

WORSHIP SERVICE
March 31, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* The Resurrection: Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

* Opening Song: "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" (vs 1-3, 5)

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!

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

* Song: "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!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, by raising Jesus you broke the power of sin over us. But we confess that, at times, we are still hobbled by guilt and insecurity. You broke the power of death over us, but we still let fear hold us back.

You have given us freedom, but we stumble back into things that enslave us.

Turn our hearts and thoughts to you, and restore to us the joy of our salvation. In Christ we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2:4-5,8-10

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions... For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Song of Entrusting: “Meekness and Majesty”

Sing a New Creation #109

Meekness and majesty Manhood and Deity In perfect harmony The Man who is God Lord of eternity Dwells in humanity Kneels in humility And washes our feet

O what a mystery Meekness and majesty Bow down and worship For this is your God

Father's pure radiance Perfect in innocence Yet learns obedience To death on a cross Suffering to give us life Conquering through sacrifice And as they crucify Prays 'Father forgive'

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Wisdom unsearchable God the invisible Love indestructible In frailty appears Lord of infinity Stooping so tenderly Lifts our humanity To the heights of His throne

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Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:6-11

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Message: Saving Grace

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.
Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life-I know that it is finished.
I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* 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.

Children’s Message: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Eli Hufford, Laura Hufford, Char Verkade, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

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.

Next week's special offering will be for the **Benevolence Fund**. Trinity CRC maintains this special fund in order to have resources available to help members who may experience unexpected or emergency needs.

Deb Niehof had her last cancer treatment on March 15. She is grateful for all the prayers, meals, and support she received from our Trinity family during this past year. God has been good!

Easter Sunday, we'll have our Sunrise Service at **6:30 am** by the fire pit on the church lawn, and then our regular Easter service at **9:30**. There will be a small breakfast (danish, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, milk, coffee) provide at the church for those who are staying at the church between the services

We are having an egg hunt after a few minutes of fellowship. Kids bring your baskets. The Fellowship Committee

Sawyer Elementary School is having a school store in about a month where students are able to purchase items with "money" they have earned throughout the year for making positive behavior choices. The school is looking for items to "sell". Here are some items that would work well: games/puzzles, fidgets, stuffed toys, sports things, posters, legos/building stuff, action figures/cars, activity books, art/science kits, stickers, etc. Basically anything a kid aged 5-12 might enjoy! We'll have a donation box in the lobby in case you would like to donate things like this for their "sale".

Save the date: Our next Family2Family Sale will be **Saturday, April 6**. It's a great way to help neighborhood families by recycling your kids' (and your own) outdated or outgrown clothes into some extra cash! Check out our church web site for all the details.

<https://www.amestrinity.org/events/family2family-spring-sale-april-6-2024/>

Summer BBQ plans - July 26, Friday night, grilling for the neighborhood, burgers and hotdogs, inflatables, possibly music

There is printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office. I will print this out at the beginning of each month.

If you are not on our weekly emails and updates, please supply your email address to Pam Whitney at office@amestrinity.org. Please



update the directory on the table outside the office as well. I will make a new version at the end of March.

Children and Worship - During our morning worship service, immediately following the children's message, children ages three through third grade are invited to attend Children and Worship, which meets in room 3, located to the south of the sanctuary

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes March no class 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5.

Breakfast Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 AM.

UFO meets the 3rd week of the month.

Women's Bible Study meets on Monday once a month.

Pub Theology meets the 4th Sunday of the month

Next Council meeting is April 10th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Creativity in Action - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. When God wanted his people to build a special place of worship, he helped Moses think outside the box to solve problems. Moses knew they needed to build the Tabernacle, and God provided the right craftspeople with the right gifts to help out. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

Groundwork: Crucified And Raised 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 participation in both Christ's death and resurrection. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Other

Crossroads Prison Ministries - Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center, IA, will host a volunteer training workshop for all Crossroads Prison Ministries mentors and anyone who is interested in learning more about the ministry. You will hear from Crossroads' president, Joe Pryor, and director of church mobilization, Douglas Cupery. Please consider bringing a friend with you! Date: April 9, 2024; Time: 6:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. Location: Bethel CRC (341 S Main Ave Sioux Center, IA 51250). Register for the event at forms.office.com/r/t8FfKaX83d

Resonate Global Mission

Double Your Impact this Easter! - As we celebrate our Savior who is the Resurrection and the Life, let's go out with joy in our hearts to join God's mission! This Easter, you can help Christian Reformed church planters, missionaries, and campus ministers live out the good news by making a gift to Resonate while your gift will go twice as far! Find out how at www.resonateglobalmission.org/double

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today we celebrate an event that changed everything: the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As you celebrate Easter with family and friends, read 1 Peter 1:3-9 together, and invite people of all ages around your table to share how you experience the "living hope" that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection offers. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Rex De Bruin

Sound: Tom Whitney

Nursery Mindy and Brianna

Children's message: Jeff Kopaska

Greeters: Hobson

Greeters

March 31 Hobson

April 28 Friend

April 7 Voss

May 5 Hallihan

April 14 Hubert

May 12 Hertz

April 21 Hufford

May 19 Irvin

May 26 N Klemme
June 2 Kleinwolterink

June 9 Kopaska
June 16 Kuyper

Nursery

March 31 Mindy and Brianna
April 7 Megan and Kristy
April 14 Judy and Cassie
April 21 Sue F and Pam N
April 28 Mary K and Kenzie
May 5 Rachel and Sue F

May 12 Melody and Jayden
May 19 Jessica and Caraline
May 26 Donna and Stacy
June 2 Elaine and Alisabeth
June 9 Mindy and Kathlyn
June 16 Megan and Brianna

Children's Message

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Easter Flowers

Brian and Jane Sterenberg: "Richard and Alma Meinema", "Jacob and Inez Sterenberg", "Leonard and Gertruele Grunig", "Karen Baalsom"

Judy Oltman: "Ralph Oltman", "Adriane Lucille DeWaard", "Ben and Hilta Oltman"

Shirley Ploegstra: "Adrian Ploegstra"

Mary and Tom Kuyper: "William and Fay Haenlein", "Thomas and Mary Kuyper Sr"

Tom and Deb Niehof: "Lois Walburg", "Thelma Niehof"

Jim and Donna Bergman: "Helen Bergman", "Betty Harken"

Pam and Mark Voss: “Melvin Voss”, “Carolyn Voss”, “Deb Voss”

Tom and Elaine Oftendahl: “Max and Evelyn Oftendahl”, “Walter and Gladys Kramlich”

Pam and Joel Niemeyer: “Harrietta Niemeyer”, “Don Westra”

Paul Kleinwolterink: “Jan Kleinwolterink” , “Tyler Klenwolterink”

Randy and Holly Raak: “Robert Songer” ,” Roger and Kay Raak”

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Lora Copley: director@isu-areopagus.org or 505-387-6861 (Areopagus Campus Ministry)

Elders: A-G = Brian Sterenberg; H-K = Rex De Bruin; L-S = Tom Kuyper;
T-Z = Jeff Kopaska

Deacons: A-G = Joseph Yoder; H-K = Pam Niemeyer; L-S = Tom Whitney;
T-Z = Mark Irvin