

WORSHIP SERVICE

July 14, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship - from Psalm 5

In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you...

by your great love, I can come into your house; in reverence I bow down toward your holy temple.

Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness... make your way straight before me.

Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

*Opening Song: "Beautiful Savior" *Lift Up Your Hearts #17*

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

Opening Prayer

Song: "You Are My Hiding Place" *Lift Up Your Hearts #412*

You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance. Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you. I will trust in you. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

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WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that there may be times when it is hard to trust you.

In our times of trials, and in our weakness, give us faith. Give us the strength to hold on until the storms have passed.

Help us to not be so focused on our own troubles that we miss the opportunity to encourage others through theirs.

Be the anchor in our storms, even when our ship is battered, and our sails are torn.

For Jesus, you are familiar with all our sorrows, and acquainted with our griefs. Amen.

Words of Assurance *Psalm 7:9-10,17*

"[You] bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure—you, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts. My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart.... I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High."

Song of Entrusting: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Lift Up Your Hearts #465

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the

night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, when the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Children's Message

Moment for Missions: The Groenewold/VanDyk family
Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Message: Conversations With the Dechurched: Comforted to Comfort

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Abide With Me" vs 1,3,4,5

Lift Up Your Hearts #466

Abide with me: fast falls the even tide; the darkness deepens,
Lord, with me abide

When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O
abide with me
I need thy presence every passing hour. What but thy grace can
foil the tempter's power
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and
sunshine, O abide with me
I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless, ills have no weight, and
tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still,
if thou abide with me
Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes. Shine through the
gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee, in life, in
death, O Lord, abide with me.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Lead Me, Guide Me" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #329

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot
stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with you; lead me my whole life
through.

I am weak, and I need your strength and power to endure with
grace my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness your face to see. Lead me, O Lord,
lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot
stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with you; lead me my whole life
through.

Help me walk in the paths of righteousness; be my aid when Satan
and sin oppress.

I am trusting you whate'er may be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me
Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot
stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with you; lead me my whole life through.

I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without your light to see.

Lord, forever may I your servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with you; lead me my whole life through.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Derek Ten Pas, Maggie VanDyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

The special offering this week is for **Wings of Refuge**, which is a Christ-centered organization serving survivors of sex trafficking by providing a safe home and aftercare where women can have the opportunity to heal and find new life. They have a safe home located in Ames. For more info: www.wingsofrefuge.net.

Fellowship committee invites you to an Ice Cream Social on Sunday July 14th after church during fellowship time. Ben and Tricia will be here that day as well, so come hangout and enjoy some fellowship and ice cream.

We are still trying to supply meals for Rachel Iyare and her family as they adjust to having to care for baby Laura. If you are willing to provide a meal, please go to <https://mealtrain.com/0mqe09> and find a date that suits you, as there are no signups from now through August. Meal preferences and diet-restrictions, as well as drop off details, can be found in the meal train internet link. Meals can be

delivered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays between 4:30 and 5:30 PM

The Sign brick work is done, check it out. The sign will be coming from Sign Pro soon, so watch for it.

On the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, a small group meets for mental health support. Upcoming meetings will take place August 6 and 20 at 2-3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ames (610 15th Street). This group will provide a safe place to discuss faith and mental illness. NAMI Connection groups are free and confidential recovery support groups for people at least 18 years old that have any mental health condition; the group offers respect, understanding, encouragement and hope. NAMI stands for National Alliance on Mental Illness, a national grassroots organization with local chapters that's dedicated to building better lives for people with mental illness and their families. To find out more or register, contact the NAMI office at 515-292-9400, NAMI education coordinator Erik Gustafson at egustafson@namicentraliowa.org or co-leader Anastasia Tuckness at atuckness@gmail.com.

There will be a small group will be meeting in the evenings at the church at 7 pm. This will be happening May through July. If you come to the church, please be respectful and quiet for those in this meeting.

Summer BBQ plans - July 26, Friday night, grilling for the neighborhood, burgers and hotdogs, inflatables, possibly music. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteer positions on the table by the office soon.

Summer is almost here, and that means camping. Midwest Basic Bible Camp is in the works. August 3 – 7 at Pine Lake in Eldora. 'HIS'tory is the theme this year. Jesus, from the prophets, to birth,

his life, to crucifixion, to now. 5 days of camp for one great story. Fliers on the table by office. (Still looking for one female councilor for this year.)

There is a 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.

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. Thanks Pam

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes will resume this fall

Children and Worship – will resume this fall.

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

UFO meets the third Monday of the month.

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

Pub Theology meets the 4th Sunday of the Month

Next Council meeting is July 10th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In the sacrament of The Lord's Supper we remember both the great sacrifice and the wonderful gift of Jesus' death and resurrection. Think and talk about how you might more fully enter into both the sorrow and the joy as you celebrate communion. Learn more at

crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Family Fire - 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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Kids Corner: Light for Your Path - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Make devotions a habit. Pick a time and try to be consistent. Before bed is an excellent time for this, but it can be anytime during the day. Spending time with God's Word and in prayer is the lamp for your path you need! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Groundwork: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - Scripture helps us to better understand the nature of each person of the Trinity and the awesome phenomena of their unity as One. Join Groundwork as we study Deuteronomy 1:31, Psalm 103, Matthew 6:9-14, 25-34, John 1:1-3, Hebrews 4:15-16, Philippians 2:5-8, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Genesis 1:2, and John 14:16-17 to discuss the unique attributes and work of each person of our triune God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Iowa Floods Update - After heavy rain and river flooding in northwestern Iowa in June 2024, the first team of World Renew DRS volunteers arrived in Hawarden on July 8. The team is working for 10 days, helping flood survivors shovel out mud and remove waterlogged wallboard and flooring from some of the most damaged homes. Next, World Renew DRS will be onsite in Hawarden to meet potential partners and offer our services to help homeowners recover. Please continue to pray for flood survivors in Iowa.

Volunteer with World Renew DRS at worldrenew.net/volunteer.
Donate at worldrenew.net/springstorms2024 or call 800-552-7972.
Thank you!

Make an Impact by Volunteering with World Renew - This fall, World Renew has volunteer openings for individual adults, couples, or church groups to help in areas impacted by disasters. These one-week trips include home repair and cleanup projects that give vulnerable homeowners a chance to rebuild their lives. No matter your skillset, lending your time and talents as a volunteer with World

Renew will have lasting reach. Learn more and sign up at worldrenew.net/volunteer.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Jeff Kopaska
Sound: Rex De Bruin
Nursery Rachel and Elizabeth H
Children's message: Laura Hufford
Greeters: Oftendal

Greeters

July 14	Oftendal	September 8	Verkade
July 21	Oltman	September 15	Voss
July 28	Raak	September 22	Whitney
August 4	Saldana	September 29	Yoder
August 11	Sanders/Bassham	October 6	Bakker
August 18	Sterenber	October 13	Bergman
August 25	t' Hoen	October 20	De Bruin
September 1	VanDyk	October 27	Franje

Nursery

July 14	Rachel and Elizabeth H	September 22	Rachel and Pam N
July 21	Melody and Megan	September 29	Melody and Kenzie
July 28	Jessica and Sue F	October 6	Jessica and Sue F
August 4	Donna and Caraline	October 13	Donna and Elizabeth H
August 11	Elaine and Stacy	October 20	Elaine and Caraline
August 18	Mindy and Alisabeth	October 27	Mindy and Stacy
August 25	Megan and Kathlyn		
September 1	Judy and Brianna		
September 8	Lyndee and Kristy		
September 15	Mary K and Cassie		

Children's Message

July 14	Laura Hufford	July 28	Randy Raak
July 21	Rex De Bruin	August 4	Stacey Hertz

August 11 Lora Copley
August 18 Jeff Kopaska
August 25 Deb Niehof
September 1 Stacey Hertz
September 8 Rex DeBruin
September 15 Laura Hufford

September 22 Lora Copley
September 29 Jeff Kopaska
October 6 Deb Niehof
October 13 Stacy Hertz
October 20 Rex De Bruin
October 27 Randy Raak

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October 20 Jeff Kopaska
October 27 Tom Kuyper

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Elders: A-G = Tom Kuyper; H-K = Rex De Bruin; L-S = Joel Copley; T-Z = Naomi Friend

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