WORSHIP SERVICE
November 8, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
*God's Greeting (2 Corinthians 5:17-19)
*We Greet One Another
*Call to Worship (1 Chronicles 29: 11-13)

Yours is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty

For all that is in the heavens and the earth is yours

Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

*Opening Song: "Now Thank We All Our God" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #543

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*Opening Prayer
*Song: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Wonderful merciful Savior Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

You are the One that we praise You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

Counselor Comforter Keeper Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we've hopelessly lost the way

You are the One that we praise You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

Almighty infinite Father Faithfully loving your own
Here in our weakness you find us Falling before your throne
Oh we're falling before your throne

You are the One that we praise You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will for Our Lives (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

Hear, O Israel: The LORD your God is one.

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

Impress them on your children.

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Assurance of Pardon

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Entrusting: "Turn Your Eyes"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace

Jesus to you we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore you, behold you, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the hillside where justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave his life for us,
And our measureless debt was erased

Jesus to you we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore you, behold you, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn: fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins

Jesus to you we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore you, behold you, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the heaven Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
"All glory to Jesus alone!"

Jesus to you we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore you, behold you, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? **26** Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? **27** Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. **29** Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. **30** If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' **32** For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **34** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Message: "Worry, Worship, and the Will of God"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "On Eagle's Wings" *Sing! A New Creation* #185

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

For to his angels is given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "Our God Will Go Before Us"

Our God will go before us, And guide us by His presence
What confidence this promise is We will never walk alone

Our God will go before us; The Lord of hosts is with us
Praise the One who leads us on For His grace will bring us home

Through unknown paths, through shadows, Our hearts fear not tomorrow
For every step, His faithfulness, Is truth that lights our way

Our God will go before us; The Lord of hosts is with us
Praise the One who leads us on For His grace will bring us home

Though evil forms against us All heaven will defend us
The gates of hell shall not prevail For the battle is the Lord's

Our God will go before us The Lord of hosts is with us
Praise the One who leads us on For His grace will bring us home

Now send us with your presence And lead us on to heaven
Where songs of sorrow strain no more And our every breath is praise

Oh let our ev'ry breath be praise!

Our God will go before us; The Lord of hosts is with us
Praise the One who leads us on For His grace will bring us home

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Postlude

*Please stand

Children's Message: Laura Hufford
Message: Rev. Nathan Schelhaas
Musicians: Char Verkade, Natalie De Bruin, Mark Voss, Pam Voss

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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

This week, we welcome Nathan Schelhaas with a message from Matthew 6:25-34, where Jesus encourages his followers not to worry about tomorrow but to trust in God's care and provision.

The special offering this week will be for the World Renew and the Peter Fish initiative. World Renew works alongside communities to strengthen local food production and build sustainable, equitable food security. Your support helps families around the globe achieve lasting food security and lasting hope.

Peter Fish have been distributed See one of the deacons if you need to get one. 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.

Adult Sunday School will meet this Sunday (Nov. 8) to discuss the Gospel of Mark, chapter 13. 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: 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.

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.

A warm Thank You to the congregation for the generous gift and notes of the past couple of weeks. As we sneak up on 30 years here, it is indeed true that Ames has become home for us. We are happy to share it with you.
Sincerely, Pastor Tom and Deb

UFO is a group that works on their UnFinished Objects–quilting, knitting, mending, organizing recipes, preparing class work, relaxing, etc). We have devotions, prayer, and refreshments. UFO meets 6:30 - 8:30ish on the 3rd Monday of the month. Persons can host, share devotions, or bring refreshments if they wish. You are invited to join us and/or ask questions about UFO! NOTE: UFO will take a break from meeting Nov - Feb so meet with us in March 2027! See you then! Contact Kelly Hobson for details.

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.

Are you connected? Stay up to date with what's happening at Trinity through our church email list and printed directory. From church news and upcoming events to helpful reminders, these are easy ways to stay in the loop and stay connected with one another. If you'd like to be included or update your contact information, please reach out to the church office (office@amestrinity.org). Participation is optional.

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: When Things Go Wrong - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "When Things Go Wrong" at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever made a big mistake? Have you ever said mean things to yourself? Sometimes we try our hardest, but things still don't turn out the way we want. Colossians 3:12 reminds us of how much God loves us. As his children, God calls us to be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient. And that's not just toward other people. It's also toward ourselves. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

Groundwork: Prayer and Repentance - Most of us feel uncomfortable admitting our shame and our guilt when we make mistakes, but for Christians, it's an important and valuable part of our faith life. Join our Groundwork conversation as we dig into Luke 11:4, John 1:8-10, Psalm 51, Mark 2:1-7, Daniel 9:4-19, and 1 John 5:13-15 to learn about prayers of repentance and why honest prayers of confession matter. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - "Wondering questions" are an excellent way to engage kids (and people of all ages!) with Scripture. For example, after you read the creation story, ask open-ended questions like "I wonder what it looked like when God created the stars?" "I wonder what it would be like if there were no predators in our world?" "I wonder what you would feel like if you were the first person in God's creation?" Take some time to read a favorite Bible passage this week, asking wondering questions to explore the text in a new way. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Chaplaincy Sunday - November 15 - Next week we will recognize and celebrate the work of the 90+ chaplains of the CRC. These specialized ministers bring the presence of God into institutional settings, such as prisons, hospitals, hospice, long-term care, counseling centers,

industrial and workplace settings, and military installations. Learn more about Thrive and their work with chaplains at: crcna.org/Chaplaincy

We're Hiring! Ministry Consultant - Renewal and Discipleship - This position will implement Thrive's congregational renewal efforts, with a strategic emphasis on discipleship multiplication, to help Christian Reformed congregations. This role will enable CRC to grow faithfully, holistically, and missionally, embodying the gospel of Jesus Christ in local contexts. The starting salary for this position is $91,482/year USD or $93,084/year CAD. This position offers a flexible remote work schedule and an attractive benefits package, including retirement fund contribution, four weeks of vacation, and more. Learn more and apply by November 22, 2026, at https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/postings/6613251a-1156-4bf5-9f95-845845908fec

World Renew

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

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: Brian Sterenberg
Greeter: Nikkel
Nursery: Melody and Elizabeth
Children's Message: Laura Hufford
Congregational Prayer: Jeff Kopaska

Sound Tech

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 8	Nikkel	Dec 6	Sterenberg
Nov 15	Oltman	Dec 13	‘t Hoen
Nov 22	Saldaña	Dec 20	Ten Pas
Nov 29	Sanders/Bassham	Dec 27	VanDyk

Nursery

Nov 8	Melody and Elizabeth	Dec 6	Mindy and Alisabeth
Nov 15	Jessica and Brianna	Dec 13	Megan and Kristy
Nov 22	Donna and Natalie	Dec 20	Lyndee and Cassie
Nov 29	Sue and Kathlyn	Dec 27	Sue and Mary

Children’s Message

Nov 8	Laura Hufford	Dec 6	Derek Ten Pas
Nov 15	Jeff Kopaska	Dec 13	Lora Copley
Nov 22	Christopher ‘t Hoen	Dec 20	Laura Hufford
Nov 29	Rex De Bruin	Dec 27	Jeff Kopaska

Congregational Prayer

Nov 8	Jeff Kopaska	Dec 6	Mark Voss
Nov 15	Joel Copley	Dec 13	Rex De Bruin
Nov 22	Lora Copley	Dec 20	Tom Niehof
Nov 29	Paul Kleinwolterink	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

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