

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**April 7, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship

*This is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Nations, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 13:47)

**Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.** (Isaiah 60:3)

*You are the light of the world... so, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.* (Matthew 5:16)

\* Opening Song: "Shout to the North"

Men of faith rise up and sing, of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak In your brokenness complete.  
Shout to the north and the south Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is Savior to all Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth Stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing pow'r Of our awesome King of love.  
Shout to the north and the south Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is Savior to all Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up church with broken wings Fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high By His grace again we'll fly.  
Shout to the north and the south Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is Savior to all Lord of heaven and earth

We've been through fire, We've been through rain. We've been  
refined By the pow'r of His name. We've fallen deeper In love with,  
You You've burned The truth on our lips.

Shout to the north and the south Sing to the east and the west Jesus is Savior to all Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth

\*Opening Prayer

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

God's call to his people:

*Our World Belongs to God*, from article 34 & 36

*In our world, where many journey alone, Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may scatter and isolate;*

**But, through Jesus Christ, God gathers a new community, those who put their trust in him.**

*In this new community, all are welcome and treated with dignity, for we are all the same to God: sinners given a new start.*

**Here God's Word and Spirit guide, and grace abounds, as our new life in Christ is celebrated and nourished in the fellowship of congregations.**

Prayer of Confession

*Father, you call us to be one, as you and the Son are one, but we are so easily divided.*

**You call us to look to each other's needs before our own. But, we often value our individual rights and desires above the needs of the community.**

*We jockey for position and influence, disrespecting others in the process. But you call us to love others above ourselves.*

**Jesus, forgive us when we know not what we do. Help us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon John 3:16-17

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."*

Song of Entrusting: "You Are My King" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #360

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken.

I'm accepted; you were condemned.

I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me  
because you died and rose again (x2)  
Amazing love, how can it be  
that you, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true;  
it's my joy to honor you (x2)  
In all I do, I honor You. You are my king. You are my king. Jesus,  
You are my King. Jesus You are my King.  
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that you, my King, would die for me?  
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it's my joy to honor you (x2)  
In all I do I honor you

Children's Message  
Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

<sup>17</sup> In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. <sup>18</sup> In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. <sup>19</sup> No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. <sup>20</sup> So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, <sup>21</sup> for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. <sup>22</sup> Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter! <sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he

was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. <sup>27</sup> So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. <sup>29</sup> For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. <sup>30</sup> That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. <sup>31</sup> But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. <sup>32</sup> Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world. <sup>33</sup> So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. <sup>34</sup> Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment. And when I come I will give further directions.

Message: Together At The Table

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

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: "Gather Us In"      *Lift Up Your Hearts* 529 (vs 1-3)

Here in this place the 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 the 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.

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

The Lord's Supper

Communion song: "Behold The Lamb" *Lift Up Your Hearts #840*

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ Torn for you eat and remember  
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life Paid the price to  
make us one

So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love Around the table of the King  
The blood that cleanses every stain of sin Shed for you drink and  
remember

He drained death's cup that all may enter in To receive the life of  
God

So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King  
And so with thankfulness and faith we rise To respond and to  
remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering We proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven Around the table of the King

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing 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!

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Derek TenPas, Maggie VanDyk

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

**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.

**This 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.

**Adult Sunday School** in Room 7: Join Rex De Bruin and Andrew Friend as they lead a class on the Holy Spirit with the help of Francis Chan's "Forgotten God" book and DVD series. Thorough scriptural support and compelling narrative form Chan's invitation to stop and remember the One we forget all too often, the Spirit of the living God.

**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". Donations collected till April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto: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. Children experience worship in the same order as in the sanctuary: we approach God in reverence, hear His Word proclaimed, respond in praise, and go forth in peace and love to serve in God's name. Visitors are welcome to attend. Please come pick up your child(ren) at the end of the service.

### **Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates**

**Sunday School Classes** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.

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

**Pub Theology** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

**Next Council meeting** is April 10<sup>th</sup>

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - In *Following Jesus*, Henri Nouwen wrote, "Celebrating life is not a party but an ongoing awareness that every moment is special and asks to be lifted up and recognized as a blessing from on high." How might you become more aware of the moment-by-moment blessings you receive each day? Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: I Wonder** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Jesus' friends were filled with wonder when they witnessed his miracles and teachings. When he told stories, he painted a picture in their imaginations of a better world where there would be no more pain or sadness, a world where people with their whole hearts would love God and love their neighbors. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

The Banner

**The Annual Banner Appeal is Underway!** - The 2024 appeal for The Banner, the CRC's award-winning monthly magazine, has started. The Banner is delivered free in print and online, and this annual donation



appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going please give online now at: [TheBanner.org/Give](http://TheBanner.org/Give)

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Mark Voss  
Sound: Bryan Van Belle  
Nursery Megan and Kristy  
Children's message: Deb Niehof  
Greeters: Voss

### **Greeters**

April 7	Voss	May 26	N Klemme
April 14	Hubert	June 2	Kleinwolterink
April 21	Hufford	June 9	Kopaska
April 28	Friend	June 16	Kuyper
May 5	Hallihan	June 23	Niehof
May 12	Hertz	June 30	Niemeyer
May 19	Irvin	July 7	Nikkel

### **Nursery**

April 7	Megan and Kristy	May 26	Donna and Stacy
April 14	Judy and Cassie	June 2	Elaine and Alisabeth
April 21	Sue F and Pam N	June 9	Mindy and Kathlyn
April 28	Mary K and Kenzie	June 16	Megan and Brianna
May 5	Rachel and Sue F	June 23	Judy and Kristy
May 12	Melody and Jayden	June 30	Sue and Cassier
May 19	Jessica and Caraline	July 7	Mary and Pam

### **Children's Message**

April 7	Deb Niehof	June 2	Rex De Bruin
April 14	Stacy Hertz	June 9	Randy Raak
April 21	Rex De Bruin	June 16	Laura Hufford
April 28	Laura Hufford	June 23	Lora Copley
May 5	Lora Copley	June 30	Jeff Kopaska
May 12	Jeff Kopaska	July 7	Deb Niehof
May 19	Deb Niehof		
May 26	Stacy Hertz		

## **Congregational Prayer**

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April 14	Paul Kleinwolterink	June 2	Randy Raak
April 21	Randy Raak	June 9	Tom Kuyper
April 28	Jeff Kopaska	June 16	Randy Raak
May 5	Lora Copley	June 23	Mark Voss
May 12	Randy Raak	June 30	Rex De Bruin
May 19	Mark Voss	July 7	Paul Kleinwolterink

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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