

WORSHIP SERVICE

October 11, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (Psalm 99:1-3)

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.

He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over the nations.

Let them praise your great and awesome name – He is holy.

* Opening Song: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" *Lift Up Your Hearts #224*

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore.

Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;

The keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,

Bow down at his command, and fall beneath his feet.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come

To gather all his saints to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Spirit of the Living God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #749

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all:
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconsistent, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weakness, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Song of Entrusting: "Before the Throne of God Above" LUYH #682

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea;
a great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable "I AM," the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Message: "The True Vine"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "As Stewards of a Vineyard"

As stewards of a vineyard and keepers of the land
We wish to serve our Maker and follow his command
To ever love our neighbor and justice to maintain
If in the Lord we labor, our work is not in vain
We search in new directions for justice and for peace
Rejoicing in our labors Gods' blessings will not cease
We wish to heal what's broken; we seek to ease the pain
If in the Lord we labor, our work is not in vain

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #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: Christopher 't Hoen

Message: Rev. Sheldon Starkenburg

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Rex De Bruin, Laura Hufford

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SMALL GROUP, AND COMMITTEE 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.
- > **Roots Youth Group** (grades 6-12) meets weekly on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm.
- > **Pub Theology** meets the last Sunday of the month at The Mucky Duck; next meeting is Oct 25 at 7:00 pm.
- > **Women's Bible Study** meets monthly on Monday mornings at the Ames Sixty Forward Center; next meeting is Nov 2 at 9:00 am. 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 15 at 6:30 pm.

- > **Fall Festival:** October 23, 3:30-6:30 pm.
- > **Worship Committee Meeting:** October 26 at 6:30 pm.

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week Rev. Sheldon Starkenburg will share a message from John 15, where Jesus describes himself as the true vine and his followers as the branches, reminding us how our connection to Christ shapes the way we live.

The special offering this week is for Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance which provides emergency rent, utility, and food assistance to Story County residents in an atmosphere of dignity, comfort, and encouragement. TCRC's support of Good Neighbor is one of the ways we assist those in need in our community. To learn more, visit www.gnea.org/

Meals from the Heartland Annual Event-Oct 10: The outreach committee has signed up to participate in the 19th annual food packaging event on October 10, 2026 at 9:45 am-11:45 am. The event takes place at the packaging center in West Des Moines. Anyone aged 8 years old and up is encouraged to participate. If you wish to carpool, we will leave Trinity at 8:45 am. If you are interested, reach out to Mark Voss today to sign up.

Sawyer Cold Weather Clothing Drive-deadline Oct 11: 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.

Adult Sunday School will meet this week (Oct. 11) to discuss the Gospel of Mark, chapter 10. We meet in Room 8 and 9 at 10:50 a.m. Rex De Bruin will lead this class. All are welcome.

Committee Chairs: budget request forms due Oct 18. Please remember to fill out your 2027 budget request forms and return to the deacons by October 18. The forms have been emailed to the chair of each committee. There are hard copies available in the office. Questions? Contact Derek Ten Pas.

Please keep Pastor SJ Kim in your prayers, as he has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Pray for God's healing grace, for wise guidance from his doctors, and for God to give strength to Pastor SJ and his family as they walk through this challenging time. Please also pray for Church Beyond Borders as Pastor SJ takes some time off to care for his health.

Our new Areopagus Campus Ministry Director is here! Please join us in welcoming Dan Gregory to Areopagus and the Trinity community. Dan has officially begun his role and is looking forward to getting to know the Trinity congregation and connecting with students across Iowa State.

You can reach Dan at director@isu-areopagus.org or 847-989-9648

Address for Elijah Goossen in Omaha: 3309 N 93rd Ave, Apt 3, Omaha, NE 68134

Trinity's Fall Festival - Friday, October 23, 3:30-6:30 pm. We are trading in the trunks for a new experience with games booths and prizes. We are still looking for plenty of volunteers to help us welcome the community to this free family event. The volunteer signup sheet is on the front table. Questions? Talk to Mindy Nikkel.

Adopt a Flower Bed! The three flower beds along the church driveway are looking for a new caretaker. Thank you to Melody for filling that role previously. We are looking for a volunteer (or a few volunteers) willing to adopt 1, 2, or all 3 beds and help keep them looking nice with some weeding and seasonal maintenance. If no one is able to take them on, we'll plan to reseed the beds with grass instead. Let us know if you'd like to help keep a little color blooming along our driveway!

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.

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

Thrive

Pastor Appreciation Day! - Did you know that today is Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Day? Thrive encourages us to think about someone in ministry leadership or in our church community who deserves an extra dose of appreciation today. Who can you thank today? How can you show your appreciation? Maybe you could recognize their work with a short note of encouragement or a word of support.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Thankfulness is an important faith practice. Each day between now and Thanksgiving, notice the things in your life that you can give thanks for. Write those things on slips of paper and collect them in a jar or box to read during your Thanksgiving celebration. Visit crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/gratitude for other ways to respond with thankfulness for God's goodness, love, provision, and grace. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 2 - 12, 2027) - Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or

VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Brian Sterenberg
Greeter: Kopaska
Nursery: Judy and Cassie
Children's Message: Christopher 't Hoen
Congregational Prayer: Paul Kleinwolterink

Sound Tech

Oct 11 Brian Sterenberg
Oct 18 Bryan Van Belle
Oct 25 Rex De Bruin
Nov 1 Tom Whitney

Nov 8 Brian Sterenberg
Nov 15 Bryan Van Belle
Nov 22 Tom Whitney
Nov 29 Rex De Bruin

Greeters

Oct 11 Kopaska
Oct 18 Kuyper
Oct 25 Niehof
Nov 1 Niemeyer

Nov 8 Nikkel
Nov 15 Oltman
Nov 22 Saldaña
Nov 29 Sanders/Bassham

Nursery

Oct 11 Judy and Cassie
Oct 18 Mary and Rachel
Oct 25 Lyndee and Kenzie
Nov 1 Rachel and Sue

Nov 8 Melody and Elizabeth
Nov 15 Jessica and Brianna
Nov 22 Donna and Natalie
Nov 29 Sue and Kathryn

Children's Message

Oct 11 Christopher 't Hoen
Oct 18 Rex De Bruin
Oct 25 Derek Ten Pas
Nov 1 Lora Copley

Nov 8 Laura Hufford
Nov 15 Jeff Kopaska
Nov 22 Christopher 't Hoen
Nov 29 Rex De Bruin

Congregational Prayer

Oct 11 Paul Kleinwolterink
Oct 18 Mark Voss
Oct 25 Rex De Bruin
Nov 1 Tom Niehof

Nov 8 Joel Copley
Nov 15 Jeff Kopaska
Nov 22 Lora Copley
Nov 29 Paul Kleinwolterink

Contact Information

Dan Gregory, Areopagus Campus Ministry Director: director@isu-areopagus.org; 847-989-9648

Tina VanDyk, Office Administrator: office@amestrinity.org; 515-292-4676

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

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 Enfoldings – Mindy Nikkel; Search – Jeff Kopaska; Technology – Rex De Bruin; Worship – Laura Hufford