

For  
by  
**GRACE**  
you  
have  
been  
**saved**  
through faith.

EPHESIANS 2:8, NRSV

October 15, 2017

8:45 & 11:15 am • Pastor John Groen • Ephesians 2:1-10

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***Loving God, Serving People***

**We welcome you into our community and our lives.** Following this morning's worship, we invite you to join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

**Babies & Young Children**

A nursery for children 2 years and younger is next to the kitchen off of the Fellowship Hall. Children, 3, 4, and 5 years old who have not started Kindergarten will be dismissed before the sermon to room 27 for Preschool Church Hour.

**Aids to Worship**

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex. Please ask our greeters for assistance.



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## ***Church: Becoming and Remaining Human***

In Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, he declares that Jesus is the savior of the world and has launched God's kingdom in his life, death, resurrection and ascension. Jesus has made it possible for us to be a part of that kingdom as the Church. Paul takes this truth and draws out the most startling and affirming conviction: We are the people of God. All of us. When we are the Church, we are God's people. God has drawn us from all places of life and backgrounds and created a people. The implication then is that we are fully human when we live into this identity. To be the Church is to be truly human.

After Paul declares we are the Church, he shows us then how to live as church. It is like he is saying, "now that you see what it is like to be human because you've seen Jesus, be that person! You are human! To be in Christ is what human means! Now live as a human!"

In our lives there are many things, activities, behaviors, relationships, mindsets, that rob us of our humanity. Oppressive cultures or ideologies can rob of us of our humanity. Paul writes to the Church that once we are in Christ there is nothing that can take our humanity. Rather, we live as the people of God! We are free from the humanity robbing ways of life! This fall, we invite you to consider all the things that try to rob us of our humanity, and how God is inviting us to be everything God has called us to be in Christ. We are the people of God! Now it's time to go live that truth!

*Pastor John*

*Pastor Ryan*

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# 8:45 worship

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## Gathering around the Word

**Prelude:** *Amazing Grace*

Raymond Haan

**Gathering Song:** *Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

Red Hymnal 708

refrain & vs. 1: choir; refrain, vs. 2 & refrain: all

**\*Call to Worship (responsive)**

adapted from Psalm 107: 1-3

*“Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,  
because his faithful love lasts forever!”*

*That’s what those who are redeemed by the Lord say,  
the ones God set free from the power of sin and death;  
the ones God gathered from all the world,  
from east and west, north and south.*

**This is the response of all who were lost and tired,  
beaten down, and yearning for the powerful presence of  
God to come and set them free,  
and to lead them in the right ways of living:**

**“Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,  
because his faithful love lasts forever!”**

**\*Hymn:** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Red Hymnal 521

**\*We Receive God’s Greeting and Greet One Another**

**Children’s Time**

(Children in the Preschool Church Hour Class dismissed to Room 27.)

**Song:** *By Grace We Have Been Saved*

Red Hymnal 675:1,2

**Prayers of the People**

**We Present our Gifts & Offerings for:** The Lord’s work through AACRC

**Choral Offertory:** *Let Us Not Become Weary*

Benjamin Kornelis  
from Galatians 6:9-10a; Micah 6:8b

Let us not become weary, weary from doing good,  
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest  
if we do not give up.

Therefore, as we have opportunity,  
let us do good to all people.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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## Listening for the Word

**Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10**

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**Message: “Saved By Grace Through Faith,  
Which Responds With Good Work”**

## Responding to the Word

**Micah 6:8—A Reading**

adapted from a poem by Kizzy Thomas  
read at the Inspire Conference August 2017

**We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper**

### Institution and Invitation

This morning we celebrate communion. All who love Jesus Christ, trust in him alone for their salvation, and agree to be his disciple are invited to join with us in this celebration.

With thanks and joy, take the bread and dip it into the cup. If you are unable to proceed to the front of the sanctuary to partake of communion, remain seated and the elements will be brought to you.

### Communion

#### Communion Song

*Not What My Hands Have Done*

Red Hymnal 624

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## Bearing the Word into the World

**\*We Receive God’s Parting Blessing**

**\*Hymn: *By Grace We Have Been Saved***

Red Hymnal 675:3,5

**\*Postlude: *Oh, How I Love Jesus***

Lloyd Larson

Pastors: Ryan Boes, John Groen  
Piano/Organ: Jan Musch; Choir: Paul Herrema  
Percussion: Chase Lancaster

# 11:15 worship

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## Celebrating God's Marvelous Love

(Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, 31 *The Message*)

**Prelude:** *No Longer Slaves*

**Gathering Song:** *Here I Am to Worship*

Red Hymnal 567

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship (responsive)**

adapted from Psalm 107

*"Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,  
because his faithful love lasts forever!"*

**That is what we will tell the world!**

**We are the people God set free from sin's power and  
gathered from every corner of the earth.**

*Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ:  
God freed us from desert wanderings;  
God freed us from dungeons of darkness;  
God freed us from chaos and destruction.  
God freed us and resettled us in his prosperity and peace.*

**We will praise the Lord because he is good,  
because his faithful love lasts forever!**

**\*Songs of Praise**

*Forever*

Red Hymnal 578

*Great Is the Lord*

**\*We Receive God's Greeting and Greet One Another**

**Children's Time**

(Children in the Preschool Church Hour Class dismissed to Room 27.)

**Song of Affirmation:** *Lord God Almighty*

Green Songbook 9

**Prayers of the People**

**We Present our Gifts & Offerings for:** The Lord's work through AACRC

**Offertory:** *No Longer Slaves*

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## Finding Our Place in God's Story of Love and Grace

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### **Communion Song**

*Great God Your Love Has Called Us*

Red Hymnal 153

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Going Out to Join God's Work of Justice and Mercy**

(Ephesians 2:10; Micah 6:8)

**\*We Receive God's Parting Blessing**

**\*Song for Departure: *We Are Called***

Red Hymnal 296:2,3

**\*Postlude**

Pastors: Ryan Boes, John Groen

Worship Team: Victor Chen, Cathy Green, Leanne Groen,  
Veena Kulkarni-Rankin, Chase Lancaster, Mike Wilson, Joe Yunkman

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## Assisting This Week 10/15

### Coffee Servers

- 8:45 Paul & Kerry De Kraker  
Craig and Malo Engel
- 11:15 Melissa Kloostra  
Tim & Emily Geerings

### Nursery

- 8:45 Kellie Steen  
Mary Herrema
- 11:15 Megan Boes, Marie Heys  
Sara Bush

### Preschool Church Hour

- 8:45 De Anna Stephenson  
Audrey Stob, Jack Doorlag
- 11:15 Rita Aagenas  
Sara Bush

## Assisting Next Week 10/22

### Coffee Servers

- 8:45 Dirk & Elly Evans  
Bruce & Susan Furr
- 11:15 Edmund & Jana Hodges-Kluck  
Phil & Jeanne Palmbos

### Nursery

- 8:45 Leanne Groen  
Mark & Leslie Doorlag
- 11:15 Theresa Tanin  
Ron & Sharon Reimink

### Preschool Church Hour

- 8:45 Tanya Boldenow  
Mary Herrema, Zachary Redder
- 11:15 DeAnna Stephenson  
Nicole Michmerhuizen  
Eliza Van Ee

### Sunday Morning • 8:45 & 11:15 am

- Preacher: John Groen
- Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

#### Youth Ministry

- Preschool Church Hour class will meet during this morning's worship services in Room 27 for children 3-5 years of age who have not started Kindergarten. The children will be dismissed to their class during the worship service.
- No Sunday School this morning pre-K through 5th grade; students are singing at Glacier Hills beginning at 10:05
- 9:55—Savior Servant Singers in Room 19
- 10:15—Middle School Sunday School in Rooms 12 & 13
- 10:15—REACH in Youth Room

#### Adult Sunday School

- Adult Ed in Room 24, Ancient Rome from a Christian Perspective, with Eric Wright (see inside for details).
- No class in Room 18 this morning.
- At 11:30 am, downstairs in Room 17, BESEL Sunday School, studying the Bible in English, sing Gospel songs in different languages. Teachers: Mark and Naomi Nah Schult, Yang Liu, Jukie Wilson..

### Sunday Morning • 8:45 & 11:15 am

- Preacher: Ryan Boes
- Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22
- Joy Irene, daughter of Ross & Deb Weener, will receive the sacrament of baptism during 8:45 worship.

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- 9:55—Sunday School (2nd – 5th grade) in Room 23
- 9:55—Savior Servant Singers in Room 19
- 10:15—Middle School Sunday School in Rooms 12 & 13
- 10:15—REACH in Youth Room

#### Adult Sunday School

- In Room 24, Ancient Room, part 2, led by Erik Wright.
- Adult Ed downstairs in Room 18, led by George Lindquist and Tom Trevethan.
- At 10:10 am, downstairs in Room 17, BESEL Sunday School, studying the Bible in English, sing Gospel songs in different languages. Teachers: Mark and Naomi Nah Schult, Yang Liu, Jukie Wilson..

# announcements & reminders

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## From the Stobs

Twenty-one years ago we arrived in Ann Arbor and were welcomed and embraced by you, the AACRC. You gave us the privilege of ministering with you and to you. We thank God for the friendships we have formed and the blessings we have shared with so many of you over those years. Near the end of October we will be moving to the Grand Rapids area. But as we move away, cherished memories go with us, as does the assurance that our good Lord will continue to accompany us all.

*Harvey and Audrey Stob*

## Calendar of Worship Discussion Opportunities

**October 22**—A town hall opportunity to share the vision for this year of focus on vital worship. Council will also share thoughts about how going to one service for a year will create more space for this conversation. 5:30–7:00 pm.

**November 12**—A congregational meeting with small group breakout sessions to discuss what our hopes and dreams are for worship. 3:30–5 pm.

## Newsletter

The deadline for the November issue of the AACRC newsletter, *On Broadway*, is Thursday, October 18. Please send your contributions to the church office.

## CROP Hunger Walk

Today our CROP Hunger Walkers will register at Trinity Lutheran Church (1400 W. Stadium) starting at 1 pm. This 1 or 5 mile walk starts at 2 pm. Thanks to all the walkers and sponsors for participating!

## Adult Ed

Christians thrown to lions! Centuries of persecution! Where did ancient Christians \*really\* fit into the Roman world? Eric Wright will give four multimedia presentations appraising ancient Roman culture from a Christian perspective on October 15, 22, 29, and on November 5. Sessions will focus on ancient Rome in its historical context, how the early church was threatened by—but also benefited from—the empire it arose within, its relationship to paganism, and on the continued legacy of Roman culture both in the church and in the western world. Sound like a Western Civ. course requirement? NOT TO FEAR! The presentations will be informative \*and\* lighthearted, designed to foster the sharing of mutual expertise on the subject. Bring your prior knowledge and a willingness to have fun! \*All\* are welcome!

## Sunday School Offering

Our students are collecting their Sunday school tithes for “kid selected” World Renew Gap Gifts. Our goal is to raise \$500 this program year. The students may turn in their collection at the beginning of Sunday school on Sunday, October 22. Please bring the coins or bills collected in an envelope or Ziploc bag labeled World Renew collection and list the amount enclosed. Thank you for encouraging this “holy habit” of stewardship.

## Pray for the Persecuted Church

Nigerian clergy say at least 6000 Churches have been destroyed in the last year. Human rights groups say thousands more churches have been abandoned or closed. Boko Haram is the agent of attacks on churches, schools, mosques and markets, but the government is blamed for not providing security.

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## Benefit for Humanity for Prisoners

Humanity for Prisoners presents Duo 1717: Justice & Love on Sunday, Oct. 22, 3:30 pm at the Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church.

Baritone Jean Bernard Cerin & pianist Veena Kulkarni-Rankin celebrate the amazing compassion, action & advocacy of Humanity for Prisoners with a benefit concert for HfP with songs of Logan Skelton & Stevie Wonder, spirituals arr. by Duo 1717 & Damien Sneed and music of Franz Liszt. Special guest will be HfP founder & author Doug Tjapkes.

You may donate at <https://www.humanityforprisoners.org/donate.html> or at the recital (cash or check only).

### Post High Care Packages

Thanks to all of you that have signed up for providing the items for the Care Packages. There are still a few spots left. Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4AACAC283-post1>.

Please bring your items to church and put them in the large bin in the kitchen labeled Care Packages by Monday the 16th. For those of you who signed up for baked goods, please have them at church on Wednesday night the 18th.

We will be assembling the packages and writing notes after the pizza dinner on the 18th.

If anyone wants to donate funds to offset the cost of mailing the packages that would be appreciated.

If you have any questions please contact Arnie & Dawn Geldermans

## Hope Clinic Job Openings

- Hope Wayne Clinic in Westland is seeking a 12 hour per week Clinical Services Coordinator to assist in the provision of consistent and quality primary care. The candidate must be an RN with a minimum of 5 years clinical experience. Administrative and/or managerial experience is a plus.
- Hope Wayne Clinic in Westland is looking for a 12 hours per week Patient Advocate who will assist with health insurance enrollment, food and medication assistance, and health and wellness education. We are looking for someone who is committed to advocating for patients and to providing direct assistance. Candidates must have the ability to build effective partnerships with organizations, and trusting relationships with patients. Excellent communication and organizational skills are needed. Experience directing others is required. Experience with CHAMPS is a plus.
- Hope Medical Clinic in Ypsilanti is seeking a Clinical Nursing and Pharmacy Coordinator to provide support for optimum clinic functioning for a free volunteer-based clinic. This position will assist with training and managing of clinical volunteers and coordinating and communicating among programs to access services for patients. Hope is looking for a candidate with strong leadership skills and excellent written and verbal communications skills. The candidate must be an RN with a minimum of 5 years clinical experience.

If interested in any positions please send resume and cover letter to [agill@thehopeclinic.org](mailto:agill@thehopeclinic.org). For more information about these positions and to learn more about our services to those in need, please visit [thehopeclinic.org](http://thehopeclinic.org).

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## AACRC Weekly Calendar

### Today, October 15

8:45 AM Morning Worship  
9:55 AM Sunday School  
11:15 AM Morning Worship  
12:30 PM Soup Group

### Monday, October 16

6:30 AM AA New Awakening  
7:00 PM Council Leadership Team  
8:45 PM Women's Book Group

### Tuesday, October 17

6:30 AM AA New Awakening  
9:30 AM & 1:15 PM Coffee Break  
7:00 PM Tuesday Night Dinner  
at Lindquist's home  
7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal  
7:30 PM Tuesday Tutoring  
7:30 PM Facilities Committee

### Wednesday, October 18

6:30 AM AA New Awakening  
6:30 & 8:00 AM Men's Prayer & Study  
5:30 PM Pizza Night  
6:30 PM GEMS/Cadets/Roots  
7:00 PM Choir

### Thursday, October 19

6:30 AM AA New Awakening  
10:00 AM Prayer Group  
10:00 AM Crafters  
7:00 PM Friendship

### Friday, October 20

6:30 AM AA New Awakening

### Saturday, October 21

No events scheduled

### Sunday, October 22

8:45 AM Morning Worship  
9:55 AM Sunday School  
11:15 AM Morning Worship  
3:00 PM Benefit Recital for  
Humanity for Prisoners  
5:30 PM Town Hall to explore  
Discussion on Worship

**The schedule for Coffee Servers,  
Nursery Volunteers, and Preschool  
Church Hour Volunteers can be found  
on the back page of this morning's  
worship bulletin.**



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## Mission Focus: Jake and Julie Perera Fridsro Children's Home in Sri Lanka



**Excerpts from Jake's newsletter:**  
Dear Friends of Fridsro,

I trust you have had a great summer with family, friends and loved ones!

The ministry at Fridsro continues to grow and continues to amaze me in terms of what God can do with a handful of people committed to a vision and a purpose that was implanted and is blessed by God.

On June 15 this year I lost my sister Lorena which was a tremendous blow to me personally but also to the ministry. I would like to thank all of you who have been a support to us personally as well as to the extended Fridsro family of Lorena and I humbly ask that you continue to pray for us as we navigate through feelings and realities in the days, weeks and months to come. Please remember to pray for Lorena's husband Kirk, her daughter Alex and husband Quinten as well as her son JJ who lives in a home for autistic kids in Sweden. (Don't forget to pray for my dad Jacob as well. No one wants to live longer than their child.)

May God continue to bless each one of you for your support, your partnership, your love, and your prayers in this ministry.

### **Against all odds**

**Kuru** from Jaffna lost his right leg during the civil war when he was young boy. He was helpless in every way and rejected by his family, relatives and society. For many years he was all alone and moving around using a hand-made cart. Eventually he decided to get out of this misery and started growing vegetables on some land and collecting firewood to strengthen his income. After some time he was given two cows by another aid organization and he started to gain his life and livelihood back.

As a result of all the efforts that he has put in over the years, he employed two persons with disabilities and is running his own cattle farm and cultivation. Now he is a father of 5 children and is sponsoring other school children in his area. Being the leader of the Jaffna district self-help group his commitment is highly commendable and a role model for the rest of the people with the disabilities and also for the rest for the people in his society. We have identified him in our leadership project as one of the future leaders to lead the people with disability in the country.

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