

WORSHIP SERVICE

Feb 2, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship - from Habakkuk 3

Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord.

Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known.

For your glory has covered the heavens and your praise fills the earth. Your splendor is like the sunrise; its rays flash from your hand.

I will rejoice in the Lord and be joyful in God my Savior for the Sovereign Lord is my strength.

* Opening Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Lift Up Your Hearts #538

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Who wert and art and ever more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

* Opening Prayer

Song: "God Moves In A Mysterious Way" *Lift Up Your Hearts #25*

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform.

He plants his footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill,

he treasures up his bright designs and works his sovereign will.

You fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds you so much dread
are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour.

The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan his work in vain.

God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Jesus, when we face conflicts or situations we don't understand, it's easy for us to seek other solutions than you.

We confess that we may run to others for help first, or try to manipulate the situation or the other people involved in it. We may even blame you for the problem.

But our problems ultimately come back to sin, and you are the only solution for that.

Help us to trust you and bring our problems to you first. We pray for your wisdom and guidance; and for your patience and humility in the face of conflict. By your grace we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon Romans 4:25 - 5:2,6-8

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.... You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Song of Entrusting: "Amazing Love"

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. I'm forgiven because you were
forsaken.

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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: 2 Kings 5

5 Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. 2 Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." 4 Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. 5 "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents^[b] of silver, six thousand shekels^[c] of gold and ten sets of clothing. 6 The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy." 7 As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!" 8 When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed." 11 But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage. 13 Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" 14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. 15 Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant." 16 The prophet answered, "As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing." And

even though Naaman urged him, he refused. ¹⁷ “If you will not,” said Naaman, “please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. ¹⁸ But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this.” ¹⁹ “Go in peace,” Elisha said. After Naaman had traveled some distance, ²⁰ Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, “My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.” ²¹ So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. “Is everything all right?” he asked. ²² “Everything is all right,” Gehazi answered. “My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent^[d] of silver and two sets of clothing.’” ²³ “By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴ When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left. ²⁵ When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?” “Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered. ²⁶ But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? ²⁷ Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

Message: What’s Your Story? Naaman: A Matter Of Trust

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “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.

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

The Lord's Supper

Communion song: "I Am The Bread Of Life" *Lift Up Your Hearts #842*

I am the Bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;

They who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father draws them.

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up
on the last day.

The Bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,

And they who eat of this bread,

They shall live forever, they shall live forever.

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up
on the last day.

I am the resurrection, I am the life. They who believe in me,

Even if they die, they shall live forever.

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up
on the last day.

Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who has
come into the world.

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up
on the last day.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine"

Lift Up Your Hearts #636

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;

this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my
sight;

angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his
love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Mark Voss, Pam Voss, Maggie VanDyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Communion: Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for believers. If you are sorry for your sins and follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you are invited to come to his table.

The special offering this week will be for World Renew, which helps alleviate long-term poverty through integrated programs in health, agriculture, income-earning, literacy, and leadership development. Your prayers, involvement, and contributions make this work possible!

Next Sunday, February 9, Rev. Tom Niehof will lead us in the study of Mark 2:1-12, The Man Who Came Through the Ceiling

The floors in the fellowship hall, kitchen, and bathrooms will be waxed on February 8th at 10 am. You will not be able to walk on them the rest of the day, please plan accordingly.

Young Adult Ministry will be meeting on Sunday February 9th at 5 pm to watch the Super Bowl and have fellowship. Please be mindful if you plan to come to the church at this time.

Adult Sunday School (Room 7): Melody Franje and Rex De Bruin will continue to lead a discussion on different faith practices and how to incorporate these spiritual disciplines into our personal and communal lives. Last fall we discussed disciplines such as the sabbath, hospitality, gratitude, and generosity. We'd love to have you join us this spring!

The Family 2 Family sale will happen again this spring, More details to come.

Reminder the winter season is here, please be sure to wipe your shoes before you come into the church to help with keeping our church home clean.

Randy will be gone from January 29th through the 31st and February 3rd through the 10th

Pam Whitney will be gone from February 8th through the 15th.

There is printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office. This has been updated into early 2025. The directory with the newest updates. is on the table outside the office. Please review your changes if you made any. If you have changes or need to add info, please do it on this sheet.

Children and Worship - During our morning worship service, immediately following the children's message, ages three through third grade are invited to attend, meeting 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 pick up your child(ren) at the end of the service



Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes Happening at 10.50, after fellowship

Children and Worship – Happening after the children's message

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

UFO meets the 3rd Monday of the month

Women's Bible Study Will meet the first Monday of the month

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month, Feb 23rd 7 pm Mucky Duck.

Hymn Sing will be held the first Sunday of the Month at 5 pm at the Church. February 3rd

Next Council meeting is February 12th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: God Created Me - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God deliberately designed each one of us. This means we fit together in God's story like pieces in a giant puzzle. Being part of a huge family means we will always have someone we can help or someone who can teach us. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Valentine Cards.

Groundwork: Jesus Prays for Us - In his High Priestly Prayer, Jesus prayed for us to experience unity and the Father's love, and for the world to know God through our lives. Join Groundwork as we explore John 17:20-26 to witness the depth of Jesus Christ's love for us and discuss what it means to live in the reality of Jesus' prayer. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Resonate Global Mission

Technology Support Volunteer Opportunity in Nicaragua - Do you have IT skills and a heart for service? Tesoros de Dios, a ministry in Nicaragua serving children and youth with disabilities, is seeking a volunteer to help improve their technological systems. Tasks include updating databases, cleaning and securing computers, improving networks, and training staff in technology. This flexible opportunity ranges from 1 week to 3 months. Basic Spanish is preferred. Visit resonateglobalmission.org/technology to learn more and apply!

Thrive

Deacon Essentials - Thrive invites you to participate in a leadership development course designed to equip those who are preparing to serve as a deacon or those who are deacons in the Christian Reformed Church. This 5-lesson course will orient your team to the teachings about deacons in the Bible, in our confessions, and the ordination form for deacons.

crcna.org/thrive/deacon-essentials

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Sound: Bryan Van Belle

Nursery Sue F and Brianna

Children's message: Laura Hufford

Greeters: Niehof

Greeters

Feb 2	Niehof	April 20	VanDyk
Feb 9	Niemeyer	April 27	Verkade
Feb 16	Nikkel	May 4	Kopaska
Feb 23	Oftedal	May 11	Bakker
March 2	Oltman	May 18	Bergman
March 9	Raak	May 25	De Bruin
March 16	Saldana	June 1	Franje
March 23	Sanders/Bassham	June 8	Copley
March 30	Schweingruber/Berns	June 15	Hobson
April 6	Sterenbergh	June 22	Voss
April 13	t' Hoen	June 29	Hubert

Nursery

Feb 2	Sue F and Brianna	April 20	Rachel and Sue F
Feb 9	Rachel and Kristy	April 27	Melody and Kristy
Feb 16	Melody and Cassie	May 4	Jessica and Cassie
Feb 23	Jessica and Pam	May 11	Donna and Pam
March 2	Donna and Kenzie	May 18	Elaine and Kenzie
March 9	Elaine and Sue F	May 25	Mindy and Sue F
March 16	Mindy and Elizabeth	June 1	Megan and Elizabeth
March 23	Megan and Caraline/Stacy	June 8	Judy and Caraline/Stacy
March 30	Judy and Brianna	June 15	Mary and Brianna
April 6	Mary and Alisabeth	June 22	Lyndee and Alisabeth
April 13	Lyndee and Kathlyn	June 29	Rachel and Kathlyn

Children's Message

Feb 2	Laura Hufford	April 20	Randy Raak
Feb 9	Lora Copley	April 27	Laura Hufford
Feb 16	Jeff Kopaska	May 4	Lora Copley
Feb 23	Stacy Hertz	May 11	Jeff Kopaska
March 2	Rex De Bruin	May 18	Stacy Hertz
March 9	Randy Raak	May 25	Rex De Bruin
March 16	Laura Hufford	June 1	Randy Raak
March 23	Lora Copley	June 8	Laura Hufford
March 30	Jeff Kopaska	June 15	Lora Copley
April 6	Stacy Hertz	June 22	Jeff Kopaska
April 13	Rex De Bruin	June 29	Stacy Hertz

Congregational Prayer

Jan 5	Randy Raak	April 6	Rex De Bruin
Jan 12	Jeff Kopaska	April 13	Randy Raak
Jan 19	Tom Kuyper	April 20	Tom Niehof
Jan 26	Lora Copley	April 27	Randy Raak
Feb 2	Paul Kleinwolterink	May 4	Mark Voss
Feb 9	Randy Raak	May 11	Paul Kleinwolterink
Feb 16	Jeff Kopaska	May 18	Randy Raak
Feb 23	Tom Niehof	May 25	Jeff Kopaska
March 2	Randy Raak	June 1	Tom Niehof
March 9	Lora Copley	June 8	Randy Raak
March 16	Tom Kuyper	June 15	Lora Copley
March 23	Randy Raak	June 22	Tom Kuyper
March 30	Tom Niehof	June 29	Randy Raak

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Naomi Friend

Deacons: A-G = Joseph Yoder; H-K = Christopher 't Hoen; L-S = Tom
Whitney; T-Z = Donna Bergman