WORSHIP SERVICE
November 1, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
*God's Greeting
*We Greet One Another
*Call to Worship (from Psalm 146)

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

*Opening Song: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" vv 1,2 *LUYH* #534

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

*Opening Prayer
*Song: "Open Our Eyes" vv 1,4,5 *Lift Up Your Hearts* #297

Refrain:
Come and bring light to a people in darkness
Come set us free from the chains we have made
We are Your people the flock that You tend
Lord open our eyes once again

To the ones broken hearted: Open our eyes
To the plight of the poor: Open our eyes

To the innocent children: Open our eyes
Teach us compassion and love **(Refrain)**

To those full of life's sorrow: Open our eyes
To the needs of the lowly: Open our eyes
Top the ones who seek peace: Open our eyes
Teach us compassion and love **(Refrain)**

To those suffering illness: Open our eyes
To those trapped by addiction: Open our eyes
To those lost or forgotten: Open our eyes
Teach us compassion and love **(Refrain)**

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession: from Isaiah 58:6-7, 9-14

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, we are sorry. For our faithlessness to you and to one another; for forgetting those who hunger for food and for faith. We are fearful, distracted, and disobedient people. Forgive us Lord! We hunger and thirst for more of your righteousness. Make us new, by the power and Sabbath rest of the salvation found in Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, receive the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Let us live as His people, and hear his sure promise to us, : "Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard…You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."

Song of Entrusting: "When a Prophet Sings of Justice" vv 1,2,4 *SNC* #264

When a prophet sings of justice like broad rivers flowing free
let me clearly see the vision of an earth that might yet be:
God's intention, human dreams, righteousness like mighty streams,
waters teeming with salvation to wash clean the whole creation.

When a gospel speaks of hunger for the Word and for the bread,
let me hear how with each feeding of the hungry, Christ is fed:
how, as we attend their cry, loaves and fishes multiply
in a eucharist of sharing, in a sacred meal of caring.

As you grant us better insight with the vision your grace gives,
help us make the wiser choices, simplest of alternatives;
stripped of empty act and talk we may take a humbler walk,
justice, kindness no abstractions, but made real in words and actions.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD – PROCLAIMED AND AT THE TABLE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.
14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

15 As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

16 Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

17 "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

18 "Bring them here to me," he said. **19** And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. **20** They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. **21** The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Message: "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Table of Plenty" vv 2,3 *Lift Up Your Hearts* #808

Refrain:

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.
my feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

[Refrain]

My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.

[Refrain]

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

***The Invitation and Thanksgiving**

Our Lord Jesus invites all those who trust Him and desire to live in obedience to Him to come with gladness to the feast He has prepared. He promises, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. Whoever comes to me I will never drive away." (John 6:35, 37b)

Hallelujah! Blessed are those who are invited to the feast of the Lamb.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

The Institution

On the night He was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you." He also took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this in remembrance of me."

We will do as our Lord commands — now and until He comes again.

Prayer of Consecration

Broken Bread of Heaven, may we believe all your good promises, not doubting that as surely as we take this bread and cup, so surely shall we be nourished and refreshed by Your body and blood. We pray "Maranatha"—come quickly Lord Jesus- we eagerly desire to eat with You at Your final feast. As You have shown us the glory of Your great love, now with this meal cause us to be strengthened in faith and to love and bless the world You died for. In your Name, Amen.

Preparation of the Elements:

The bread we break, is it not sharing in the body of Christ?

We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.
The cup we give thanks for, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?
The cup we drink is our fellowship in the blood of Christ.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.
Thanks be to God.

(Distribution of bread)

Communion Songs: "Gift of Finest Wheat" LUYH 815 vv 2,3,5
"I Am the Bread of Life" LUYH #842 vv 1,2

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.
With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude,
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food.
[Refrain]
Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf declare our oneness in the Lord?
[Refrain]
You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.
[Refrain]

I am the Bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;
They who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draws them.
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.
The Bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
And they who eat of this bread,
They shall live forever, they shall live forever.
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

Take, eat! Remember and believe that the body of Lord Jesus was broken for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Thanks be to God.

(Distribution of cup)
Take, drink! Remember and believe that the blood of our Lord Jesus was poured out for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Sending Litany:

Bless the Lord! We taste and see that the Lord is good.
People of God, how then will we live in response to this grace we've received?
The cross, **we will take it.**
The bread, **we will break it.**
The pain, **we will bear it.**
Our food, **we will share it.**
His joy, **we will give it.**
His Gospel, **we will live it!**

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" v 3 *Lift Up Your Hearts* #534

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Postlude

*Please stand

Children's Message: Lora Copley
Message: Rev. Lora Copley
Musicians: Andrew Friend, Rex De Bruin, Amelia 't Hoen

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 Nov 29 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.
- **Meal and visit with pastoral candidate:** Friday, November 6 at 6:30 pm
- **Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, November 8, following the service.
- **Regular Council Meeting**: November 12 at 6:30 pm.

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday morning, Rev. Lora Copley will share a message titled "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread," a reflection on Matthew 14:13–21, where Jesus feeds a crowd of thousands with just five loaves and two fish.

Communion: 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.

We will be distributing Peter Fish/ World Renew during the Children's message this week. Please help the children of Trinity collect change, which will be given to the World Hunger Campaign: Fish for Change! (an initiative of World Renew). We ask that the Peter Fish be returned by November 22nd.

The special offering next week will be for the Peter Fish/World Renew initiative.

Adult Sunday School will meet this Sunday (Nov. 1) to discuss the Gospel of Mark, chapter 12. We meet in Room 8/9 at 10:50 a.m. Rev. Tom Niehof will lead this class. All are welcome.

Pastor Candidate Visit: On Thursday and Friday, November 5-6, we will welcome Pastor Kevin Muyskens, currently serving as pastor at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in Sheldon, Iowa, to Trinity for a pastoral interview. He will be meeting with committees and council during his visit with Trinity. Everyone is invited to meet Pastor Muyskens on Friday evening: we'll share a meal at 6:30 PM, followed by an introduction and time for questions in the

sanctuary. The nursery will be staffed, and the meeting will be available online for those unable to attend. If you would like to listen to some of Pastor Muyskens' sermons, they are available at immanuelsheldon.com. If you have any questions please contact a member of council or the search committee.

Congregational Meeting: On Sunday, November 8th, there will be a brief congregational meeting after the morning service to discuss the pastoral candidate and vote on whether 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.

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 discussion 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.

Monday, November 2nd at 6pm at the church, Laura Hufford's music studio will have a fall music recital at church. Peter Friend and Natalie DeBruin will be participating. There will be treats afterwards. Everyone is invited to attend the recital and join in the fall fun.

Classis Day of Prayer-Nov 2: Classis North Central Iowa invites everyone to set aside a day of prayer and fasting together as a classis on Monday, November 2. Find more details on the table outside the church office.

It's that time of the year again! Help us celebrate the Advent/Holiday season with a poinsettia plant to decorate the sanctuary. The cost is $12 for a 6.5" potted poinsettia. To donate a plant, please sign up on the list on the table by the church office beginning this Sunday. Please pay for your plant at time of order with a check to TCRC and place in the collection basket with "poinsettia" noted the memo line, or place cash in an envelope with your name and "poinsettia" noted on the envelope. (Flowers cannot be paid for online.) Last day to order is Sunday Nov 22. Poinsettia may be taken home after the Dec 27 service. Questions? Contact: Pam Voss.

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.

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. 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.

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance will host their annual Fall Choir Concert Fundraiser on Sunday, November 8, 2:00-4:00 pm at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames. Free-will donations

will be accepted at the concert; all funds raised go to support GNEA's mission and provide rental, utility, and other emergency assistance to neighbors in Story County.

Upcoming Building Use: Nov 2–Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall will be used for a piano recital in the evening. 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.

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: Jesus' Backwards Kingdom - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Jesus' Backwards Kingdom" at www.kidscorner.net. How do we become great in God's kingdom? Jesus taught his disciples that following him means loving and serving others with a humble heart. Being humble means using our words, talents, and possessions to lift others up. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

Groundwork: Prayer and Thanksgiving - The apostle Paul instructs us to rejoice and pray with thanksgiving, but in the realities of daily life, it doesn't always feel that easy. Join Groundwork as we study Philippians 4:4-7, 1 Chronicles 29:10-20, Exodus 15:1-2, 20-21, and Luke 1:46-55 to see why including gratitude in our prayers matters and how it benefits our relationship with God and enriches our prayer life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Examen is a helpful daily prayer tool that Christians have used for hundreds of years to review their day in a godly way. This is a great bedtime practice for people of all ages. Try this simplified Examen this week: First, pray that God will give you insight. Then ask yourself two questions: "What was I most grateful for today?" and "What was I least grateful for today?" Close in prayer, thanking God for the blessings of the day, and asking God's help with your shortcomings. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew

Let's Help Bring an End to World Hunger - Today, hunger is a harsh reality for many families worldwide. World Renew equips families with tools and training to end hunger in their homes and communities, and your church can make a difference with us. Your gift to World Renew helps ensure there is enough for every table—enough food, enough hope, and enough of God's goodness shared with everyone. Please give at worldrenew.org/worldhunger or in today's World Hunger Sunday offering.

World Renew Kenya Discovery Tour - Explore the heart of Kenya through an unforgettable journey to engage with both culture and creation from February 26 - March 8, 2027. Connect with World Renew partners working alongside local communities, hear stories of resilience and hope, and experience the beauty of Africa's wildlife through a safari adventure. Learn more and register online: bit.ly/kenya2027info

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VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Tom Whitney
Greeter: Niemeyer
Nursery: Rachel and Sue
Children's Message: Lora Copley
Congregational Prayer: Tom Niehof

Sound Tech

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

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

Nov 1 Rachel and Sue
Nov 8 Melody and Elizabeth
Nov 15 Jessica and Brianna
Nov 22 Donna and Natalie
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

Children's Message

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Congregational Prayer

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Nov 29 Paul Kleinwolterink
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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 Enfolding – Mindy Nikkel; Search – Jeff Kopaska; Technology – Rex De Bruin; Worship – Laura Hufford