

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**October 2, 2022**  
**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

- \* God's Greeting
- \* We Greet One Another
- \* Call to Worship Psalm 25:1-5

*In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.*

**I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me....**

*Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.*

**Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.**

- \* Opening Song: "Gather Us In"                      Sing! A New Creation #8  
Here in this place new light is streaming now is the darkness  
vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and  
the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at  
the sound of our name.  
We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who  
yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of  
history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud  
and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us  
the courage to enter the song.  
Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your  
daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink

the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and  
hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light  
years away here is this place the new light is shining, now is the  
kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your  
own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh  
and our bone

“Open Our Eyes Lord”                      Sing! A New Creation #80

Open our eyes, Lord; We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him, And say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord; And help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord; We want to see Jesus.

\* Opening Prayer

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

What we believe about doing good deeds (Heidelberg Catechism  
Q & A #86)

*We have been delivered from our misery by God’s grace alone  
through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then  
must we still do good?*

**To be sure, Christ redeemed us by his blood. We do good  
because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like  
himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are  
thankful to God for all he has done for us, and so that he may  
be praised through us.**

**And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its  
fruits and so that our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

Prayer of Confession

**Dear Jesus, we pray that your name would be honored by not  
only our songs and prayers, but also by our lives. We confess**

**that we are inconsistent, and too often our actions seem to show split loyalties between you, and our own selfish desires, and the culture around us. You've told us that if we love you, we will keep your commandments. Help us then to grow in love for you and love for our neighbor. In your grace we put our trust, amen.**

Assurance of Pardon *John 15:9-12*

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

Song of Entrusting: “Before The Throne Of God Above”                      Lift

Up Your Hearts #682

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Scripture Reading: James 1:19-27 (p:1118)

Message: Listening and Doing

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: “May The Mind Of Christ, My Savior” Lift Up Your Hearts #334, vs 1-4

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,  
by His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.  
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

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

The Lord's Supper

Communion song: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"      Lift  
Up Your Hearts #830

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy. Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one. At the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share. God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "Go To The World"

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia!  
Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!  
Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen." Alleluia!

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Laura Hufford, Holly Raak

### **Today's Activities**

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:50 a.m. Sunday School

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/02/22**

**Communion:** Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who are baptized into Christ and have made a public stand for him are welcome to the Lord's Table, to receive the nourishment and refreshment of the bread and cup of the Lord "as sure signs" in remembrance of Christ's body and blood poured out for us in his once-for-all sacrifice on the cross

**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.

**Sunday School Schedule for 2022/23:** October 2,9,16,23,30, November 6,13,20 No class 27th due to Thanksgiving, December 4, 11 (probable Christmas program practice) Christmas Program Dec 18, January 8,15,22,29, February 5,12,19,26, March 5,19,26 (12th Spring Break)' April 2,16,23,30 (Easter 9th), May 7 (last day of class)

**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.

**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. If interested, please contact Mindy Nikkel

**AN EVENING WITH C.S.LEWIS**, at Stephens Auditorium, Ames, - **Thursday Oct 13 at 7.30pm**. David Payne will perform his much acclaimed one man show of CS Lewis. Discounted tickets can be purchased through the ISU Center website using the discount code DAVID. <https://www.center.iastate.edu/>

**General Elections November 8<sup>th</sup>** A reminder that the church will be a polling place for the general election on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Equipment will be delivered on the 7<sup>th</sup>, people will be in the church from 6 am till 8 pm. They are thankful that we allow the use of our building for this event.

**TRUNK or TREAT on FRIDAY** - The Trunk or Treat will be Friday, **October 28!** We will have refreshments, photobooth, tattoos, 5 blowups to play on, and of course the trunk or treat stop. Please mark your calendar to help with this event or to bring your family. Contact Mark Voss with any questions, signups to come soon.

### **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, questions, contact Melody

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

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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). Visit [calvin.edu/go/inauguration](http://calvin.edu/go/inauguration) for information, a schedule of events, and a link to the livestream.

ReFrame Ministries

**Indispensable in God's Eyes** - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). God says something very important about those of us who are weak. He says we are indispensable. How can you make someone who is different from you feel indispensable today? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Groundwork: God Always Cares and Never Leaves** - What's one thing we can be sure of in life? That it will change. Whether change is expected or not, it can still be unsettling. Join Groundwork as we study James 1:16-17, Malachi 3:6, Lamentations 3:22-23, Mark 4:35-41, and Jeremiah 29:11 to remind us of God's constant nature for encouragement in the midst of life's inevitable changes. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Race Relations

**Today Is All Nations Heritage Sunday** - On All Nations Heritage Sunday we celebrate the multicultural church of Christ. You can support ethnic minority leadership in the church by giving to the All Nations Heritage Scholarship Fund provided by the CRC Office of Race Relations. It provides financial assistance for students of various ethnic minorities who attend universities affiliated with the CRC. Please designate your offering today or give online at: [crcna.org/Race/Give](http://crcna.org/Race/Give)



**CRCNA Position Openings** - The Christian Reformed Church has immediate full-time openings for: a Donor Relations Manager based in Grand Rapids, MI, with Resonate Global Mission, and a Church and Customer Service Connector (Bilingual) anywhere in North America with CRCNA Ministry Support Services. For more details and to apply visit [www.crcna.org/jobs](http://www.crcna.org/jobs)

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak  
Sound : Rex De Bruin or Bryan Van Belle  
Nursery: Megan and Jayden  
Children's message: Deb Niehof

### **Nursery**

October 2 Megan 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](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: