

## WORSHIP SERVICE

June 1, 2025

Ascension Sunday

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship (2 Corinthians 1:20-22)

*For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.*

**Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ.**

*He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

\* Opening Songs: "Sing to the King"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #474*

Sing to the King who is coming to reign, Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain,  
Life and salvation his empire shall bring and Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.  
Come let us sing a song, a song declaring that we belong to Jesus; he is all we need.  
Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.  
For his returning we watch and we pray; We will be ready the dawn of that day.  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, 'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

Come let us sing a song, a song declaring that we belong to Jesus; he is all we need.  
Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.

\* Opening Prayer

\* Song: "Your Name"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #375*

As morning dawns and evening fades You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart And glorify Your Name  
Your Name is a strong and mighty tower Your Name is a shelter like no other  
Your Name let the nations sing it louder 'Cause nothing has the power to save  
But Your Name  
Jesus in Your Name we pray Come and fill our hearts today  
Lord give us strength to live for You And glorify Your Name  
Your Name is a strong and mighty tower Your Name is a shelter like no other  
Your Name let the nations sing it louder 'Cause nothing has the power to save  
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### WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #46

*What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven"?*

**That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.**

#### Prayer of Confession

*Dear Lord, we know that you reign in heaven even now. But when we look around, the darkness of evil seems to encroach upon us from so many directions.*

**At times, we may lose hope, and withdraw in fear to the safety of our little worlds.**

*But though the wrong seems oft so strong, you are the ruler yet.*

**Give us, Lord, the faith and courage for each day, that we may soldier on to bring your grace to this world. In you, our Hope, we pray. Amen.**

#### Words of Assurance (John 14:1-4)

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”*

#### Song of Entrusting: “Jesus Shall Reign” vs 1,2,5

*Lift Up Your Hearts #219*

Jesus shall reign where’ver the sun does its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.  
Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

#### Children’s Message

#### Congregational Prayer

### WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

#### Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup> In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with<sup>[a]</sup> water, but in a few days you will be baptized with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit.” <sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> After he said

this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

*Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #49*

*How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?*

**First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father.**

*Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself.*

**Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.**

Message: Never the Same Again

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

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior” vs 1,2,4,5

*Lift Up Your Hearts #334*

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 love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.  
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.  
May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

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

The Lord's Supper

Communion Song: “O Jesus, Joy of Loving hearts” *Lift Up Your Hearts #823*

O Jesus, Joy of loving hearts, The Fount of life, The Light of all,  
from fullest bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to hear your call.  
Your truth unchanged has ever stood; you save all those who on you call;  
to those who seek you, you are good, to those who find you, all in all.  
We taste you, ever living Bread, and long to feast upon you still;  
we drink of you, the Fountain-head, our thirst to quench, our souls to fill.  
Our restless spirits yearn for you where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
glad, when you smile on us anew, blest, that our faith can hold you fast.  
O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright!  
chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world your holy light.

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "O Worship the King" vs 1&5

*Lift Up Your Hearts #2*

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.  
O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
whom angels delight to worship above!  
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,  
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Pam Voss, Mark Voss

## 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. Through this celebration, we remember that:

- a. The Lord's Supper is a thanksgiving to God.
- b. The Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ.
- c. The Lord's Supper is a participation in the body and the blood of Christ.
- d. The Lord's Supper signifies the work of the Spirit.
- e. The Lord's Supper seals the present and coming kingdom of God.

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.

**On June 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will celebrate the recent graduates and the conclusion of our church education year with a potluck lunch after the worship service. Caraline Hertz, Colton Niemeyer, Jadyn Niemeyer, Jackson Hufford, Alexa Kopaska, Elijah Goossen, Johnathan Copley, Joel Copley, Nima Sina, and McKenzie Niemeyer.

**On June 1<sup>st</sup>** for the potluck meal the fellowship committee asks that those in the congregation whose last names are between **A-K bring a main dish**, and those with last names **L-Z bring a side dish**. The fellowship committee will supply a cake for dessert to honor the graduates

**Installation** of the New Deacon and Elders will be Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>. **New Council districts** - Last names A-G: Elder Paul Kleinwolterink, Deacon Derek Ten Pas; H-K: Elder Melody Franje, Deacon Christopher 't Hoen; L-S: Elder Joel Copley, Deacon Mark Voss; T-Z: Elder Naomi Friend; Deacon Donna Bergman. Committee liaisons: Building & Grounds – Donna Bergman; Education – Christopher t'Hoen; Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Melody Franje; Technology – Joel Copley; Outreach & Enfoldng – Mark Voss; Worship – Derek Ten Pas.

**Young Adult Ministry** –next meeting will be June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (October 13 - 24, 2025):** Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**Reminder there will be a weddings** at this church May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this in mind if you plan to come to the church on this time. They will be using the whole church for their events.

**This summer's BBQ (Grill, Thrill, and Chill) will be held Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>.** Get it on your calendar and save the date. There is a sign up on the table outside of the office.

**Summer Softball has begun.** Please contact Derek Ten Pas if you are interested or have questions, it's always great to see our church family supporting our teams. (game dates times and field) 6/3 8:10 Field 6 | 6/10 7:10 Field 6 | 6/17 6:10 Field 6 | 6/24 8:10 and 9:10 Field 6 | 7/1 6:10 and 7:10 Field 5 | 7/8 Rain Makeup Date | 7/15  
Tournament Begins

**If your group** or committee has an announcement, please be sure to get me an update by 10:30 am on Thursday so I have time to get it into the announcements for the week.  
Thanks Pam

**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 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** Will resume in the fall.

**Children and Worship** – Happening after the children's message

**Young Adult Ministry** – Meets Sunday after service @11:30, next meeting will be June 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

**UFO** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, **June 1<sup>st</sup> 7 pm** Mucky Duck.

**Hymn Sing** will be the first Sunday of the Month at 5 pm at the Church. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the next one.

**Next Council meeting** is June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1). Now more than ever, it's important for us to continue to heal our relationship with God's beautiful creation through our worship, personal actions, and advocacy for the flourishing of the Creator's handiwork. As World Environment Day (June 5) is celebrated this week, consider how you and your family can lean into our moral responsibility to care for God's creation. Think of five commitments you can make toward this goal. Brought to you by Thrive:

[crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

ReFrame Ministries

**Groundwork: Honor God By Using His Resources Wisely** - The Bible teaches us we are stewards of God's resources. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Luke 12:13-21, Philippians 4:11-13, Leviticus 27:30, Numbers 18:25-28, and 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 to discuss stewardship, tithing, and what this means for how we handle the money and possessions we have in this life. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Kids Corner Devotions: Is This Show Good for Me?** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Is This Show Good for Me?" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). God wants us to focus on things that are good and true, but sometimes it's hard to know what's best to watch, read, or play. We can ask for wisdom by thinking about how a story matches God's truth and how it affects our hearts and actions. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like The Summertime Collection, full of coloring pages, crafts, and activity books.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Tom Niehof  
Sound: Tom Whitney  
Nursery Megan and Elizabeth  
Children's message: Stacy Hertz  
Greeters: Franje

### **Greeters**

June 1 Franje  
June 8 Copley  
June 15 Hobson  
June 22 Voss  
June 29 Hubert  
July 6 Hufford  
July 13 Friend  
July 20 Hallihan  
July 27 Hertz

August 3 Irvin  
August 10 Nancy Klemme  
August 17 Kleinwolterink  
August 24 Kopaska  
August 31 Kuyper  
September 7 Niehof  
September 14 Niemeyer  
September 21 Nikkel

### **Nursery**

June 1 Megan and Elizabeth  
June 8 Stacy and Caraline  
June 15 Mary and Brianna  
June 22 Lyndee and Alisabeth  
June 29 Rachel and Kathlyn  
July 6 Melody and Lyndee  
July 13 Jessica and Kristy  
July 20 Donna and Cassie  
July 27 Elaine and Pam

August 3 Mindy and Kenzie  
August 10 Megan and Sue F  
August 17 Kopaska and Elizabeth H  
August 24 Mary and Caraline  
August 31 Sue F and Brianna  
September 7 Sue F and Alisabeth  
September 14 Sue F and Kathlyn  
September 21 Jessica and Sue F  
September 28 Donna and Kristy

### **Children's Message**

June 1 Stacy Hertz  
June 8 Laura Hufford  
June 15 Lora Copley  
June 22 Jeff Kopaska  
June 29 Stacy Hertz  
July 6 Rex De Bruin  
July 13 Randy Raak  
July 20 Laura Hufford  
July 27 Lora Copley

August 3 Jeff Kopaska  
August 10 Stacy Hertz  
August 17 Rex De Bruin  
August 24 Randy Raak  
August 31 Laura Hufford  
September 7 Lora Copley  
September 14 Jeff Kopaska  
September 21 Stacy Hertz  
September 28 Rex De Bruin

### **Congregational Prayer**

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**Pam Whitney** Office Administrator: office@amestrinity.org

**Elders:** A-G = Paul Kleinwolterink; H-K = Melody Franje; L-S = Joel Copley; T-Z = Naomi Friend:

**Deacons:** A-G = Derek Ten Pas;; H-K = Christopher 't Hoen;; L-S = Mark Voss;; T-Z = Donna Bergman:

**Committee Chairs:** Building & Grounds – Jim Bergman; Education – Andrew Friend; Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Technology – Tom Kuyper; Outreach and Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Randy Raak