

HAWARDEN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, October 26, 2025

The Weekly Calendar

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10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

6:00 p.m. – Evening Worship Service

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

7:00 p.m. – GEMS

Offering:

October 26: AM, Building Fund

PM, New Roots Ministry

November 2: AM, Denominational Ministry Shares

PM, Benevolence Fund

Music:

October 26: Marlene D. Song Leader, Dave N.

November 2: AM, Sharon B. PM, Tricia B.

Song Leader, Dave D.

Greeters:

October 26: Chris D., Bill & Nancy K.

November 2: Brian & Donna O., Pete & Dianna D.

Sound: Randy

Coffee Fellowship: (November 2, 2025)

3 dozen cookies & serve: Rog & Jo O.

3 dozen cookies: Dianna D., Karen H.

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who enter this place to worship the King of kings and Lord of lords. A special welcome to all visitors, may God bless you as you spend time worshiping with us today.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you to the congregation for your cards, kind words, and most of all your prayers in the passing of Paula. It is a great comfort to be supported by a caring church family.

~ Howard & Dorinda

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reformation Day is this coming Friday, October 31 to honor the historical moment that led to the Protestant Reformation and to celebrate the gospel message that salvation is a gift of God through faith.

From the Council: The Congregational Meeting is planned for Tuesday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. A soup supper will be served from 6-7pm. We thank the outgoing members of Council, Elder Dan Byker, and Deacons Al Kingma and Ben Noteboom as they complete their terms of service. Also, we are thankful for the willingness of those nominated to serve on council. For Elder: Chad Abbas and Dave Noteboom. For Deacon: Nick Abbas, Matthew Abbas, and Bill Kingma.

The GEMS are planning to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes again this year and would like to invite the congregation to participate. If you would like to donate any items for the boxes, please bring them to church by Sunday, November 2. A list of ideas is on the information station in the narthex.

The next meeting of the Men's Community Bible Study will be held on Saturday, November 8, at 8 AM at the Big Springs Baptist Church.

The Worship Committee decided to support our local food pantry for this year's Thanksgiving project. We are asking that you donate cans of corn or green beans or boxes of stuffing to help with an additional holiday meal for the clients. Please bring to church by November 23. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Unity Christian High School will be hosting the NW Iowa Christian School Orchestra Festival on Thursday, October 30 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Knight Center. A free-will offering will be received.

Unity Christian High School would like to invite all Veterans and their family to our Veterans Assembly at 9:55AM on November 11. Join us for some music, storytelling, and fellowship.

Morning Worship Service—10:00 a.m.

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." ~ Psalm 118:24

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We Rejoice in God's Presence

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

*Hymn of Praise: LUYH #243:1-4 *"One People Here, We Gather"*

1 One people, here, we gather; one gospel here uplifts a Pentecost of nations, varieties of gifts. When Babel tongues confound us or differences divide, we break one loaf together of Christ the crucified.

2 One teacher calls disciples to Mary's "better part": to listen to Christ's lessons; to learn with open heart; to live with honest questions; to knock, to seek, to find; to love the God of wisdom with soul and strength and mind.

3 One world invites our nurture, a stewardship of care for oceans, fields, and forests— one habitat we share. We tend one sacred garden, as God's own breath implores, from coastal bays to mountains, from east to western shores.

4 One Spirit sends us onward in witness to the earth, as ministers of justice and midwives for rebirth: to lead the church with courage on ventures new begun, reformed yet still reforming, till God's whole will is done.

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Lord's Day 20

Q & A 53 Q. What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

A. First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God.

Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

We Are Reconciled to God

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #15: 1-2 "*The First Place*"

1 Jesus, the perfect picture of the unseen God. Maker of things we cannot comprehend. Wisdom, the earth displays your strength and beauty. Sovereign, yes, every throne knows you are God.

Refrain Every inch of this universe belongs to you, O Christ. For through you and for you it was made. Your creation endures by the order of your hand. So you must have in all things the first place.

2 Victor, over sin and death you triumphed. Firstborn, you've shown us life beyond the grave. Bridegroom, we long for you in expectation. Jesus, your church rejoices to proclaim.
(Refrain)

We Respond with Gratitude

Guide for Grateful Living –

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets.

Congregational Prayer

We Hear the Word of God

*Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #747: 1-3 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 11

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *“We’ve Always Done It This Way!”*

Prayer

*Hymn of Application: LUYH #749: 1-2 *“Spirit of the Living God”*

1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love; humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

We Go Out to Serve

Deacon Prayers

Offering: Building Fund (Collected in the back)

* God's Benediction

* Doxology: LUYH #776: 1-4 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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!

Postlude

Evening Worship Service—6:00 p.m.

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." ~ Psalm 118:24

Come, Let Us Worship

Prelude

* Call to Worship

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

Song Service led by Dave N.

In Prayer and Dedication

Congregational Prayer

Offering: New Roots Ministry (collected in the back)

At God's Feet

* Hymn of Preparation: PH #555: 1-3 (LUYH #328)

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Amos 9:11-15

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *"Hurry up and plant, its harvest time!"*

Prayer

* Hymn of Application: PH #620: 1-3 (LUYH #489)

"By the Sea of Crystal"

With Heartfelt Dedication

* Nicene Creed – (pg. 814)

* God's Benediction

* Doxology: PH #627 (LUYH #516)

“Bless His Holy Name”

Postlude

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