
Welcome Sunday
August 23, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: A reading from Revelation 7

And they worshipped God, together saying:

Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks,

And honor and power and strength

Be to our God forever and ever, Alleluia! Amen!

* Opening Song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" v 1,3,4

LUYH #601

All hail the power of Jesus' name Let angels prostrate fall

Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all

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Let every tongue and every tribe On this terrestrial ball

To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all

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Oh, that with all the sacred throng We at his feet may fall

We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all

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* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

LUYH #608

Salvation belongs to our God

Who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb

Praise and Glory, Wisdom and thanks,

Honor and power and strength.

Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever, amen.

And we, the redeemed shall be strong

In purpose and unity, Declaring aloud
Praise and Glory, Wisdom and thanks,
Honor and power and strength.

Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever, amen.

*** Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed***

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Lord, for the times we turn our back on each other, in fear, conceit, and
distraction,*

Lord, forgive us.

*For the times we are stressed trying to impress, and use people for our own
ends,*

Lord, forgive us.

For the times we fail to see “angels unaware”, and are blind to You in the stranger and outsider,

Lord, forgive us.

Open our eyes and open our hearts, through the blood of the cross that makes strangers into family.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, receive the gospel of forgiveness as declared in Ephesians 2:12-14.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and at peace. “So then, we are no longer strangers and aliens, but we are fellow citizens with God’s people and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus as the chief cornerstone.” (Eph 2:19-20)

Song of Entrusting: “In Christ There Is No East or West” v 1,2,4,5 LUYH #268

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no pride of birth,
The chosen family God has blessed now spans the whole wide earth.
For God in Christ has made us one from every land and race;
he reconciled us through his Son and met us with his grace.
So, brothers, sisters, praise his name who died to set us free
from sin, division, hate, and shame, from spite and enmity.
In Christ there is no east or west; he breaks all barriers down;
by Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed, in Christ we live as one.

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: from Acts 2, Ephesians 2

Message: “Cut Hearts, Downed Walls”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “Oh, How Good It Is”

Oh how good it is When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit In faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of his presence Here among us

Chorus:

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people
Oh how good it is On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing Of belonging

[Chorus]

Oh how good it is To embrace His command
To prefer one another Forgive as He forgives
When we live as one We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father And the Spirit

[Chorus]

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" *LUYH #938*

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

Postlude

*Please stand

Children's Message: Rev. Lora Copley

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Musicians: Andrew Friend, Matt Haken, Elizabeth Hobson

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes will begin on September 13, meeting weekly at 10:50 am.

Children and Worship will begin on September 13, meeting during the service, after the children's message.

Roots Youth Group meets weekly on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm. They will kick off the new year with a bonfire gathering on September 16 at 7:00 pm.

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: September 9 at 6:30 pm.

Welcome Lunch: August 23, following worship.

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, Rev. Lora Copley will bring us a message from Acts 2 and Ephesians 2 titled "Cut Hearts, Downed Walls." Join us as we explore what God is doing in and through His people, and how the gospel changes the way we live together.

The special offering this week is for *The Banner*. As a print and online publication of the Christian Reformed Church, *The Banner* provides denominational news, biblical reflection, and stories of God's work in the church and the world. TCRC member Rev. Lora Copley serves as its editor-in-chief.

The special offering on Aug 30 will be for the Sawyer Food Pantry. As a church, one of the ways we serve our local community is by providing perishable items for the school's food pantry each week throughout the school year.

TCRC's Annual Welcome Lunch is this Sunday! After worship, we will gather for food and fellowship as we look toward the start of a new school year. Brisket sandwiches, chips,

vegetarian beans, and drinks will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Please bring along something to share—last names A-I: desserts, J-S: salads, T-Z: sides.

Name Tags: At the start of the new school year, we are encouraging TCRC attendees to stop and fill out a name tag prior to grabbing a seat in the sanctuary. This time of year is filled with new faces, and this is a way we can help welcome new visitors to church! Please see Derek Ten Pas with any questions or concerns.

ISU students and friends... Mark calendar for next **Sunday, August 30, 6pm** here at Trinity Church. Make new friends and gather for a time of fellowship and public reading of Scripture. (*It's not as intimidating as it sounds! We just read 6-10 chapters of the Bible and discuss what we notice. It's really great.*) Meal provided. Hope you can come!

Adult Sunday School will meet in Room 8/9 beginning at 10:50 a.m. We will begin on **September 13** with a quick overview of Mark 1-8, and then continue through Mark over the next several weeks. This class will be led by Rev. Tom Niehof. College students and other adults are invited. New members are welcome.

Another year of Roots is right around the corner! If you have a child in 6th-12th grade, they're welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm at church throughout the school year. On Wednesday, **September 16**, we will kick off the year with a bonfire and snacks! We hope you can join us!

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. The volunteer signup sheet is now on the front table. Questions? Talk to Mindy Nikkel.

We'd love to see our church family shining out in the community! The Outreach Committee is putting together an order for free church t-shirts, and we hope you'll wear yours whenever you're volunteering, serving, or hanging out at church events.

Want one? Just head over to the front table and put a tally mark next to your preferred size(s) on the sign-up sheet by **Sunday, September 20th**. Don't worry if you miss the deadline—we'll be sure to order extra in the most popular sizes so no one misses out!

The Annual Fall Retreat for the Bible League in Central Iowa will be held on Thursday, September 17, 9:30am-2:00pm at Calvary Church in Pella, IA. This year's theme is *Hope and Forgiveness in the Midst of Evil*, with featured speaker Gayle Haas, who brings to life the testimony of Corrie ten Boom. Deadline for registration is September 10. Find more details at <https://www.bibleleague.org/events/> or see the flyers on the table outside the sanctuary. Questions? Talk to Melody Franje.

The Ames Christian School begins classes on August 25. Please be aware that the middle school staff and students will be in the church building 8am-4pm on most weekdays. The security door has been re-enabled, requiring a key or code to unlock.

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.

Several homeless items have been collected from around the building and are now displayed on a table in the fellowship hall. It is likely that most were left by school students. Please look them over and claim any that belong to you before they are passed on to the school for sorting. Thanks!

Please remember to keep the doors to the sanctuary closed during the week so the Roomba stays contained inside and can do its job rather than adventuring to unfamiliar locations where it gets lost and needs to be rescued.

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: A New School Year: What Can I Offer? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "A New School Year: What Can I Offer?" at www.kidscorner.net. Choose the best ways this school year to show love to God. Maybe it's by helping a classmate, working hard in school, or being kind when it's not easy. Maybe it's all of these and more! Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

Groundwork: Jesus is the High Priest Who Meets Our Needs - Do you ever feel alone, like no one can understand what you're going through? Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 4:14-7:28 to learn about the high priest Melchizedek. Together, we'll see how the author of Hebrews draws a connection between Melchizedek and Jesus to help us better understand the extent to which Jesus truly understands, cares for, and meets our needs. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was curious about the racial climate in the United States in the 1960s. Growing up in the segregated South troubled and inspired him for a better vision of an America that lived out the true meaning of its creed that all people are created with equality and dignity. How might the Lord be nudging you to reach out to someone with curiosity this week? What simple act can you do this week to move toward love, unity, and a celebration of diversity? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

CRC Communications

We're Hiring! Director of Communications - The successful candidate will provide leadership, strategy, planning, and oversight in the communications of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) and its ministries. The Director of Communications will ensure that communications and marketing across the denomination function within the established ecclesiastical and organizational frameworks in a way that supports and facilitates the ministry of the CRCNA and its institutions and agencies, in conformity with the denominational ministry plan. This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Burlington, Ont., or Grand Rapids, Mich. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com by August 29, 2026.

CRC Planned Giving

Giving to ministry from an IRA - If you are 70 ½ or older, you can give to CRC Ministries 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

VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Rex De Bruin
Greeter: Hobson
Nursery: Pam and Sue
Children's Message: Lora Copley
Congregational Prayer: Tom Neihof

Sound Tech

Aug 23 Rex De Bruin	Sep 27 Rob Barnes
Aug 30 Rob Barnes	Oct 4 Tom Whitney
Sep 6 Tom Whitney	Oct 11 Brian Sterenberg
Sep 13 Bryan Van Belle	Oct 18 Bryan Van Belle
Sep 20 Rex De Bruin	Oct 25 Rex De Bruin

Greeters

Aug 23 Hobson	Sep 27 Nancy Klemme
Aug 30 Hubert	Oct 4 Kleinwolterink
Sep 6 Hufford	Oct 11 Kopaska
Sep 13 Friend	Oct 18 Kuyper
Sep 20 Irvin	Oct 25 Niehof

Nursery

Aug 23 Pam and Sue	Sep 27 Mindy and Alisabeth
Aug 30 Melody and Elizabeth	Oct 4 Megan and Kristy
Sep 6 Jessica and Brianna	Oct 11 Judy and Cassie
Sep 13 Donna and Natalie	Oct 18 Mary and Rachel
Sep 20 Sue and Kathlyn	Oct 25 Lyndee and Kenzie

Children's Message

Aug 23 Lora Copley
Aug 30 Rev. Davelaar
Sep 6 Rex De Bruin
Sep 13 Derek Ten Pas
Sep 20 Rob Barnes

Sep 27 Laura Hufford
Oct 4 Lora Copley
Oct 11 Christopher 't Hoen
Oct 18 Rex De Bruin
Oct 25 Derek Ten Pas

Congregational Prayer

Aug 23 Tom Niehof
Aug 30 Mark Voss
Sep 6 Rex De Bruin
Sep 13 Joel Copley
Sep 20 Melody Franje

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Oct 4 Paul Kleinwolterink
Oct 11 Tom Niehof
Oct 18 Mark Voss
Oct 25 Rex De Bruin

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L-S = Mark Irvin; T-Z = Brian Sterenberg

Deacons: A-G = Derek Ten Pas; H-K = Mindy Nikkel;
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