

WORSHIP SERVICE

February 9, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship (Psalm 98:1-3)

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

All: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

Leader: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

*Opening Song: "The King Of Glory Comes"

Psalter Hymnal #370 (print out)

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Who is the King of glory? What shall we call him?

He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

In all of Galilee, in city or village,

he goes among his people, curing their illness.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;

he took upon himself the sin of the nations.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.

And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices

*Opening Prayer

Song: “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Lift Up Your Hearts #693

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears
relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first
believed My chains are gone I've been set free My God my
Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me Safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy
rains Unending love amazing grace When we've been there ten
thousand years Bright shining as the sun We've no less days to
sing God's Praise Than when we'd first begun.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will For His People: Exodus 20: 1-17

The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words:² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner

residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. “You shall not murder. “You shall not commit adultery. “You shall not steal. “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Song of Response: “Your Mercy Flows”

Lift Up Your Hearts #700

Your mercy flows upon us like a river. Your mercy stands unshakable and true.

Most holy God, of all good things the giver, we turn and sift our fervent prayer to you.

Hear our cry (Hear our cry) O Lord (O Lord) be merciful (be merciful) once more. (once more.)

Let your love, (let your love) your anger stem; (your anger stem;) remember mercy

O Lord, again. Your mercy flows upon us like a river. Your mercy stands unshakable and true.

Most holy God, of all good things the giver, we turn and sift our fervent prayer to you.

Hear our cry (Hear our cry) O Lord (O Lord) be merciful (be merciful) once more. (once more.)

Let your love, (let your love) your anger stem; (your anger stem;) remember mercy

O Lord, Your gain.

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Slides: Capernaum in Jesus’ Day

Scripture Reading: Mark 2: 1-12

2 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2 They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? 10 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Message: Grace And Mercy In The Ministry Of The Messiah

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Oh, The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus"

Lift Up Your Hearts #796

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless,
free, Rolling as a mighty ocean In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, To thy glorious rest above.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to
shore; How he loves us, ever loves us, Changes never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, Died to call them all his
own;

How for them he interceding, Watching o'er them from the throne.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to thee.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "We Receive Your Blessing"

Lift Up Your Hearts #947

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,
as we walk in the light shining from your face.

May the peace that you give change the way that we live.

We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, you heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,
as we walk in the light shining from your face.

May the peace that you give change the way that we live.

We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below.

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Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.

We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rev. Lora Copley

Congregational Prayer: Paul Kleinwolterink

Message: Rev. Tom Niehof

Musicians: Naomi Friend, Holly Raak, Derek Ten Pas, Char Verkade

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning, we welcome Rev. Tom Niehof, who will lead us in a study of Mark 2, The Man Who Came Through the Ceiling. May God bless the preaching of His Word.

Next week's special offering will be for the **Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund**. Please consider giving to this fund as one of the ways in which we can support families and children of Trinity and as an action following from the promises we make at baptism to nurture the faith of the children of our congregation.

The floors in the fellowship hall, kitchen, nursery and bathrooms will be waxed on February 8th at 10 am. You will not be able to walk on them the rest of the day, please plan accordingly.

Adult Sunday School (Room 7): Melody Franje and Rex De Bruin will continue to lead a discussion on different faith practices and how to incorporate these spiritual disciplines into our personal and communal lives. Last fall we discussed disciplines such as the sabbath, hospitality, gratitude, and generosity. We'd love to have you join us this spring!

Young Adult Ministry will be meeting on Sunday February 9th at 5 pm to watch the Super Bowl and have fellowship. Please be mindful if you plan to come to the church at this time.

The Family 2 Family sale will happen again this spring, More details to come.

Reminder the winter season is here, please be sure to wipe your shoes before you come into the church to help with keeping our church home clean.

If you group or committee has an announcement, please be sure to get me an update by 10:30 am on Thursday so I have time to get it in them into the announcements for the week.

Randy will be gone from February 3rd through the 10th

Pam Whitney will be gone from February 8th through the 15th.

There is printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office.

This has been updated into early 2025. The directory with the newest updates. is on the table outside the office. Please review your changes if you made any. If you have changes or need to add info, please do it on this sheet.

Children and Worship - During our morning worship service, immediately following the children's message, ages three through third grade are invited to attend, meeting in room 3, located to the south of the sanctuary. Children experience worship in the same order as in the sanctuary: we approach God in reverence, hear His Word proclaimed, respond in praise, and go forth in peace and love to serve in God's name. Visitors are welcome to attend. Please pick up your child(ren) at the end of the service



Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes Happening at 10.50, after fellowship

Children and Worship – Happening after the children's message

Breakfast Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 AM.

UFO meets the 3rd Monday of the month

Women's Bible Study Will meet the first Monday of the month

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month, Feb 23rd 7 pm Mucky Duck.

Hymn Sing will be held the first Sunday of the Month at 5 pm at the Church. February 3rd

Next Council meeting is February 12th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: God Created Us - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. We are created in God's image. What does that mean? How can we think and act like God? How does this change how we look at other people? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Valentine Cards.

Kids in Action Video - Kids in Action host Maya meets Hudson and Cole performing incredible stunts, balancing acts, and juggling...lots of juggling. Check out more YouTube Kids in Action videos at

kidscorner.net/kids-in-action. Kids in Action, a web series by Kids Corner, tells stories of amazing kids who are doing God's work right now.

Groundwork: A Beautiful Celebration of Love and Intimacy - We do not often hear sermons on Song of Songs. But this biblical book of love poetry helps us understand God's perspective on love and intimacy. Join Groundwork as we explore Song of Songs 1-2 to discover God's design for our relationships and a celebration of intimacy, sexuality, and our physical bodies. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Cultivating Shalom: Faithful Responses to Food and Climate Series - Join a 5 week Virtual Series on Wednesday evenings February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 at 7:30 PM Eastern (6:30 PM Central, 5:30 PM Mountain, 4:30 PM Pacific). Hosted by World Renew in collaboration with Thrive, Climate Witness Project, and Center for Public Dialogue, guest leaders will share their expertise and perspectives about the intersection of our faith to our relationship with creation, the impacts of that relationship to food and climate, and ways to faithfully respond. Register here (<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tgslZOeHTVWysZfPcdk8zg>) to receive access to ALL weeks of the series. The hope is that this series will motivate people of faith and faith communities to cultivate a faith-filled and shalom-seeking relationship with creation. If you have questions, please contact Jodi Koeman, jkoeman@worldrenew.net

Thrive

Justice: An Everyday Spiritual Journey - Thrive, in partnership with the CRC Centre for Public Dialogue, World Renew, and Diaconal Ministries Canada, is excited to present its latest workshop—offered online and in person—to help you to explore how the Bible talks about peace, justice, and faithful action. This workshop is designed for people who are new to biblical justice conversations, and also for those who have spent years putting it into practice—there's something for everyone to learn!

crcna.org/SocialJustice/workshops/justice-everyday-spiritual-journey

CRC Communications

Thank You for Your Support of Ministry in the CRC! - Ever since several congregations joined in 1857 and decided that they could do more together than they could on their own, ministry shares have been a crucial part of the denomination we call the Christian Reformed Church in North America. In this video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDkR26Ek05I>), the ministries of CRCNA take a moment to say thank you to you and your congregation for the role you play in this important program. Check it out!

Other

Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference - The 2025 annual inter-classis safe church conference is scheduled for March 1, 2025, from 9:00 am-3:30 pm at the Waterloo (Ontario) CRC. Sheila Wray Gregoire will be the plenary speaker. Dr. Amanda Benckhuysen and Julia Rathbun, both Safe Church Consultants with the CRCNA, will be leading workshops. The conference is hosted by the Classis Huron Safe Church Team. To register please go to crcna.regfox.com/safe-church-conference-2025. Please register by February 27. Questions can be directed to Carel Geleynse, Classis Huron Safe Church Coordinator, at carelgeleynse20@gmail.com

Calvin University

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece - October 13-24, 2025: Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 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 weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer:	Paul Kleinwolterink
Sound:	Rex De Bruin
Nursery	Rachel and Kristy

Children's message: Lora Copley

Greeters: Niemeyer

Greeters

Feb 9	Niemeyer	April 27	Verkade
Feb 16	Nikkel	May 4	Kopaska
Feb 23	Oftedal	May 11	Bakker
March 2	Oltman	May 18	Bergman
March 9	Raak	May 25	De Bruin
March 16	Saldana	June 1	Franje
March 23	Sanders/Bassham	June 8	Copley
March 30	chweingruber/Berns	June 15	Hobson
April 6	Sterenber	June 22	Voss
April 13	t' Hoen	June 29	Hubert
April 20	VanDyk		

Nursery

Feb 9	Rachel and Kristy	April 27	Melody and Kristy
Feb 16	Melody and Cassie	May 4	Jessica and Cassie
Feb 23	Jessica and Pam	May 11	Donna and Pam
March 2	Donna and Kenzie	May 18	Elaine and Kenzie
March 9	Elaine and Sue F	May 25	Mindy and Sue F
March 16	Mindy and Elizabeth	June 1	Megan and Elizabeth
March 23	Megan and Caraline/Stacy	June 8	Judy and Caraline/Stacy
March 30	Judy and Brianna	June 15	Mary and Brianna
April 6	Mary and Alisabeth	June 22	Lyndee and Alisabeth
April 13	Lyndee and Kathlyn	June 29	Rachel and Kathlyn
April 20	Rachel and Sue F		

Children's Message

Feb 9	Lora Copley	March 23	Lora Copley
Feb 16	Jeff Kopaska	March 30	Jeff Kopaska
Feb 23	Stacy Hertz	April 6	Stacy Hertz
March 2	Rex De Bruin	April 13	Rex De Bruin
March 9	Randy Raak	April 20	Randy Raak
March 16	Laura Hufford	April 27	Laura Hufford

May 4 Lora Copley
May 11 Jeff Kopaska
May 18 Stacy Hertz
May 25 Rex De Bruin
June 1 Randy Raak

June 8 Laura Hufford
June 15 Lora Copley
June 22 Jeff Kopaska
June 29 Stacy Hertz

Congregational Prayer

Feb 9 Paul Kleinwolterink
Feb 16 Jeff Kopaska
Feb 23 Tom Niehof
March 2 Randy Raak
March 9 Lora Copley
March 16 Tom Kuyper
March 23 Randy Raak
March 30 Tom Niehof
April 6 Rex De Bruin
April 13 Randy Raak
April 20 Tom Niehof

April 27 Randy Raak
May 4 Mark Voss
May 11 Paul Kleinwolterink
May 18 Randy Raak
May 25 Jeff Kopaska
June 1 Tom Niehof
June 8 Randy Raak
June 15 Lora Copley
June 22 Tom Kuyper
June 29 Randy Raak

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