

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**October 16, 2022**  
**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

- \* God's Greeting
- \* We Greet One Another
- \* Call to Worship<sup>Psalm 42</sup>

*God calls us together as a people of faith*

**Our soul longs for you, the living God**

*God alone is our rock and our salvation*

**Come and praise the Lord, our hope, our hearts desire!**

- \* Opening Song: "As The Deer"                      Lift Up Your Hearts #503

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you;  
you alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my  
spirit yield;

you alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you!

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spirit yield; you alone are my heart's desire, and I long to  
worship you!

"Open The Eyes Of My Heart Lord"    Lift Up Your Hearts #537

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you, I want to see you. Open the eyes of my  
heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart. I want to see you, I  
want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you, I want to see you.  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you, I want to see you.  
To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see  
you. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want  
to see you.

\* Opening Prayer

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you love us completely, but we do not always love you. At times our faith is a faint hope, and our hands grow weak and idle. We squander our spiritual gifts and drone through the mundane activities of our lives instead of producing good works in the world around us through obedience to you. Strengthen our faith and empower us to be instruments of your grace. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon Romans 14:7-9

*“For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.”*

Song of Entrusting: “My Jesus I Love Thee”

Lift Up

Your Hearts #366

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;

my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
I love thee because thou hast first loved me  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,  
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,  
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: James 2:14-26 (p:1119)

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. <sup>20</sup> You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless<sup>[a]</sup>? <sup>21</sup> Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he

offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. <sup>23</sup> And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,”<sup>[b]</sup> and he was called God’s friend. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.<sup>25</sup> In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? <sup>26</sup> As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Message: Faith and Works

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”

Lift Up Your Hearts #325

O Master, let me walk with thee, In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret, help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only thou canst give, With thee, O Master, let me live.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: “When We Walk With The Lord”

## Lift Up Your Hearts #327

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will  
he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus  
but to trust and obey  
But we never can prove the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows,  
and the joy he bestows are for them who will trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.  
Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do,  
where he sends we will go - never fear, only trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus  
but to trust and obey

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Rev Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Naomi Friend, Holly Raak

### Today's Activities

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:50 a.m. Sunday School

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Peter Fish** - Over 1 billion people around the world are hungry. In three weeks, we'll be observing World Hunger Sunday. God gives us food for the body and food for the spirit. He has a place for all of us at His table. Pick up your World Hunger Campaign devotionals next week and spend some thinking about why and how we welcome

others to God's table. If you have children in your household, make sure to get both the adult and children's versions.

[worldrenew.net/worldhunger](http://worldrenew.net/worldhunger)

**Membership papers** for Joel, Lora, David, Kathlyn, and Alisabeth Copley have been received from Rehoboth CRC, We welcome them to Trinity CRC.

**Sawyer Elementary Winter Clothing Drive:** Our local elementary school, Abbie Sawyer Elementary, is holding a winter clothing drive for students who do not have access to suitable winter clothing. We will be collecting winter coats, hats, mittens and gloves in children's sizes from now until **October 23**. These can be new or gently used. A collection tub will be in the church entryway. If you don't want to pick something out, another option would be a gift card to TJ Maxx, Walmart or Target. This is a great opportunity to help children in our community with something very practical. Thank you from the TCRC Outreach Committee!!

**Bethesda Lutheran Church Women** are hosting a Scandinavian coffee on Saturday, **October 22** at 1517 Northwestern Avenue from 9:30 am till 1:30 pm. There will be coffee, Scandinavian Treats, Bake Shoppe, Gift Shoppe, Grandma's Attic, and Swedish Meatball Lunch. Contact them at 515.232.6256 with questions.

**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. Will be led by Naomi Friend and Tom Niehof.

**Second Adult Sunday school class:** Vanishing Grace:. Elaine Oftedal and Nancy Berns will facilitate. All ages welcome!

**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 at [mindysue24@gmail.com](mailto:mindysue24@gmail.com) or 515-290-5422.

**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** 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 on the table by the office, volunteers needed.

**Biblical Study Tour to Italy** (May 22 - June 2, 2023): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Assisi (home of St. Francis); Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu) or [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110).

### **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** Will meet Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Janet's house. Questions contact Kelly or Janet.

**Women's Bible Study** – First Monday of the Month

**Next Council meeting** will be November 9<sup>th</sup>

## **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Groundwork: God Is Faithful, Consistent, and Keeps His Promises** -

Trusting in God's provision can be hard when life seems to constantly change. Join Groundwork as we study Judges 6:33-40, Exodus 34:1-10, Isaiah 53, and Ephesians 2:1-10 to be reminded of God's faithful and consistent character and discover why his covenant nature means we can be confident he will keep his promises. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**The Spirit Helps You** - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Has someone ever asked you to pray for something? What was it? How did you feel when they asked you? How did you feel after you said "Amen"? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**CRC Communications**

**Restorative Practices Training** - Learn how to design and facilitate proactive listening circles for a variety of topics and occasions at our two-day training in Restorative Practices for Faith Communities.

CRCNA staff members Andrew Oppong and Eric Kas of Social Justice and Safe Church will partner to offer the training at the CRCNA offices (1700 28th St. SE) in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 27-28th (a Thursday/Friday), and will introduce participants to FaithCARE's framework and vision for restorative congregations.

The cost of this training is \$100 and includes lunch. Learn more at



network.crcna.org/biblical-justice/restorative-practices-faithcare-training

**Free CRC Leadership Training Course** - Register now to take the Thriving Essentials virtual training at no cost (limit 25 persons). The two, 2 hour-long Zoom sessions on October 19 and 26 (7-9pm EDT) can help get all church leaders on the same page concerning the key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Take the class for yourself, then decide if attendance would benefit your core church leadership. Website: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Melody Franje  
Sound : Bryan Van Belle  
Nursery: Stacy and Chloe  
Children's message: Stacy Hertz

### **Greeters**

October 16 Elaine and Tom Oftedal  
October 23 Kristy and Jeff Kopaska  
October 30 Pam and Joel Niemeyer  
November 6 Sue Fee

### **Nursery**

October 16 Stacy and Chloe  
October 23 Kenzie and Caraline  
October 30 Pam N and Cassie  
November 6 Rachel and Donna  
November 13 Mindy and Alisabeth

**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: