

WORSHIP SERVICE
September 13, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

Our Father,
You are in heaven, high, and lifted up,
Higher than our highest thoughts.

Holy is your name;

Beside you there is no other!

You are God, and you alone!

* Opening Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #538

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Who wert and art and ever more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

* Opening Prayer

*Song: "I Love You, Lord"

Sing! A New Creation #16

I love you, Lord and I lift my voice
to worship you; O my soul, rejoice
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD: Psalm 103:8-11

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,

Slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not accuse,

Nor will he harbor his anger forever;

He does not treat us as our sins deserve

Or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

So great is his love for those who fear him.

Song of Entrusting: "Ten Thousand Reasons"

Lift Up Your Hearts #559

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me. Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing. Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing. The end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing Your praise unending. Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: James 1:13-15

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Message: "Tempting or Testing"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "When We Walk with the Lord" *Lift Up Your Hearts #327*

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will
he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows,
and the joy he bestows are for those who will trust and obey.

[Refrain]

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go -never fear, only trust and obey.

[Refrain]

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "O God, You Are My God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #743

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days

(Repeat)

Postlude

* Please stand

Children's Message: Rev. Neal Ooms

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Musicians: Laura Hufford, Elizabeth Hobson, Derek Ten Pas, Pam Voss

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

By the Fire, In the Word meets on Sundays at 8:15 am in the fellowship hall for scripture reading and discussion. All are welcome! Contact Joel Copley for details.

Children and Worship (age 3–2nd grade) meets during the service, after the children's message.

Sunday School Classes for all ages meet weekly at 10:50 am.

Areopagus meets on Sundays at 6:00 pm for scripture reading and a meal in the Fellowship Hall; next meeting is September 13.

Roots Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets weekly on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm.

They will kick off the new year with a bonfire gathering on Sep 16 at 7:00 pm.

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month at The Mucky Duck; next meeting is Sep 27 at 7:00 pm.

Women's Bible Study meets monthly on Monday mornings, beginning Sep 14. See Pam Voss for details.

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

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

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

Regular Council Meeting: October 14 at 6:30 pm.

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, we welcome Rev. Neal Ooms to share a message from James 1:13–15. In this passage, James looks at temptation—where it comes from, how it takes hold of us, and where it can lead.

The special offering this week is for Benjamin and Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk with Resonate Global Missions-. They serve as missionaries to Lithuania where they are professors at LCC International University in Klaipeda Lithuania. LCC is a Christian liberal arts university that is uniquely placed to develop future leaders in a region of the world deeply damaged by Soviet rule. Find more details in the materials on the table outside the sanctuary or at www.resonateglobalmission.org/missionaries/benjamin-and-tricia-groenewold-van-dyk

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New Sunday School Year Begins Sunday! Today marks the start of a new Sunday school year for all ages. Below is an overview of our classes, teachers, and curricula for the fall.

K–5th Grade – Rachel de Bruin and Megan Saldana

Our elementary children will use the *One Story Kids* curriculum from RaiseUpFaith, helping children see how their own story fits into God's overarching story of redemption.

Middle School — Melody Franje and Christopher 't Hoen

Our middle schoolers will continue with *DWELL: Dive* curriculum, starting with a discussion of what we do when things fall apart and what it means to belong to Jesus. As we dive into Scripture together, we'll incorporate questions from the Heidelberg Catechism along with music, video, and other elements.

High School — Joel Copley

Our high schoolers will spend the next 30 weeks in the book of Romans, with a focus on Christian leadership. Together they'll explore what Romans teaches about serving Christ, leading others, using our gifts, and living faithfully under God's gospel rule. Students will also prepare to help lead our Intergenerational Sunday School by reflecting on upcoming sermon passages and considering how to guide meaningful discussions.

Adult Sunday School

Rev. Tom Niehof will lead the Fall Adult Sunday School in Room 8/9. Today's class starts with an overview of Mark 1–8, then continues through the rest of Mark in the following weeks. College students and other adults are warmly invited — new members are always welcome.

Schedule: All classes meet in their regular assigned rooms after our Fellowship time. Listen for the bell signaling it's time to head to the classrooms at 10:50 AM. Children's classes should wrap up around 11:30 AM.

Our Sunday school teachers are grateful for the chance to walk alongside your children in their faith journeys. We encourage parents to ask their kids about what they're learning each week, and to keep supporting that growth at home through prayer and Bible reading. Questions or comments? Feel free to reach out to your child's teacher anytime.

Women's Bible Study will conduct their first meeting of this year on September 14 at 9:00 am at the Ames Sixty Forward Center. The plan is to meet, pray, and discuss study topics. Questions? Talk to Pam Voss.

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!

Areopagus Welcomes New Director: We're excited to announce that Daniel (Dan) Gregory has accepted the position of Director of Areopagus Campus Ministry! Dan will begin full-time on September 29. As he transitions from Iowa City, he plans to stay in Ames 2-4 nights each week and attend Trinity on Sundays. His wife and two kids hope to move to Ames later this year.

Housing needed: Dan is looking for a room, apartment, or other place to stay in Ames beginning September 29 (2-4 nights / week). If you have a possible housing option or know of one, please contact Andrew Friend. Please keep Dan, his family, and Areopagus in your prayers during this transition.

Classis Northcentral Iowa will meet on Saturday, Sep 12 at the home of the Ames Korean Christian Reformed Church. Derek TenPas, Brian Sterenberg and Paul Kleinwolterink will attend on behalf of our church.

The church has had some significant expenditures this summer. Several trees damaged by severe summer storms had to be removed or trimmed, at a cost of \$18,050. In addition, the 30-year-old AC unit serving the west classrooms and front of the building could no longer hold coolant and needed replacing. Council approved the replacement last week at a cost of \$12,146. These necessary expenses have put the Building and Grounds budget over budget for the year. Please keep these needs in mind as we have our special offering for the Building Fund in October.

Worship Volunteers Needed! If are willing to play an instrument, lead singing, run the sound system, and/or give a children's message during worship service please see Laura Hufford. We need more volunteers.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month: Although we are currently without a permanent pastor, we are grateful for Pastor Lora and Pastor Tom and the ways they have shared their time to care for and support our congregation during this time—providing pastoral care, leading worship, and offering guidance to our Council. For those who would like to contribute, gifts may be placed in the weekly offering marked "Pastor Gift," or given directly to Pastor Lora or Pastor Tom. Thank you for helping us show our appreciation.

Sawyer Cold Weather Clothing Drive: Please support our neighborhood youth by donating **NEW** winter coats, snow pants, and snow/waterproof gloves for the students at Sawyer Elementary School. (This year they will not need boots or hats.) We will collect clothing through October 11th. Please leave donations in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall.

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 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!

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.

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 Safe Place - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "A Safe Place" at www.kidscorner.net. In Matthew 25:31-40, Jesus taught us that part of following him is helping others feel safe and comforted. Small acts of kindness may seem ordinary, but they can show God's extraordinary love. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

Groundwork: Faith that Endures - We've heard the call in Hebrews to stay close to Jesus. How do we cultivate a lasting faith? Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 10:19-12:3 to learn why community and the testimony of fellow believers are essential to remaining faithful and cultivating a faith that endures through the difficult seasons in life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Fall can be an overwhelming and anxious time for students of all ages. How might you encourage the students in your family or your church this week? You might bake cookies, share a favorite book, or send a card. Pray for them as they discover the gifts God has given them and explore how God might be calling them to use those gifts. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Bryan Van Belle
Greeter: Friend
Nursery: Donna and Natalie
Children's Message: Rev. Neal Ooms
Congregational Prayer: Joel Copley

Sound Tech

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

Greeters

Sep 13	Friend	Oct 11	Kopaska
Sep 20	Irvin	Oct 18	Kuyper
Sep 27	Nancy Klemme	Oct 25	Niehof
Oct 4	Kleinwolterink		

Nursery

Sep 13	Donna and Natalie	Oct 11	Judy and Cassie
Sep 20	Sue and Kathlyn	Oct 18	Mary and Rachel
Sep 27	Mindy and Alisabeth	Oct 25	Lyndee and Kenzie
Oct 4	Megan and Kristy		

Children's Message

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Contact Information

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Elders: A-G = Paul Kleinwolterink; H-K = Melody Franje;
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 Enfolding – Mindy
Nikkel; Search – Jeff Kopaska; Technology – Rex De Bruin; Worship – Laura Hufford