

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**September 4, 2022**  
**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship (from Psalm 46, NLT)

*God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.*

**So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

*Though the nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble... God says, "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world."*

**The Lord of Hosts is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.**

\* Opening Song: "Come Let Us Worship And Bow Down"

Lift Up Your Hearts #510

Come, let us worship and bow down,

Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.

Come, let us worship and bow down,

Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,

And the sheep of his hand, just the sheep of his hand.

"Speak, O Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #755

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness – that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

\*Opening Prayer

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

*Our Father, there are so many voices in our world, and they come from so many directions.*

**They can sound so convincing, and they often tell us what we want to hear - that there is great freedom and pleasure apart from you.**

*We confess that at times we let their volume and repetition drown you out.*

**Give us ears and eyes of faith to discern your truth, and the will to follow you in it. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon *John 8:31-36*

*Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.... I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free."*

Song of Entrusting: "Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

Lift Up Your Hearts #590 vs 1-4, 8

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread thro' all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.

3 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 73 (P:539)

<sup>1</sup> Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

<sup>2</sup> But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.<sup>3</sup> For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.<sup>4</sup> They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong.

<sup>5</sup> They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills.<sup>6</sup> Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves

with violence.<sup>7</sup> From their callous hearts comes iniquity their evil imaginations have no limits.<sup>8</sup> They scoff, and speak with malice; with

arrogance they threaten oppression.<sup>9</sup> Their mouths lay claim to

heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth.<sup>10</sup> Therefore their people turn to them and drink up waters in abundance.<sup>11</sup> They

say, "How would God know? Does the Most High know

anything?"<sup>12</sup> This is what the wicked are like— always free of care, they go on amassing wealth.<sup>13</sup> Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and

have washed my hands in innocence. <sup>14</sup> All day long I have been

afflicted, and every morning brings new punishments.<sup>15</sup> If I had spoken

out like that, I would have betrayed your children.<sup>16</sup> When I tried to

understand all this, it troubled me deeply<sup>17</sup> till I entered the

sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.<sup>18</sup> Surely you

place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin.<sup>19</sup> How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors!<sup>20</sup> They are like a dream when one awakes; when you arise, Lord, you will despise them as fantasies.<sup>21</sup> When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered,<sup>22</sup> I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.<sup>23</sup> Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.<sup>24</sup> You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.<sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.<sup>27</sup> Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.<sup>28</sup> But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.

Message: Summer Songs-Beyond Appearances

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

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: "Be Thou My Vision"      Lift Up Your Hearts #859

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –  
thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.  
Riches I heed not nor vain, nor vain empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.  
High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US**

The Lord's Supper

Communion song: Table of Plenty"

Lift Up Your Hearts #808

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table  
where saints and sinners are friends.

I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
to share the cup of my love.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.

O come and eat without money;  
come to drink without price.

my feast of gladness will feed your spirit  
with faith and fullness of life.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.

My bread will ever sustain you  
through days of sorrow and woe.

My wine will flow like a sea of gladness  
to flood the depths of your soul.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.

Your fields will flower in fullness;  
your homes will flourish in peace.

For I, the giver of home and harvest,  
will send my rain on the soil.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song: "How Majestic Is Your Name" Sing! A New Creation #24

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name,  
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

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Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Mary Saucedo

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Laura Hufford, Holly Raak, Char Verkade

## **TODAY'S ACTIVITIES**

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/4/22**

**Communion:** This week we will gather at the Lord's Table. Come, all who are sorry for their sins, who believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, have confessed his name, and desire to live in obedience to him. Come, for Christ our risen Lord invites you to fellowship with him at his table.

**The education committee** is looking for a **couple substitute teachers** for the year to help out occasionally. Also, a **second adult Sunday school** teacher to help facilitate a discussion on the sermon (or another topic if God is leading you in that direction). We are excited for the new year to help grow our faith for our whole congregation! Contact Rachel De Bruin for more information

**From the Fellowship committee: On Sept 5** an international dinner will be served. We need 25 volunteers to help with this event, serving food and interacting with the students. **If you would like** to help please let Elaine Oftendal, Sue Fee or Lora Copley know. The event begins at 6 pm so please arrive at the church by 5:45., and there will be a sign up sheet on the table by the office. **Also requested for this event is** donations of cookies and bars for the dessert portion of the meal, separate signup sheet will also be on the table outside the office. Cookie and bars need to be delivered to the church on Sunday or Monday by 5:45. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE VLOUNTEERED.

We are organizing a team from Trinity CRC to go Hy-Vee Hall on **Saturday, September 3,** (the Saturday before Labor Day) to participate in the **15th Annual Hunger Event organized by Meals from the Heartland.** We will plan to leave Trinity at 8:45 am for those from the Ames area. We will package from 10:00 until Noon. We have signed up for 8 slots, if we have more that would be great! This year they have a goal of packaging 4 million meals during the 4 day event. This is a wonderful intergenerational activity for our church. Kids as young as 5<sup>th</sup> grade with a parent are allowed to participate. A team from last year had a wonderful time!!! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin table outside the office or you can contact Mark Voss.

**A copy of the directory has been printed off** and is on the table by the office, please supply any updates/new contact information for the church. There are blank lines at the end of the list for new adds, otherwise cross out and add updates. If you have questions please talk to Pam Whitney or send email to [Office@amestrinity.org](mailto:Office@amestrinity.org), Thank you for keeping our information up to date.

**The Education committee** would like to let you know we will be commissioning Teachers on September 11<sup>th</sup> as well as being the first day of Sunday School being held this day as well. Prayers for all those teaching and learning.

**The Education committee** is looking for a few new members, contact Rachel De Bruin if you are interested. Please consider this position as the

education on our young people is something we have promised to do for our church family.

Preseason games have started, so IT IS TIME to start thinking **FANTASY FOOTBALL!!!**

If you're interested in joining the league this year, here's the link:

[https://football.fantasysports.yahoo.com/f1/1073240/invitation?key=b0c3be74832d395d&soc\\_trk=lnk&ikey=307eefe9576c0370](https://football.fantasysports.yahoo.com/f1/1073240/invitation?key=b0c3be74832d395d&soc_trk=lnk&ikey=307eefe9576c0370). We'll probably

have an online draft – but the Commish could be talked into hosting a Draft Party if y'all are interested...It's really easy, so even if you haven't done it before you're welcome to join

The special offering next Sunday is for Resonate Global Missions, Benjamin Groenewold and Trica VanDyk (John VanDyk's sister). They are missionaries to Lithuania. They both teach at LCC International University in Klaipeda Lithuania. LCC is a Christian liberal arts university that is uniquely placed to develop future leaders in a region of the world deeply damaged by Soviet rule. They have a few flyers on the table outside the sanctuary.

**Family2Family Sale** – Mark your calendars for Trinity's Family2Family Sale on **October 1 from 9 -1!** Rent a space to sell kids' items or just come to shop. Find all the details and booth rental info on our website at

<https://www.amestrinity.org/family2family-sale/>. Be sure to share this opportunity with local family and friends—printed flyers available on the table outside the office and our posted Facebook event.

**TRUNK or TREAT on FRIDAY** - The Trunk or Treat is this Friday, **October 28!** More info to come

### **SMALL GROUPS, Committees, & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

**UFO – UFO** – UFO will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

**Women's Bible Study** – Since the first Monday of October

**Next Council meeting** will be September 14<sup>th</sup>

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ReFrame Ministries



**Serve Like Jesus** - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Following Jesus means following his example. Kind and generous, Jesus came to serve rather than be served (Mark 10:45). When we treat people the way Jesus did, they experience his love for them. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Groundwork: You Have Heard It Said: Jesus Teaches Us How to Understand God's Law** - It can be confusing trying to figure out which Old Testament laws to still follow. Study Matthew 5:17-37 with Groundwork to gain a deeper understanding of God's law in our lives from Jesus himself as he teaches his disciples that we need to follow God's law in our actions and in our hearts. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Resonate Global Mission

**Glocal Mission Podcast** - How do we join God's mission locally and globally? That's what Resonate leaders Rich Braaksma and Nalini Sukanandam aim to discover in this podcast, interviewing regional leaders and people doing awesome things (church planters, campus ministers, lay leaders, etc.) in a variety of contexts! Just five episodes in, this podcast in its infancy is already uncovering oodles of insight and inspiration. Plug in your earbuds and join us as we meet ministry leaders from around North America living out the gospel in their own contexts. Check it out at <https://anchor.fm/glocalmission>

World Renew

**Pakistan Flood Response** - World Renew is responding in Sindh, Pakistan, where drought, disease, and food insecurity are being compounded by flash flooding during monsoon season. A third of Pakistan is underwater and 2.3 million people, mostly in rural areas, are experiencing heavy rain, crop loss, and displacement. World Renew is responding with 3 months of emergency food supplies through our partners who are already working in affected areas in Sindh. Please give generously today to support Pakistani people in urgent need. Give by calling 1-800-552-7972 or at [worldrenew.net/donate](http://worldrenew.net/donate) and select International Disaster Response.

Calvin University

**Calvin University School of Business** - You are cordially invited to attend (virtually or in person!) the dedication and ribbon cutting for the new Calvin University School of Business on September 14, 2022, from 5– 7:30

PM. Visit [calvin.edu/go/dedication](http://calvin.edu/go/dedication) to learn more, register, or find a livestream link.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Mark Voss

Sound :

Nursery: Rachel and Cassie

Children's message: Mary Saucedo

## **Nursery**

September 4 Rachel and Cassie

September 11 Mindy and Kristy

September 18 Melody and Chloe

September 25 Kristy and Colton

**Pastor Randy Raak:** [pastor@amestrinity.org](mailto:pastor@amestrinity.org) or 928-699-9329

**Elders:** A-G = Brian Sterenberg;; H-K = Melody Franje; L-S = Mark Voss: T-Z = Jeff Kopaska:

**Deacons:** A-G = Tina VanDyk;; H-K = Pam Niemeyer; L-S = Judy Oltman;; T-Z = Mary Saucedo: