

## WORSHIP SERVICE

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP TO CELEBRATE CHRIST'S VICTORY

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship

Friends, the tomb is empty!

The stone has been rolled away!

**Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!**

For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

**But God's love cannot be contained by anything,  
not even death!**

Thanks be to God,

who gives us victory through our Risen Lord.

**Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

Where, O death, is your victory?

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

\* Opening Songs: "Low In The Grave He Lay" *Lift Up Your Hearts #186*

Low in the grave he lay —

Jesus, my Savior;

waiting the coming day —

Jesus, my Lord.

Up from the grave he arose,

with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.

He arose a victor from the dark domain,

and he lives forever with his saints to reign!

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed —  
Jesus, my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead —  
Jesus, my Lord.

Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever with his saints to reign!  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey —  
Jesus, my Savior;  
he tore the bars away —  
Jesus, my Lord.

Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever with his saints to reign!  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

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“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #182*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!  
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!  
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!  
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!  
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!  
Risen Christ, triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

\* Opening Prayer

## **WE ARE GIVEN NEW LIFE IN CHRIST**

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Song of Commitment "I Will Rise"

There's a peace I've come to know,  
though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There's an anchor for my soul;  
I can say, "It is well."

Jesus has overcome,  
and the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won;

*Lift Up Your Hearts #468*

he is risen from the dead.  
And I will rise when he calls my name;  
no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings,  
before my God fall on my knees,  
and rise. I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near  
when this darkness breaks to light,  
and the shadows disappear  
and my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome,  
and the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won;  
he is risen from the dead.  
And I will rise when he calls my name;  
no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings,  
before my God fall on my knees,  
and rise I will rise.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,  
"Worthy is the Lamb!"  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,  
"Worthy is the Lamb!"  
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And I will rise when he calls my name;  
no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings,  
before my God fall on my knees,  
and rise. I will rise. I will rise.

Children's Message  
Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-23

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Message: The Scars that Bring Healing

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: "Because He Lives" *Lift Up Your Hearts #361*

I believe in the Son. I believe in the Risen One.  
I believe I overcome. By the power of His blood  
Amen amen. I'm alive I'm alive because He lives.  
Amen amen.

Let my song join the one that never ends. Because He lives.  
I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.  
I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away.  
Amen amen. I'm alive I'm alive because He lives.  
Amen amen. Let my song join the one that never ends.  
Because He lives I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone.

I know He holds my life, my future in His hand.  
Amen amen. I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen. Let my song join the one that never ends.  
Amen amen. I'm alive I'm alive because He lives.

Amen amen. Let my song join the one that never ends. Because He lives

## **WE GO FORTH TO SERVE THE RISEN KING**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "See, What a Morning"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #181*

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,  
borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
fulfilled in Christ the Man, for he lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead.

See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid? –  
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
it's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years, speaking life,  
stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
will sound 'till he appears for he lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
to the King crowned with power and authority.  
And we are raised with him; death is dead,  
love has won, Christ has conquered.  
And we shall reign with him, for he lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead.

\* Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Naomi Friend, Rex DeBruin,

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/17/22**

**Easter Egg Hunt** – There will be an Easter Egg hunt after the service this Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The little ones first, followed by the bigger kids. Hope to have this on the lawn in front of the church, but if not will do it within the church music and classrooms. This will be announced Sunday after the service.

**Easter Flowers-** For those who signed up for Easter flowers, please pick up them up after the Easter service. If you still have to pay for your flowers, please put check in the offering with Easter Flowers in the memo line (or cash in an envelope with note who and Easter Flower).

**Roots Intergenerational Activity -Wednesday April 20th at 6.30 PM,** Everyone is invited to come and participate in the Intergenerational activity put on by the ROOTS. We will be preparing packages for the healthcare workers at Mary Greeley Medical Center. This is a great way to say thank you to the healthcare workers for all they have done and do, and the sacrifices they have made during the pandemic.

**Sunday School Spring Schedule** - There will be no Sunday School class on **April 17** due to Easter. The last day of Sunday School will be **May 1st**.

**Holy Week** - This year we will have a Maundy Thursday service (6:30pm) and a Sunrise service (6:30am), along with our normal Sunday morning service (9:30am) .

**Fellowship** will have a brunch following Easter Sunrise Service. Graduates will be honored on May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be celebrating this spring with punch and cake. And once again fellowship is seeking volunteers to provide snacks for fellowship time, sign up sheet will be provided in fellowship hall.

**Rev Lora Copley-** We are grateful to announce that Rev. Lora Copley has accepted the call to become the next Areopagus Campus Ministry pastor! She and Joel and their daughters Alisabeth (6<sup>th</sup> grade) and Kathlyn (7<sup>th</sup> grade) plan to arrive in the middle of July. Their sons Johnathan and David will both be attending Dordt College next year. Thank you all for your prayers for God's leading and discernment for them over the last couple months. We ask for your continued prayers for a good transition for them Address and email listed below.

Rev Lora Copley, 3712 Bonito Ct, Gallup, New Mexico 87301-4524:

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**National Day of Prayer**—when people from different faiths are called to pray for the United States and its leaders. This year the National Day of Prayer falls on **Thursday, May 5.**

### **SMALL GROUPS & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Breakfast Club** meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center HyVee at 8:30 AM.

**Sunday Evening Bible Study** – Will not meet this week, but will resume Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>. We will continue studying: "Angels: What the Bible Teaches, What You Need to Know" by Andrew J. Bandstra. New members are welcome.

**UFO** - Meets on the Third Monday of each month, meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, at Janet Bakers.

**Women's Bible Study** – Meets first Monday of the month

## **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ReFrame Ministries

**Groundwork:** Crucified and Raise to Life with Christ - Good Friday and Easter mark the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we study Philippians 3:10-11, Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:1-14, and 1 Corinthians 15:12-23 to examine what the Apostle Paul teaches us about this gift of salvation by faith and our participate in both Christ's death and resurrection. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Your Smallest and Biggest Teachers** - Check out the new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). The Bible says that everything in nature, no matter how big, small, or even slimy, can teach us something about God. That's because he made everything with a purpose and he made a plan for all things. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

CRC Communications

**Join us in Praying for Synod 2022** - Synodical delegates, church leaders, and CRCNA members across the continent are praying for Synod 2022. Please join us! Prayer gatherings for synodical delegates are scheduled for April 27, May 11, and May 25. We will post prayer guides on the Network each time so that you can pray with us at a time that works for you as families, individuals, church councils, small groups, and others. Need some prayer points to pray through now? Find the March 30 prayer guide at [network.crcna.org/prayer/prayer-guide-synod-philippians-44-9](http://network.crcna.org/prayer/prayer-guide-synod-philippians-44-9)

Calvin University

**Scriptoria: An Interfaith Writing Workshop** - Morning workshops. Afternoon instruction. One-on-ones with editors. Deep faith conversations. Think boot camp for your writing—whether it's fiction, nonfiction, or poetry—on June 20-24, 2022 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Scriptoria: An Interfaith Writing Workshop with Gary



Schmidt, Hugh Cook, Patrice Gopo, L. S. Klatt, Robert Hudson, Nikki Grimes, Vinita Hampton Wright, and more. Visit [scriptoriaworkshop.org](http://scriptoriaworkshop.org)

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece** - (October 6 - 18, 2022) Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 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](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu)

Resonate Global Mission

**Last Chance to Double Your Gift!** - You can help join God's mission and spread the gospel in North America by supporting Resonate Global Mission. It's not too late to double your gift by visiting [www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift!](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift!) Any amount you give to this special campaign will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor! Don't wait—give today while your gift will go twice as far.

**Your Gift Will Go Twice As Far This Easter** - He is risen! CRC churches traditionally take an offering for Resonate Global Mission on Easter Sunday. And this year, your offering will be matched dollar for dollar. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we are reminded that sharing the gospel is about more than telling—it's about living out the good news! This Easter, you can help Christian Reformed church planters, missionaries, and campus ministers live out the good news: [www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift!](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift!)

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Mark Voss

Sound Rex DeBruin

Nursery: Rachel and Pam

Children's message: Mary Saucedo

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

April 30 Nate VanDyk

May 3 Joshua Mbih

May 4 Mark Voss

May 9 Elaine Oftedal

## **Nursery**

April 17 Rachel and Pam (Easter)

April 24 Melody and Colton

May 1 Mindy and Jayden

May 8 Kristy and Christina

**Pastor Randy Raak:** pastor@amestrinity.org or 928-699-9329

**Elders:** A-G = Tom Kuyper, H-K = Melody Franje, L-S = Mark Voss, T-Z = Paul Kleinwolterink

**Deacons:** A-G = Tina VanDyk, H - K = Andrew Friend, L-S = Judy Oltman, T-Z = Donna Bergman