

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**September 25, 2022**  
**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship James 1:17-18

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

**He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.**

*Then let us give thanks and sing to the Lord our God,*

**For his steadfast love endures forever!**

\* Opening Song: "For The Beauty Of The Earth" vs 1-3, 5

Lift Up

Your Hearts # 19

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.  
For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.  
For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.  
For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,  
agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven.  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

"I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"

Sing! A New Creation #77

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus. In him

there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both a like. The lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both a like.

The lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both a like. The lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

\*Opening Prayer

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

*Our Father, we read your instructions in your word. You call us to live lives worthy of our calling as your children.*

**We confess that sometimes we are only hearers of your word, but not doers.**

*Father, we struggle with temptations. We face them in more ways than others before us.*

**The devil is cunning and always trying to seduce us away from you.**

*Father, we confess that we cannot resist him alone.*

**Strengthen us through your word and Spirit, that we may serve you faithfully.**

**Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon 1 John 1:7-9

*If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

Song of Entrusting: "I Need Thee Every Hour" vs 1-3, 5  
Your Hearts #322

Lift Up

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford. I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, stay thou near by; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly, and abide, or life is vain. I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, though Blessed Son! I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee

Children's Message  
Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: James 1:12-18 (p:1118)

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

<sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

<sup>16</sup> Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

Message: Faith that Works - Resisting Temptation

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

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: "My Soul Finds Rest" Lift Up Your Hearts #370

My soul finds rest in God alone My rock and my salvation A fortress strong  
against my foes  
And I will not be shaken Though lips may bless and hearts may curse And lies like  
arrows pierce me  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness I'll look to him who hears me O praise him,  
hallelujah  
My delight and my reward Everlasting, never failing My Redeemer, my God  
Find rest, my soul, in God alone Amid the world's temptations When evil seeks  
to take ahold  
I'll cling to my salvation Though riches come and riches go Don't set your heart  
upon them  
The fields of hope in which I sow Are harvested in heaven O praise him,  
hallelujah  
My delight and my reward Everlasting, never failing My Redeemer, my God  
I'll set my gaze on God alone And trust in him completely With every day pour  
out my soul  
And he will prove his mercy Though life is but a fleeting breath A sigh too brief  
to measure  
My King has crushed the curse of death And I am his forever O praise him,  
hallelujah  
My delight and my reward Everlasting, never failing My Redeemer, my God

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "I Serve A Risen Savior" Lift Up Your Hearts #365

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the word today;  
I know that he is living, whatever people say;  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
and every time I need him he's always near.  
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.  
In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
and through my heart grows weary, I never will despair;  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing will come at last

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.  
Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find him;  
no other is so loving, so good and kind.  
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Mark and Pam Voss

### **Today's Activities**

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:50 a.m. Sunday School

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/25/22**

**Communion:** Next week we will have the opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is the family table at which we eat together and are nourished with Christ's sacrifice for us. Here (as in Baptism) we celebrate who we are - children of God – and are reminded of God's promises to be our God, to care for us, love us, and be faithful to us. All who are baptized into Christ and have made a public stand for him are welcome to the Lord's Table.

**The Education Committee** Did you miss out being a teacher, not to late, looking for a few **substitute teachers** for the year to help out occasionally. If you have any questions please contact Rachel De Bruin.

**First Adult Sunday school class:** Visual Arts in the Worshiping Church. This semester we will explore how Christians around the world reflect the truth of God's presence in their congregation using the visual arts. We will discuss three major Christian cultural traditions, Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant. In the following weeks we will explore local and global examples of art and architecture from these categories. We will also discuss the art within our own church and tradition. Will be led by Naomi Friend and Tom Niehof.

**Second Adult Sunday school class:** Vanishing Grace: Why does it seem that Christians are losing respect and influence in modern culture? If God's grace is great news, why are people not more drawn to the church? In this study, based on Philip Yancey's book and video series *Vanishing Grace*, we will discuss grace and how to more effectively share the gospel with others. Elaine Oftedal and Nancy Berns will facilitate. All ages welcome! Bring your cup of coffee and meet in room 7 at 10:50.

**"Fun and Fellowship at the Friend's Flower Farm"** The congregation is invited to a relaxing, fellowship time, at Andrew and Naomi's farm on Sun Sept 25th, starting around 5pm, come and go as you please. Hot dogs, chips, fruit, and smores will be provided. Bring lawn chairs and grilling sticks if you have them.

**The special offering** this week will be for **Bethany Christian Services**, an organization that works to bring and keep families together through services including adoption, foster care, and pregnancy & family counseling. For more information, see: [www.bethany.org/about-us](http://www.bethany.org/about-us)

**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.

**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 posted on Facebook pages and market sites.

**Harvest Party for International Students- Servers Needed.** On Sept 30, Areopagus is helping A.I.F. to put on a special Harvest Celebration for our International student community--with hotdogs, games, carving, photo booth, hayrides (thank you Friends!) and more. We are short on servers for food, and a few people for clean-up. Might you be available? Friday, September 30, located at the Christ Community Church. Food servers needed in the 5 o'clock hour, clean-up in the 8 o'clock hour. Sign up in the back table or talk with Lora for more details (505-387-6861). Thanks!

**Calling all women of the Church!** We have been given a unique opportunity to organize and lead a Bible study for the women of The Bridge Home. It is a home in Ames that bridges the gap between homelessness and housing. Recently they have had a large increase in women and families. There is already a men's Bible study, and we would be starting the women's. The hope is to have two women lead every Tuesday evening. The number of volunteers will determine the schedule. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity.

**TRUNK or TREAT on FRIDAY** - The Trunk or Treat will be Friday, **October 28!** More information to come

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

**Sunday School Classes** meet at 10:50 am on Sunday

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

**UFO** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month

**Women’s Bible Study** – Will meet October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am. Faith practice will be on Wonder. When was the last time you experienced wonder? Have you experienced wonder in a challenging time? What great wonder do you see in

Christ's sacrifice? Meditate on Psalms 139. Discussion sheets on table by office for anyone,

**Next Council meeting** will be October 12<sup>th</sup>

## **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Faith Formation

**At-home Faith Formation Tip** - At-home Faith Formation Tip: What faith practices shape your life and the lives of the people who share your home? "It's easy for us to think that we create our habits, but our habits also create us. The faith-forming things that we do together deeply affect the way we think and act. Because of this, consistently committing to your faith practices as a family has a significant impact." —from *Dear Parent: A Guide for Family Faith Formation*, by Laura Keeley and Robert J. Keeley, available at [FaithAliveResources.org](http://FaithAliveResources.org). (Tip from CRCNA Faith Formation; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

**Learn to Build Faith At Your Church Through Storytelling** - In the Bible, God often uses stories to tell us who God is. We are part of his story and it's important for us to see our story in his story. Help your church build relationships between generations, see how God is working in the faith of God's people, and more. Join us for the Sharing Stories to Build Faith cohort this fall.

[crcna.org/FaithFormation/cohorts](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/cohorts)

Calvin University

**Calvin University Inauguration** - Calvin University will inaugurate its 12th president on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022. We invite you to join in person or watch online as we welcome Dr. Wiebe Boer and celebrate the legacy and future of Calvin. The ceremony will take place at 4:00pm Eastern in the Van Noord Arena (Calvin's campus, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA). Watch [calvin.edu/go/inauguration](http://calvin.edu/go/inauguration) for information and events leading up to the Inauguration.

**Scriptoria Writers' Workshop** - The Scriptoria Writers' Workshop welcomes all writers to its 2023 incarnation, to be held at Calvin University on June 19-23, 2023. Come spend a week of writing workshops, craft classes, meetings with editors and agents, and lectures and readings from our guest writers: Leslie Leyland Fields, Maurice Manning, Vinita Hampton Wright, Patrice Gopo, and others. Visit [www.scriptoriaworkshop.org/home](http://www.scriptoriaworkshop.org/home) or contact Gary D. Schmidt at [schg@calvin.edu](mailto:schg@calvin.edu) for more information.



## ReFrame Ministries

**Family Fire** - Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**Making Peace** - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). What if your mom or dad asked you to "Go make peace" instead of "Go say you're sorry"? Would that look different? Would you feel different? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Groundwork: Jesus Teaches about Entering God's Kingdom, False Prophets, and Strong Foundations** - As we conclude our study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, let's examine his warnings and encouragement for our faith. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 7:13-29 to hear what Jesus says we should be aware of to keep our eyes and hearts rooted in him. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## Race Relations

**All Nations Heritage Sunday - October 2** - Next week is All Nations Heritage Sunday and we'll celebrate the multicultural church of Christ. Consider giving now to the All Nations Heritage Scholarship Fund that provides financial assistance for students of various ethnic minorities attending universities affiliated with the CRC. Check out the website: [crcna.org/AllNations](http://crcna.org/AllNations)

## Social Justice

**New: Faith in Action Online Course** - Advocacy matters! When we speak out, we reflect the biblical call to work towards a just world in which structures and institutions give all of creation the opportunity to thrive. This online course can help you talk with your elected officials about the issues you care about. Find it at [learn.crcna.org](http://learn.crcna.org)

## VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Paul Kleinwolterink

Sound : Rex De Bruin or Bryan Van Belle

Nursery: Jessica and Colton

Children's message: Laura Hufford

## Nursery

September 25 Kristy and Colton

October 2 Donna and Jayden  
October 9 Elaine and Judy  
October 16 Stacy and Chloe  
October 23 Kenzie and Caraline  
October 30 Pam N and Cassie

**Pastor Randy Raak:** 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