

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**January 8, 2023**  
**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship from Isaiah 57

*Leader: This is what the high and exalted One says—  
he who lives forever, whose name is holy:*

*"I live in a high and holy place,  
but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the lowly  
and to revive the heart of the contrite.*

*I have seen their ways, but I will heal them;*

*I will guide them and restore comfort to her mourners,  
creating praise on their lips."*

**ALL: We worship you, O God. There is no one like You.**

**Open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise.**

\* 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 of Response "We Will Glorify"

*Sing! A New Creation*

#21

We will glorify the King of kings,  
we will glorify the Lamb;  
we will glorify the Lord of lords,  
who is the great I AM  
God Almighty reigns in majesty,  
we will bow before his throne;  
we will worship him in righteousness,  
we will worship him alone.  
He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth,  
he is Lord of all who live;  
he is Lord above the universe,  
all praise to him we give.  
Hallelujah to the King of kings,  
hallelujah to the Lamb;  
hallelujah to the Lord of lords,  
who is the great I AM.

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Call to Confession from Heidelberg Catechism QA 116

Q. Why do Christians need to pray?

**A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us.**

**And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.**

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God and Father, giver of all good gifts, You, yourself, are the greatest gift. We ask that we would groan inwardly for You. We want to want You**

**more. Forgive us when we take you for granted. Forgive us when we do not notice you or thank you. Forgive when our encounters with You are distracted or diminished to an hour on Sunday. We ask you to forgive us. We ask for your Spirit, and more of your Spirit. For Jesus sake, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon, Luke 11:11-13

*“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” Receive this good gift: through the blood of Jesus, you are forgiven. You stand on holy ground.*

Song of Entrusting: “Be Still For The Presence Of The Lord” *Sing! A New Creation #11*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. He burns with holy fire; with splendor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 63:1-3 (p:532); Luke 11:9-13 (p:959); Colossians 4:2-4(p:1090)

Psalm 63

<sup>1</sup> You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

<sup>3</sup> Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

Luke 11:9-13

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Colossians 4:2-4

<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. <sup>3</sup> And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

Message: Encountering God: Three Purposes of Prayer

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: “What A Friend We Have in Jesus” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #897

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer  
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer  
Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer  
In his arms he’ll take and shield you: you will find a solace there.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #936

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.  
With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face-  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name we bear.

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Naomi Friend, Holly Raak

### **Today's Activities**

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:50 a.m. Sunday School

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

The special offering next week is for **Food at First**, which serves the Ames community by offering a free meal program and a perishable food pantry. The garden on the church property, the Saturday morning food distribution, and financial gifts are ways Trinity supports this ministry.

A HUGE thank you to Laura Hufford for the amazing children's Christmas program. A lot of hard work figuring out parts, songs and organizing kids! Also thank you to Kelly Hobson, behind the scenes with all her work in costumes and organizing the pizza after practice! Thank you to all the kids and parents who made it such a success and special day!

The education committee is looking for a couple volunteers to help lead an adult class for spring. The topic will be FAQ of our Faith and the Catechism. Please reach out if you are interested to Rachel De Bruin. Looking to start end of January.

**The Dordt University Concert Choir** from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at **7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 6**, at Crossroads Christian Reformed Church in Des Moines. This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances scheduled in Iowa, Minnesota, and North Dakota. Directed by Dr. Rob Hobgood, the Dordt University Concert Choir will perform a wide variety of choral music including hymn arrangements, spirituals, classics from the modern choral repertoire as well as past centuries including Gabrielli, Handel, and Clausen, and several compositions written within the last decade by talented young composers. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

**Looking for some Volunteers** to help Rachel Lyare with rides to and from Waukee and Des Moines for her nursing classes. for the month of December. If you think you can help please contact Mary Saucedo. 856-776-6636(call or text) or maryhsaucedo@gmail.com.

**Sunday School Schedule for 2022/23:** January 8,15,22,29, February 5,12,19,26, March 5,19,26 (12th Spring Break)' April 2,16,23,30 (Easter 9th), May 7 (last day of class)

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

**Sunday School Classes** meet at 10:50 am on Sunday

**Breakfast Club** meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center HyVee at 8:30 AM.

**UFO** Will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month

**Women's Bible Study** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

**Next Council meeting** will be January 11<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Meeting** will be January 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ReFrame Ministries

**Family Fire** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**God is Calling You** - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). This week: You have a role to play in God's big story--and God is calling you to submit your gifts, talents, and work to him right now. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Groundwork: God Is Still Working** - Life is messy. Sometimes that mess is our own doing and sometimes it is not. Join Our Groundwork conversation as we study the story of Rahab and the spies in Joshua 2 and see how God remains active, even in the messiness of our lives. We'll discuss his providence and learn to look for it in the most unlikely circumstances of our lives. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Rex De Bruin

Sound : Bryan Van Belle

Nursery: Melody and Cassie

Children's message: Deb Niehof

Greeters: Hufford

### **Greeters**

January 8 Hufford

January 15 Friend

January 22 Hallihan

January 29 Hertz

**Nursery**

January 8	Melody and Cassie
January 15	Jessica and Pam
January 22	Mindy and Kenzie
January 29	Elaine and Chloe
February 5	Donna and Jayden
February 12	Megan and Caraline
February 19	Judy and Stacy
February 26	Sue F and Alisabeth

**Pastor Randy Raak:** pastor@amestrinity.org or 928-699-9329

**Elders:** A-G=Brian Sterenberg: H-K = Melody Franje: L-S = Mark Voss: T-Z=Jeff Kopaska

**Deacons:** A-G =Tina VanDyk: H - K =Pam Niemeyer: L-S =Judy Oltman: T-Z Mary Saucedo