

WORSHIP SERVICE

January 19, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (Genesis 1:26-27,31; Hebrews 2:17)

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..."

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them....

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Jesus was made just like us, fully human in every way, that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

* 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: "He Knows My Name" Lift Up Your Hearts #339

I have a Maker, He formed my heart

Before even time began, My life was in His hand

He knows my name, He knows my every thought

He sees each tear that falls, And hears me when I call

I have a Father, He calls me His own

He'll never leave me, No matter where I go

He knows my name, He knows my every thought

He sees each tear that falls, And hears me when I call

He knows my name, He knows my every thought

He sees each tear that falls, And hears me when I call

He hears me when I call

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Lord, forgive me for the times when I think I can hide from you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Words of Assurance (based on 2 Kings 13:23)

But, in spite of their sins, the Lord is gracious to his people, and he has compassion on them and He shows his concern for them because of the covenant He has made with them.

Song of Entrusting: "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.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139

¹ You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand— when I awake, I am still with you.

¹⁹ If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!

²⁰ They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?

²² I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting

Message: Life At The Edges

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;

ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life-I know that it is finished.
I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "My Friends May You Grow In Grace" Lift Up Your
Hearts #938

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and
Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rex DeBruin

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Char Verkade, Mark Voss, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The special offering this 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 and financial gifts are ways Trinity supports
this ministry.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held Thursday **January 23rd** at
6:30 pm. Reports for committees need to be turned into Pam on or before
Sunday 19th. can send to office@amestrinity.org. These should be a highlight
of the committees work for 2024.

Committee Chairs – endowment request forms have been sent out, please
have them completed by the end of the January 31st. Thanks

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

The pictures that were removed from the bulletin board are on the table
outside the office, please take yours if you would like to have it. I will remove
them after the end of the month.

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, Jan 26th 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

CRC Communications

Notice of Address Change - The CRC denominational offices in the US have moved. Here is their new address if you would ever like to send correspondence or a financial gift to Thrive, ReFrame, Resonate, or The Banner: 300 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506-1208 for all mail. More information can be found at: crcna.org/contact

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Word Power MLK Day - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know words have power? Your words. Your neighbor's words. Everybody's! Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. knew that. He used his word power to help people see each other as equals, no matter their skin color. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: When Jesus Prays - Listening to a person pray gives us a glimpse into their heart. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study John 17:1-5, the opening verses of Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. Together we'll discuss the meaning of Jesus' words as he asks God to glorify him and the implications of his prayer in our own lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Today! - Thrive has developed materials to observe this special Sunday in a way that affirms the value of every human life--and at all stages of development. Learn more and discover other resources now at this website: crcna.org/life

Other

Register for a High School Experience of a Lifetime! - Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the New Life Church in Sioux Center, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is February 14-16, 2025. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request. Are you an adult but still want to be involved? We are also accepting applications for adults over 21 to join our team for the weekend and help these students experience Jesus! Visit tristatetec.org for more information.

Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference - Save the date! The 2025 annual inter-classis safe church conference is scheduled for March 1, 2025, from 9:00am-3:30 pm at the Waterloo (Ontario) CRC. Planning is ongoing, but we have confirmed that Sheila Wray Gregoire will be the plenary speaker. Dr. Amanda Benckhuysen and Julia Rathbun, both Safe Church Consultants with the CRCNA, will be leading workshops. The conference is hosted by the Classis Huron Safe Church Team under the coordination of Rev. Carel Geleyense. Further details will be available soon.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Tom Kuyper

Sound:	Tom Whitney
Nursery	Judy and Alisabeth
Children's message:	Rex De Bruin
Greeters:	Whitney

Greeters

Jan 19	Whitney	April 13	t' Hoen
Jan 26	Kuyper	April 20	VanDyk
Feb 2	Niehof	April 27	Verkade
Feb 9	Niemeyer	May 4	Kopaska
Feb 16	Nikkel	May 11	Bakker
Feb 23	Oftedal	May 18	Bergman
March 2	Oltman	May 25	De Bruin
March 9	Raak	June 1	Franje
March 16	Saldana	June 8	Copley
March 23	Sanders/Bassham	June 15	Hobson
March 30	Schweingruber/Berns	June 22	Voss
April 6	Sterenber	June 29	Hubert

Nursery

Jan 19	Judy and Alisabeth	April 13	Lyndee and Kathlyn
Jan 26	Mary K and Kathlyn	April 20	Rachel and Sue F
Feb 2	Sue F and Brianna	April 27	Melody and Kristy
Feb 9	Rachel and Kristy	May 4	Jessica and Cassie
Feb 16	Melody and Cassie	May 11	Donna and Pam
Feb 23	Jessica and Pam	May 18	Elaine and Kenzie
March 2	Donna and Kenzie	May 25	Mindy and Sue F
March 9	Elaine and Sue F	June 1	Megan and Elizabeth
March 16	Mindy and Elizabeth	June 8	Judy and
March 23	Megan and	Caraline/Stacy	
	Caraline/Stacy	June 15	Mary and Brianna
March 30	Judy and Brianna	June 22	Lyndee and Alisabeth
April 6	Mary and Alisabeth	June 29	Rachel and Kathlyn

Children's Message

Jan 19	Rex De Bruin	March 16	Laura Hufford
Jan 26	Randy Raak	March 23	Lora Copley
Feb 2	Laura Hufford	March 30	Jeff Kopaska
Feb 9	Lora Copley	April 6	Stacy Hertz
Feb 16	Jeff Kopaska	April 13	Rex De Bruin
Feb 23	Stacy Hertz	April 20	Randy Raak
March 2	Rex De Bruin	April 27	Laura Hufford
March 9	Randy Raak	May 4	Lora Copley

May 11 Jeff Kopaska
May 18 Stacy Hertz
May 25 Rex De Bruin
June 1 Randy Raak

June 8 Laura Hufford
June 15 Lora Copley
June 22 Jeff Kopaska
June 29 Stacy Hertz

Congregational Prayer

Jan 19 Tom Kuyper
Jan 26 Lora Copley
Jan 5 Randy Raak
Jan 12 Jeff Kopaska
Jan 19 Tom Kuyper
Jan 26 Lora Copley
Feb 2 Paul Kleinwolterink
Feb 9 Randy Raak
Feb 16 Jeff Kopaska
Feb 23 Tom Niehof
March 2 Randy Raak
March 9 Lora Copley
March 16 Tom Kuyper
March 23 Randy Raak

March 30 Tom Niehof
April 6 Rex De Bruin
April 13 Randy Raak
April 20 Tom Niehof
April 27 Randy Raak
May 4 Mark Voss
May 11 Paul Kleinwolterink
May 18 Randy Raak
May 25 Jeff Kopaska
June 1 Tom Niehof
June 8 Randy Raak
June 15 Lora Copley
June 22 Tom Kuyper
June 29 Randy Raak

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Pam Whitney Office Administrator: office@amestrinity.org

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