

**SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
RESURRECTION SUNDAY**

April 5, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from the 5th century)

Exult and sing, O choirs of angels! Rejoice, all you powers in heaven and earth!

Jesus Christ our King is risen!

Sound the trumpet, sing our salvation, let God's people shake these walls with shouts of praise!

Alleluia, celebrate this Day of days! Christ lives and so shall we! Alleluia, amen.

* Anthem of Praise: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" *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!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, 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!

* Prayer of Adoration

* Song of Praise: "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.

WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S VICTORY

We Confess Our Faith: Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and
earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Longing for Faith in the Midst of Doubt

Song of Response: "Oh, to See the Dawn" vs 1,2,4 *Lift Up Your Hearts #177*

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning your blood stained brow.

This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free.

Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through your selfless love!

This the power of the cross: Son of God slain for us.

What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

The Purpose of John’s Gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Message: Scars for Our Peace

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “Before the Throne of God Above” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #682

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea;
a great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;

I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable "I AM," the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" vs 1-3, 6-7 *LUYH #193*

I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everliving head!
He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.
He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessing to impart.
He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Postlude

* Please stand

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Lora Copley

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

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes meet after fellowship time. No classes this week-Easter Sunday.

Children and Worship meets during the service, after the Children's Message.

Roots Youth Group meets weekly on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm

Young Adult Ministry meets on Fridays and Sundays throughout the year. Contact Derek Ten Pas to get connected.

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

UFO meets on the 3rd Monday of the month. Contact Kelly Hobson for details.

Women's Bible Study meets on the first Monday of the month; next meeting is April 6 at 9:00 am at the Ames Sixty Forward Center. Contact Pam Voss for details.

Pub Theology meets monthly on a Sunday at The Mucky Duck. Next meeting is April 30 at 7:00 pm.

Hymn Sing meets monthly on a Sunday. Next meeting is April 12 at 5:00 pm.

Regular Council Meeting: April 8 at 6:45 pm.

Search Committee Meeting: April 7 at 6:30 pm

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Rev. Lora Copley brings us to John chapter 20 with the message, "Scars for Our Peace". **He is risen!**

Memory verses for this week

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30)

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:29)

Good Friday Service – On Friday, April 3 at 6:30 pm, Rev. Tom Niehof will lead us in reflection on John chapter 19, where Jesus gives His life on the cross for our salvation.

The special offering on April 12 will be for the TCRC Building Fund, which enables us to keep our facility in good repair and make updates as needed.

Communion – We will share in the Lord's Supper as part of the Good Friday Service on April 3. 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.

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 5. Classes will resume on April 12th.

Holy Week Schedule

- Good Friday Service: April 3 at 6:30 pm with celebration of Communion
- Easter Sunrise Service: April 5 at 6:30 am outside by the fire pit with a light breakfast following
- Resurrection Sunday Service of Worship & Celebration: April 5 at 9:30 am

There will be an Easter egg hunt during fellowship time following the 9:30 am service.

Thank you to those who sponsored the Easter Plants: Sue Fee; Tom and Deb Niehof; Tom and Mary Kuyper Jr (in memory of Tom & Mary Kuyper Sr, Bill & Fay Haenlein); Elijah Goossen; Judy Oltman; Jim and Donna Bergman; Mark and Pam Voss (in memory of Deb Voss, Melvin & Carolyn Voss); Shirley Ploegstra; Laura Hufford.

Please take your plant(s) home with you after the Easter service.

Women's Bible Study will next meet on Monday, April 6 at 9:00 am at the Ames Sixty Forward Center. We continue our study of *Seven Essentials for Finishing Well* with "Essential #5: We will Be Available – as God calls us to serve". Questions? Contact Pam Voss.

If you or your family have a situation that requires prayer and/or pastoral care, please contact one of the elders. The elders will help in directing you to the appropriate care needed.

Resonate's March/April Gift Matching Opportunity. The Deacons are excited to share a special giving opportunity with Resonate Global Mission! From March 13 through April 30, every gift to Resonate's *Where Most Needed* fund will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous group of donors—up to \$275,000. This is a wonderful chance to double the impact of your support. If you would like to give directly, please visit: www.resonateglobalmission.org/double

Please keep food and drinks contained to the fellowship hall. This helps to keep our space neat and free of unwanted pests. Thank you!

If you or your group will be using the church building for anything, please let Tina (office@amestrinity.org) know so we can keep an accurate facility calendar. Thank you!

If your group or committee has an announcement, please submit an update to the church office by 10:30 am on Thursdays to be included in the announcements for the week. If you leave a written message in the office, please include your name in case a follow-up is necessary. Thank you!

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Resurrection People," at www.kidscorner.net. Early on a Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene felt very sad; in fact, she felt hopeless. Her teacher and friend had been crucified on Friday, and now, mysteriously, his tomb was empty. Read what happens next. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: Jesus' Death, Burial, and Resurrection - We've reached the pinnacle moments of salvation history in our Stations of the Cross journey. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 15:33-16:8, Luke 23:44-49, John 19:28-42, and Matthew 27:62-28:10 to witness the thirteenth and fourteenth Stations of the Cross, which invite us to remember Jesus' suffering, death, and burial. Then linger at the tomb to witness the glory of his resurrection and celebrate his Easter victory over death. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Happy Easter! We now move from Lent into Eastertide, a season of extended celebration of Jesus' resurrection. This week spend some time reading and reflecting on 2 Corinthians 5:14–21. What part of the passage connects with you the most? Create a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection by writing a few words from this passage, such as a prayer of gratitude to God, or by drawing a picture that reflects Jesus' work on the

cross. Place your reminder in plain site as a reminder throughout Eastertide to continue your Easter celebration. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

CRC Communications

Pray for Synod 2026 - Starting May 3, and for 40 days leading up to Synod 2026, pray with CRC members, leaders, and friends for God's presence and guidance for the CRC and this year's synod gathering. Learn more and find prayer resources at network.crcna.org/topic/spiritual-formation/prayer/40-days-prayer-synod-2026, including a link to sign up to receive daily emails throughout the 40 days with prayers written by people from across the denomination.

Calvin University

Wisdom in the Age of AI Conference - Calvin University will host Wisdom in the Age of AI, October 8–10, 2026, a conference exploring how Christian faith can guide the wise and faithful use of artificial intelligence. With dynamic keynote speakers and a dedicated AI and Church track, the conference offers thoughtful conversation for pastors and lay leaders alike. The conference will be held in person at the Prince Conference Center on Calvin University's campus, with livestream available for people unable to attend in person. Learn more at calvin.edu/faith-and-technology

VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: Niehof
Nursery: Rachel and Elizabeth
Sound: Bryan Van Belle
Children's Message: Laura Hufford
Congregational Prayer: Rex De Bruin

Greeters

Apr 5	Niehof	May 10	Sander/Bassham
Apr 12	Niemeyer	May 17	Sterenberg
Apr 19	Hufford	May 24	't Hoen
Apr 26	Oltman	May 31	Ten Pas
May 3	Saldaña		

Nursery

Apr 5	Rachel and Elizabeth	May 10	Mindy and Natalie
Apr 12	Melody and Sue	May 17	Megan and Kristy
Apr 19	Jessica and Brianna	May 24	Judy and Cassie
Apr 26	Donna and Alisabeth	May 31	Mary and Pam
May 3	Sue and Kathlyn		

Sound Tech

Apr 3	Tom Whitney	Apr 26	Tom Whitney
Apr 5	Bryan Van Belle	May 3	Rex De Bruin
Apr 12	Rob Barnes	May 10	Bryan Van Belle
Apr 19	Brian Sterenberg	May 17	Rob Barnes

May 24 Brian Sterenberg

May 31 Tom Whitney

Children's Message

Apr 5 Laura Hufford

Apr 12 Christopher 't Hoen

Apr 19 Jeff Kopaska

Apr 26 Rex De Bruin

May 3 Rob Barnes

May 10 Derek Ten Pas

May 17 Laura Hufford

May 24 Lora Copley

May 31 Christopher 't Hoen

Congregational Prayer

Mar 29 Mark Voss

Apr 5 Rex De Bruin

Apr 12 Joel Copley

Apr 19 Jeff Kopaska

Apr 26 Tom Niehof

May 3 Tom Kuyper

May 10 Paul Kleinwolterink

May 17 Mark Voss

May 24 Rex De Bruin

May 31 Joel Copley

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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 – Christopher 't Hoen; Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Search – Jeff Kopaska; Technology – Rex De Bruin; Outreach and Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Laura Hufford