

Sunday, May 3, 2026

The Weekly Calendar

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10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

6:00 p.m. – Evening Worship Service

7:15 p.m. – Coffee Fellowship

Offering:

May 3: AM, Ray & Angie De Lange

PM, Luke Society

May 10: AM, Classical Ministry Shares

PM, Samaritans Purse

Music:

May 3: Donna O. Song Leader, Dan B.

May 10: AM, Lisa D. PM, Tricia B.

Song Leader, Al K.

Greeters:

May 3: Gene & Cheryl B., Dave & Tami N.

May 10: Brian C., Al & Janna K.

Sound: Randy

Coffee Fellowship: (May 3)

3 dozen cookies & serve: Chad & Jerrienne A.

3 dozen cookies: Cheriden E., Lynn V.B.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper in our morning worship service.

We will observe National Day of Prayer in our evening worship service.

The GEMS are selling dishcloths for a fundraiser. They are 3 for \$10. If you would like to purchase some please talk to a GEMS leader.

Our church has the opportunity to lead a worship service at Hillcrest on Sunday, May 17 at 2 PM. A sign-up sheet is on a table in the fellowship hall for anyone interested in attending.

Advance date: A combined service will be held at our church with Ireton CRC and Lebanon CRC on Sunday, May 24, in our morning service. A meal will follow.

You are invited to the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast on Monday, May 25, serving from 7:00 - 10:00 AM at the Ireton Ballpark Shelter House. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, milk, juice and coffee. Free will donation for Ireton CRC Missions Team.

FFA Plant Sale at the Unity Christian High School greenhouse: The Mother's Day Sale is Friday, May 8 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 am - Noon. Freewill offering goes towards our FFA Program. We will have our costs posted in the greenhouse. Thank you for your support!

Ladies! Make plans to attend Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends on Monday, May 4, at 11:30 am at Trinity Reformed Church in [Orange City \(201 St. Paul Avenue SE\)](#). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. Updates from Bible League International will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this FUN event!

The Lord's Day – May 3, 2026

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

We Rejoice in God's Presence

Prelude

* Call to Worship – Psalm 31

* God's Greeting

* We Greet Each Other

* Hymn of Praise: (LUYH #2) PH #428 “O Worship the King” (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Confession of Faith - Perseverance of the Saints

For God, who is rich in mercy, according to the unchangeable purpose of election does not take the Holy Spirit from his own completely, even when they fall grievously.

All: Neither does God let them fall down so far that they forfeit the grace of adoption and the state of justification.

For, in the first place, God preserves in those saints when they fall the imperishable seed from which they have been born again, lest it perish or be dislodged. Secondly, by his Word and Spirit God certainly and effectively renews them to repentance so that they have a heartfelt and godly sorrow for the sins they have committed. They are able to seek and obtain, through faith and with a contrite heart, forgiveness in the blood of the Mediator, and experience again the grace of a reconciled God.

All: By faith they adore God's mercies; and from then on more eagerly work out their own salvation with fear and trembling.

So it is not by their own merits or strength but by God's undeserved mercy that they neither forfeit faith and grace totally nor remain in their downfalls to the end and are lost. With respect to themselves this not only easily could happen, but also undoubtedly would happen; but with respect to God it cannot possibly happen.

All: God's plan cannot be changed; God's promise cannot fail; the calling according to God's purpose cannot be revoked.

Leader: The merit of Christ as well as his interceding and preserving cannot be nullified;

All: And the sealing of the Holy Spirit can neither be invalidated nor wiped out.

Concerning this preservation of those chosen to salvation and concerning the perseverance of true believers in faith, believers themselves can and do become assured in accordance with the measure of their faith.

All: By this faith they firmly believe that they are and always will remain true and living members of the church, and that they have the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

Accordingly, this assurance does not derive from some private revelation beyond or outside the Word, but from faith in the promises of God which are very plentifully revealed in the Word for our comfort, from the testimony of “the Holy Spirit testifying with our spirit that we are God’s children and heirs” ([Rom. 8:16-17](#)), and finally from a serious and holy pursuit of a clear conscience and of good works.

All: If God’s chosen ones in this world did not have this well-founded comfort that the victory will be theirs and this reliable guarantee of eternal glory, they would be of all people most miserable.

We Are Reconciled to God

Preparation for the Lord’s Supper

Prayers of Confession

(Time for silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Amen!

(Water is poured in the font as a reminder of our baptism and a sign of our forgiveness.)

Hymn of Thanksgiving: PH #370 “*The King of Glory Comes*” (vs. 1-4)

We Respond with Gratitude

Offering: Ray & Angie De Lange (collected in the back)

Guide for Grateful Living – The Beatitudes

Our Lord Jesus said, Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Congregational Prayer

We Hear the Word of God

*Hymn of Preparation: (LUYH #363) PH #490 *"Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine"* (vs. 1-3)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Revelation 8

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *"God Is With Us."*

Prayer

*Hymn of Application: (LUYH #9) *"The Mighty God with Power Speaks"* (vs. 1-3)

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Formulary

Invitation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Congregation Testifies

All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Partaking of the bread and the cup

We Go Out to Serve

* God's Benediction

* Doxology: (LUYH #489) PH #620 "By the Sea of Crystal"

Postlude

(*Indicates Standing)

National Day of Prayer Service

The Opening

* Call to Worship - Psalm 5

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

Song Service led by Dan B.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Prayers of Confession

(Time for silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: And all God's people say...

All: Amen!

The Proclamation of the Word

* Hymn of Preparation: (LUYH #604) #473 "To God Be the Glory" (vs. 1-3)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Romans 8

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "*Predestined for Glory*"

Prayer

The Service of Prayer

Lord's Day 18

Q & A 46 What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven"?

A. That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

Q & A 47 But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

A. Christ is true human and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

Q & A 48 If his humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other?

A. Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity that has been taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.

Q & A 49 How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father.

Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself.

Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

We Join Our Hearts in Prayer

Offering: Luke Society

For abundant crops and a healthy economy

Hymn: (LUYH #5) #453 *“Let All Things Now Living”* (vs. 1-2)

For our homes and schools

Hymn: (LUYH #21) #436 *“This Is My Father’s World”* (vs. 1, 2)

For our churches and for local and global missions

Hymn: (LUYH #21) #436 *“This Is My Father’s World”* (vs. 3)

For the needs of our nation and the world

The Lord’s Prayer

*Benediction

* Doxology: (LUYH #965) #638 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

(*) Indicates standing