

WORSHIP SERVICE
October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting (Ephesians 2:4-5)

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 90)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all of our days.

* Opening Song: "God of The Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

LUYH #281

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
may true religion in our hearts increase;
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

*Opening Prayer

*Song: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Come, thou almighty King.

Help us thy name to sing. Help us to praise.

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious

Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

All glory be to the Father, all glory be to the Son,

All glory be to the Spirit, the Blessed Three in One.

Come, thou incarnate Word

Gird on thy mighty sword. Our prayer attend:

Come, and thy people bless, And give they word success

Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

All glory be to the Father, all glory be to the Son,

All glory be to the Spirit, the Blessed Three in One.

Come, holy Comforter,

Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:

Thou who Almighty art, rule now in every heart,

And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

All glory be to the Father, all glory be to the Son,

All glory be to the Spirit, the Blessed Three in One.

To thee, great One in Three

Eternal praises be hence evermore!

Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,

And to eternity love and adore.

All glory be to the Father, all glory be to the Son,

All glory be to the Spirit, the Blessed Three in One.

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

Psalm 94:11-15, 22

The Lord knows all human plans, he knows that they are futile. Blessed is the one you disciple, Lord, the one you teach your law; you grant them relief from days of trouble. For the Lord will not reject his people, he will never forsake his inheritance. Judgment will again be founded on the righteous and all the

upright in heart will follow it. The Lord has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16)

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Song of Entrusting: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #776

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. You ask
who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same; and he must win the battle.
And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.
That Word above all earthly powers-no thanks to them-abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Mark 5:1-20

They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. ² When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him.

³ This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴ For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. ⁷ He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!” ⁸ For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!”

⁹ Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” ¹⁰ And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

¹¹ A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. ¹² The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.” ¹³ He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

¹⁴ Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. ¹⁵ When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ¹⁶ Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. ¹⁷ Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” ²⁰ So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

Message: “Restoring The Lost”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LUYH #772

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other
ground is sinking sand.
When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other
ground is sinking sand.
His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other
ground is sinking sand.
When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other
ground is sinking sand.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" vv. 1,2,4,6 *LUYH #405*

Our God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
our Shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal Home.

Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!

Postlude

* Please stand

Children's Message: Derek Ten Pas

Message: Rev. Tom Vos

Musicians: Char Verkade, Derek Ten Pas, Pam Voss

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:** November 12 at 6:30 pm.
- **Fall Festival:** October 23, 3:30-6:30 pm.
- **Worship Committee Meeting:** October 26 at 6:30 pm.

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Festival is THIS FRIDAY! There is plenty of room for more volunteers, even if you did not sign up. Just show up and lend a hand! Questions? Contact Mindy Nikkel.

This week, we welcome Rev. Tom Vos with the message, "Restoring The Lost" from Mark 5:1-20, where Jesus brings healing and hope to a man who has been suffering in isolation.

The special offering this week is for the TCRC Building Fund, which helps cover unexpected facility needs, repairs, and improvements. Summer storm damage and the recent replacement of an aging AC unit have resulted in over \$30,000 in unplanned expenses, putting our Building and Grounds budget far over budget for the year. As we care for the space that serves our church family and ministry, we invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to the Building Fund.

Communion: We look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning. All who are trusting in Christ and have made a public stand for him are encouraged to join.

Adult Sunday School will not meet this week (Oct. 25) due to Intergenerational Sunday School. We hope to meet on November 1 to discuss Mark chapter 12.

Intergenerational Sunday School this week (25th). Sunday School for all ages will meet in the Fellowship Hall this week for an engaging, table-style discussion with hands-on activities for everyone. Come connect with one another as we continue exploring God's Word together and stay for the potluck lunch afterward!

Potluck Lunch this Sunday (25th). Following our Sunday School time, we will continue to fellowship together over a potluck lunch. Please bring something to share, based on your last name: A-H bring a main dish; I-S bring salad/side; T-Z bring dessert.

Pastoral Candidate Visit and Congregational Meeting: On November 5th and 6th (Thu and Fri), we will have a pastoral candidate visit our church. He will meet with the council, committees and others on these two days culminating with a congregational supper on Friday at 6:30 at the church with food provided. After supper we will meet in the sanctuary for a time to introduce him to the congregation and for us to ask questions. Between now and then the council will try to provide links to some of his sermons so the congregation can be aware of his style of preaching.

On Sunday, November 8th, there will be a brief congregational meeting after the morning service to discuss the pastoral candidate and vote on whether or not Trinity CRC is willing to issue a call. If you have any questions please talk to Paul. Please continue to pray for the search committee and God's guidance to all involved.

Pastor SJ Kim passed away on Sunday, October 18th. He was beloved by our church and by those who he shepherded in his outreach. Trinity CRC has provided some financial assistance with his medical bills. Additionally, the church sent a card of comfort, including gift cards for meals, to SJ's wife the day after his passing. Pastor SJ requested that he not have a funeral. If you would like to send the family a message of condolence, please mail cards to: Youngja Kim, 4122 4th Street, Des Moines, IA 50313

Please keep Youngja and the Kim Family in your prayers in the coming weeks.

Dan Gregory, our new Areopagus Campus Ministry Director, and his family are moving to Ames on Saturday, November 7! They would appreciate some help unloading the moving truck that day. If you're available to help, please let Andrew Friend know.

Women's Bible Study will meet next on Monday, November 2 at 9:00 am at the Ames Sixty Forward Center. The group will be discussing the spiritual discipline of Silence. Study guide materials are on the table outside the church office. New group members welcome! Questions? Talk to Pam Voss.

September Financial Report Total income was \$24,618: General Offerings \$21,875, Bank Interest \$743, and Ames Christian School Rent \$2,000. 73% of the budgeted income has been received, and 73% of the budgeted expenses have been spent. Special offering for Resonate-Groenewold Van Dyk totaled \$2,225 and Areopagus totaled \$5003.90.

Upcoming Building Use: The Ames Christian Middle School will be conducting Parent-Teacher Conferences in the building on Oct 27 and 29, 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Oct 31 Fellowship Hall is

reserved for a private event. Nov 2: Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall will be used for a piano recital at 5:00 pm. Nov 3: TCRC will serve as a polling location for the general election. Please be mindful of these events if you are in the building during these times.

If you or your group will be using the church building for anything, please let Tina (office@amestrinity.org) 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: Just Be With God - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Just Be With God" at www.kidscorner.net. In 1 Kings 19, the prophet Elijah felt scared and alone. He looked for God in a big wind, an earthquake, and a fire, but God wasn't in those loud things. Then Elijah felt a gentle breeze (1 Kings 19:12) and knew God was speaking. God often speaks in the quiet. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

Groundwork: Prayer and Discerning God's Will - God invites his people to communicate with him through prayer, a foundational discipline in the Christian life. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Philippians 4:4-7, James 5:13-16, Psalm 143:7-10, Psalm 25:4-9, and Matthew 26:36-46 to understand how consistent prayer practice helps us listen to God's voice and discern his will for our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Building Blocks of Faith are four statements that, when they become increasingly true for a person, indicate that his or her faith is growing: I belong to Jesus and to his body, the church. I know and understand the story of God's faithfulness, of which I am a part. I have hope, through Christ, in all of God's promises. I am called to work in God's kingdom, and I am equipped to do that work. What opportunities do the people in your household have to grow in each of these ways? For more on the Building Blocks check out the toolkit at crcna.org/FaithFormation/toolkits. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

CRC Planned Giving

Year End Giving - Snail Mail - As the year end approaches and you think about a donation to your church (and other CRC Ministries), please remember that those gifts must be received and deposited by December 31 to count for the 2026 tax year. This year, we've noticed that it's taking longer than normal to receive letters by US mail, so anything you can do to help your favorite ministry avoid the December 31 scramble will be greatly appreciated! To learn

about giving from your IRA and other ways to give beyond cash donations visit:
crcna.org/planned-giving

World Renew

World Hunger Sunday is Next Week - In a world where there is more than enough food to feed everyone, millions of people do not have enough to eat. Together, let's work to end world hunger for good. Join World Renew in sharing Christ's hope with families facing hunger by giving through next Sunday's offering. With your gifts, we can help provide the training and tools families need to journey away from hunger. Learn more and give at worldrenew.org/worldhunger.

Other

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) - Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at Maurice Reformed Church in Maurice, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is November 20-22, 2026. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Rex De Bruin
Greeter: Niehof
Nursery: Lyndee and Kenzie
Children's Message: Derek Ten Pas
Congregational Prayer: Rex De Bruin

Sound Tech

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

Dec 6 Brian Sterenberg
Dec 13 Bryan Van Belle
Dec 20 Rex De Bruin
Dec 24* Tom Whitney
Dec 27 Brian Sterenberg

Greeters

Oct 25 Niehof
Nov 1 Niemeyer
Nov 8 Nikkel
Nov 15 Oltman
Nov 22 Saldaña

Nov 29 Sanders/Bassham
Dec 6 Sterenberg
Dec 13 't Hoen
Dec 20 Ten Pas
Dec 27 VanDyk

Nursery

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

Children's Message

Oct 25 Derek Ten Pas
Nov 1 Lora Copley
Nov 8 Laura Hufford
Nov 15 Jeff Kopaska
Nov 22 Christopher 't Hoen

Congregational Prayer

Oct 25 Rex De Bruin
Nov 1 Tom Niehof
Nov 8 Joel Copley
Nov 15 Jeff Kopaska
Nov 22 Lora Copley

Nov 29 Sue and Kathlyn
Dec 6 Mindy and Alisabeth
Dec 13 Megan and Kristy
Dec 20 Lyndee and Cassie
Dec 27 Sue and Mary

Nov 29 Rex De Bruin
Dec 6 Derek Ten Pas
Dec 13 Lora Copley
Dec 20 Laura Hufford
Dec 27 Jeff Kopaska

Nov 29 Paul Kleinwolterink
Dec 6 Mark Voss
Dec 13 Rex De Bruin
Dec 20 Tom Niehof
Dec 27 Joel Copley

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