



He is risen;
he is not here. MARK 16:6

THE LORD'S DAY
April 20, 2025 - EASTER
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (read responsively)

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

Ministry of Music - "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" - *Children's Choir*

****Congregation join in the Song of Praise singing Verses 2-3***

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Come, People of the Risen King"

GH:1,3

Ministry of Music - "It Is Finished" - *Tracy Breuer*

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Low in the Grave He Lay"**

PsH 357:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 24:1-49 (page 980/1642)

Sermon: **"THE RESURRECTED JESUS APPEARS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Resurrection Hymn"

GH:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Siouxland Guiding Star &

Missionaries: Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "Agnus Dei"**

*Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
April 20, 2025 - EASTER**

WELCOME!

"He arose! He arose! Hallelujah Christ arose!"

*We come together to rejoice and celebrate the resurrection of
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on this Easter Sunday!*

TODAY

- There will be no Children in Worship, Sunday School, Catechism, or Choir practice today.
- Newsletter Articles are due TODAY, and graduates remember to submit your information!

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

- *Thank you to the Children's Choir for leading us with our Song of Praise this morning! Thank you to April De Kam & Jackie Rus for leading the choir and Lisa Pollema for your piano accompaniment.*
- *Thank you to Tracy Breuer for blessing us with your ministry of music this morning!*
- *We would like to thank the congregation for the many prayers, phone calls, text messages, cards, words of encouragement, food brought, and visits during my illness. A special thanks to Pastor Matt & Holly and Leonard & Deb Hoekstra for their visits. Your words and actions helped us so much and we could feel the power of prayer. **"I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."** Psalms 121:1-2 -- Larry & Yvonne Haak*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *first* offering received today will be for **Siouxland Guiding Star** and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for **Missionaries: Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens**. The offerings next week will be for the Sioux City Gospel Mission and our Building Fund.
- Book Club Discussion Night is tomorrow evening, Monday, April 21 at 6:30pm.
- **Puzzles, Pop, & Pizza Challenge** hosted by our Fellowship Committee is this week Thursday, April 24 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Who will be the first team to form a puzzle AND finish a large pizza AND a liter of pop?! Name your team, sign-up each member, and pick your flavor of pop and pizza. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. *Entries are due TODAY!*
- The Minn-I-Kota Jr. High Youth Retreat is this week Friday, April 25 - Sunday, April 27. Please pray for the students that will be attending this retreat - Aftyn Bleyenbergh, Noah De Kam, Titus Haan, Cooper Koedam, Alison LeLoux, Brennan Van Kley, Erica Van Roekel, & Kennedy Van't Hul.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- Christian Education Sunday is next Sunday, April 27. This will be the final sessions for Sunday School, Catechism, and Children in Worship.

-- Pastor Matt will be away on his annual study leave April 21-27. Please contact your Care Group Elders for any needs or concerns that arise. Next week Sunday, April 27 we will welcome Rev. Mike Molenaar as he leads us in our morning and evening worship services.

-- **Care Groups 2 & 8** will be providing the service at the Sioux Falls Gospel Mission on Tuesday, April 29, beginning at 7:00pm. A brief meeting to prepare for the visit will be held for members of BOTH Care Groups next week Sunday, April 27 after the morning worship service in Classroom #1. This meeting will be led by the Mission Chairs. Please plan to attend this meeting if you are part of these Groups.

-- NW IA Bible League Salad Luncheon at First CRC - Ladies! Plan to attend the Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends, which will be held here at our Church on Monday, May 5. Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The Luncheon begins at 11:30am and the featured speaker is Gayle Walhof who will tell of her 4-year journey in publishing her book Songs of Naamah – A Novel of King David's Harem. Join us for this FUN event!

-- **Meals on Wheels** - Our next week for delivering is May 12-16. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

-- **GRADUATES OF 2025!** - If you are a graduate of 2025, please submit a picture and your plans for next year to Carla Jansma for our Graduate Newsletter which will be printed the beginning of May. This includes 8th Grade, High School, and College. *Thank you!*

SPRING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

-- Rev. Haan will be leading a 5-week Adult Sunday School Class studying and applying the book I Will, which the congregation has been encouraged to read for Family Faith Visitations that took place the past 2 years. The class will begin on Sunday, May 4 at 11:00am in Classroom 5. Review Chapters 1 & 2 prior to the first class. Please let Pastor Matt or Kim in the Church office know if you plan to attend.

MISSIONS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

-- Are you interested in serving the people of Guatemala with Bethel Ministries Int'l? We have 2 weeks scheduled for our church for 2026: February 8-14 & March 15-21 which is YG/parents week. There is room for 20 people per trip and we want to plan early. It will require a \$200 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot. Checks payable to: First CRC Mission Fund. Please contact Tammy Haverhals - 712-470-6607 for the February trip & Deb Van't Hul - 712-470-4360 for the March trip.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT YOUR CARE GROUP ELDER FOR
ANY NEEDS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS!**

Our Church is a family and praying and supporting each other is a blessing!

PRAISE *God* **FROM WHOM**
all blessings flow

April 20, 2025 - Easter

PRAISE TEAM:

Tricia M, Tammy B,
Andy VR, Mike B

USHERS:

East: Cody D, Mike B
West: Cole VDB, Titus H

NURSERY:

AM: Steph E, Deb H,
Kayla VE, Taryn B
PM: Kendra J, Brennan VK

GREETERS:

AM: Galen & Elsie G
Bob & Cherie G
Marva H
PM: Kelly & Patty H
Mike & Tammy H
Eddie & Lanae H

NARTHEX: Rog & Hilaine

OFFERING:

AM: Siouxland Guiding Star
PM: Missionaries:
Rev. Mike & Megan Ribbens

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Brian M
Maletoungou: Teresa O
Klompens: Darin P

ORGANIST: Ranae K

VIDEO: Ron L **SOUND:** James VB **PPT:** Jaydn L

April 27, 2025 - Christian Education Sunday

SONG LEADER:

Jack VB

USHERS:

East: Josh B, Mike VZ
West: Dan B, Darin P

NURSERY:

AM: Jessica K, TaMae K,
Jenessa VR, Tessa B
PM: Michelle K, Addison VH

GREETERS:

AM: Steve & Sue H
Kyle H
Rob & Karen J
PM: Travis & Kendra J
Dick & Carla J
Kevin & Kristin J
NARTHEX: Vern & Ellen

OFFERING:

AM: Benevolent Fund
PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Mike P
Maletoungou: Charlie P
Klompens: Brad P

PIANIST: Krista VE

VIDEO: Aiden VR **SOUND:** Rich R **PPT:** Tammy B

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Hadlie VB *Helper:* Harper VB



"Community in Christ"

Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrcrv.org

- April 30 - End of Year Party at RJ's Indoor Golf - meet at Church at 6:30pm
- May 4 - Youth Sunday at Calvin CRC
- July 12-17 - Summer Serve Trip to Minneapolis



-- **Cadets** - Walk Ditches/Points Auction - April 23 (last mtg) - 6:00pm



-- **GEMS** - Meeting - April 23 - 6:00-8:00pm (last mtg)
- GEMS Sunday - May 4

Vacation Bible School

-- The Vacation Bible School Committee is looking for more volunteers for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade helpers. Please email rockvalleyvbs@gmail.com if you are interested in helping this year!

SERMON NOTES:

April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday

TODAY: **6:45 AM:** Community Sunrise Service - St. Mary's Catholic Church
9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Philippians #5

WED: **6:00 PM:** Cadets - Walk ditches/Points Auction
6:00 PM: GEMS - End of Year Meeting

FRIDAY PM - SUNDAY AM: Minn-I-Kota Jr. High Youth Retreat

PRAYER REMINDERS

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Larry Haak (CG#5), Starla Van Otterloo (CG#1), Howard Altena (CG#5), Clarence Klarenbeek (CG#6), Ruth Koedam (CG#2), Rev. Dan De Groot



Minn-I-Kota Jr. High Youth Retreat

Our Care Center Residents:

Whispering Heights

Jennie Maassen (CG#2)
Don Postma (CG#3)
Grace Teunissen (CG#8)
Alvina Van't Hul (CG#6)
Joan Van Maanen (CG#7)
Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo (CG#6)

River View Ridge

Nathan Dorhout (CG#2)
Jim Driesen (CG#6)
Gerrit & Esther Kats (CG#4)
LeRoy & Jane Koedam (CG#3)
Henrietta Vanden Bosch (CG#4)

Hull - Pleasant Acres

Jerry Velgersdyk (CG#7)
Crown Pointe - SC
Harriet Vande Kamp (CG#5)
Four Seasons
Teresa Oostra (CG#6)

Missionaries

- ♦ Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens - Johannesburg, South Africa
- ♦ Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou - West Africa
- ♦ Rev. Mark K Family - classically supported missionaries in Nepal

Classical Missions

- ♦ Lakeview CRC - Valentine, NE

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (Resonate) *Easter* - Today let us give thanks that Jesus has overcome sin and death through the cross and his resurrection. Please pray for our denomination as we live into this truth a little more every day, and as we seek to step into God's call to share the gospel and work toward the kingdom transformation that the Lord has brought to us.

Outreach

- ♦ Orphan Grain Train - a non-profit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with those in need in America and around the world by gathering donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, & aid.

How are you Feeding Your Fire of Faith?



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Mike Kooistra, Jonah Van Surksun, *the Nate Van Kley's*

Monday - Zach De Jager

Tuesday - Stephanie Koedam, *the Mike Van Otterloo's*

Wednesday - Marv Faber, Carson Grevengeod

Thursday - LaRae Van Der Brink, *the Harold Driesen's (66), the Colton Van Surksun's*

Friday - Allison Blik, Jaydn LeLoux, Parker Rus, *the Dan Bloemendaal's*

Saturday - Alyssa Bos, Rich Rozeboom

FUTURE DATES

April 27 - Christian Education Sunday/Final session of Sunday School & Catechism

April 28 - Council Meeting

April 29 - Care Groups 2 & 8 service at Sioux Falls Gospel Mission

May 4 - GEMS Sunday/Calvin CRC's Youth Sunday

May 11 - Mother's Day

May 12-16 - Meals on Wheels

May 18 - Graduate Sunday/Graduate Reception

May 26 - CEC Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

May 27 - Council Meeting

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ SCRIIP Orders Due - Monday, April 21 - 9:00am
- ◇ Full Day - Wednesday, April 23
- ◇ Jog-a-thon - May 9
- ◇ Spring Choral Concert & Art Display (K-5th) - May 8 - 6:30pm at First CRC
- ◇ 8th Grade Graduation - May 21 - 6:30pm in the RVCS gym
- ◇ Last Day of School - May 22 - Noon dismissal

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ We invite you to attend our Spring Society Meeting to be held on Monday, April 21 at 6pm. Our Head Administrator, Mr. Verwolf, will share a State of School Report which includes staffing and program updates for the upcoming school year. Additionally, we have an opportunity as a society to approve the annual budget for the 2025-2026 school year and elect two new board members. More information will be released soon!
- ◇ Grandfriends Day at Western Christian is Tuesday, April 22. We invite all Grandfriends of Senior students to join us from 1-3pm on that day. Our special guests may arrive anytime after 12:30pm.
- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, April 23
- ◇ Graduation - May 20
- ◇ Last Day of School - May 30

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, April 23
- ◇ Graduation - May 16
- ◇ Last Day of School - May 22

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

Hymn Sing

"Oh How Good is Christ the Lord"

LUYH 192

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

PsH 439:1,3,4

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "He Lives"**

PH 15:1,3

***The Nicene Creed** (in unison)

***Song of Response: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"** CH:1

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 15 - Q/A 37-39 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

BsH 358:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-26 (page 1080/1815)

Sermon: **"CONSTRUCTING FRUITFUL CHARACTER: PATIENCE"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Because He Lives"

PH 11:1,3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Missionaries: Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "O Church Arise"**

Vs:4

*Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

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