

*CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY*  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ November 23, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”*  
*“Cantilena, from Symphony 11”*  
Welcome

Charles Callahan  
Josef Rheinberger

\*Hymn of Preparation: ***“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” LUYH #601:1-4***

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*Call to Worship  
Pastor: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**  
Pastor: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.  
**People: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.** —Psalm 95:1-7

\*God’s Greeting  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Pastor: Grace, mercy, and peace are yours, from God the Father Almighty,  
from the Lord Jesus, and from the Holy Spirit.  
**People: Amen!**

Choral Anthem of Praise: *“With a Voice of Singing”* Martin Shaw  
With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia!  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.  
With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!  
*(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)*

**GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon  
\*The Passing of the Peace  
\*God’s Will for Our Lives  
\*Song of Response: ***“Before the Throne of God Above” LUYH #682:1-3***

**GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination  
Reading of Scripture: Psalm 110 (Old Testament p. 691)  
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**  
Sermon: *THE PSALMS: ROYAL PSALM*  
\*Song of Response: ***“The LORD Said to My Lord” Trinity Psalter Hymnal #110A:1,2,4,5***

**WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

Prayers of the People  
Offertory: *“For the Fruits of His Creation (tune EAST ACKLAM)”* Francis Jackson  
Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund (2) Christian Education Fund

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: ***“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” LUYH #224:1-4***  
\*Sending and Benediction  
Update from the Deacons – Aaron Floen  
\*Doxology: ***“Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow” Grey Psalter Hymnal #638***  
\*Postlude: *“Now Thank We All Our God”* Margaretha Christina de Jong

*\*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand*  
Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Leendert van Beek  
Adult Choir directed by Zach Bivens

**EVENING WORSHIP ~ November 23, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\*Song of Preparation: ***“The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein” PFAS #24A:1,4,5 (LUYH 499)***

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Lift up your heads, you gates;

**People: be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

**People: The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.** —Psalm 24:7-8, 10

\*God’s Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Grace, mercy, and peace are yours, from God the Father Almighty,  
from the Lord Jesus, and from the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

**WE SING GOD’S PRAISE**

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 46 (Old Testament p. 636)

Singing the Psalm: ***“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength” PFAS #46A:1,2,5 (LUYH 432)***

Song of Praise: ***“Be Still and Know” LUYH #907:1-3***

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Acts 8:26-40 (New Testament p. 154)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **CONVERSION BY THE WORD**

\*Sermon Response: ***“Thy Word” SANC #86:1-2***

**WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: ***“Christ Our Wisdom”***

Jon Althoff, Bob Kauflin, Nathan Stiff

1- Christ our wisdom, we are humbled  
When You hide Your ways from us  
You have purposes unnumbered  
Each one good and glorious  
Help us trust when we grow weary  
Free us from our anxious thoughts  
Give us grace to see more clearly  
You are God and we are not

3- Christ our wisdom, we will follow  
Though the way ahead is veiled  
As we journey through the shadows  
Grant us faith where sight has failed  
Help us cling to Your commandments  
Strengthened by Your faithful word  
We will never be abandoned  
You are God and we are Yours

2- Christ our wisdom, be our gladness  
When we fail to understand  
You ordain all joy and sadness  
To fulfill Your perfect plan  
Help us know You rule with power  
Over every raging flood  
In our most uncertain hour  
You are God and we are loved

4- Christ our wisdom, we adore You  
For the beauty of the cross  
Once in foolishness we scorned You  
But Your blood has ransomed us  
Help us sing the endless mercies  
Of Your humble heart to save  
Christ our wisdom, Christ our glory  
You are God forever praised

Offering: Calvin Theological Seminary

**WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*Statement of Faith: **Our World Belongs To God, Article 32**

\*Hymn of Dedication: ***“Man of Sorrows—What a Name” LUYH #170:1-5***

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Leah Zuidema | Reader: Sarah deRegt | Prayer Leader: Katherine Fulkerson

Vocalists: Katy Timmer, Alyssa Koelewyn, Mackenzie Gossman, Annalise Busch, Kara De Berg,

Hyun Lee, Nia Hoekstra, Erin Howerzyl, Adalie Kamerman, Grace Smies, Kayla Masselink, Kryn Vander Berg

Accompanist: Gloria Brown | Violin: Hailey Koelewyn

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