

**Church Caretakers:**

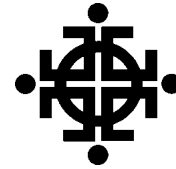
This Week: Pastor Dennis & Mary Anders  
Next Week: Roger & Gail Johnston

**Pray for:**

*Military personnel:* Sarah Skogman, Grace Koski  
*Area Fire Departments*



**Harvest Community** is a shared journey of being transformed by the Holy Spirit into the likeness of Christ, experiencing and expressing love for God and others.



# Worship Celebration

February 20, 2022

9:30 am

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

*Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: God sets before us this day life and death, blessings and curses.

People: We will seek God's blessings.

Pastor: Choose life, that you and your descendants may live.

People: We will choose life.

Pastor: Love the Lord your God and hold fast to God's holy ways.

People: We will follow in the ways of our ancestors who abided in faith.

Pastor: Come, let us worship.

Hymn 223

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson

Psalm 37:1-11 (Pew Bible pg. 422)

Second Lesson

Luke 6:27-38 (Pew Bible pg. 788)

Silence for Reflection

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings/Congo Kids

Doxology 48

Pastoral Prayer\*\*

Hymn 583

Help Us Accept Each Other

Sermon

Genesis 45:1-11 (Pew Bible pg. 36)  
Joseph, the Reconciler

## First Covenant Church of Virginia, MN

*The mission of First Covenant Church is to  
WORSHIP God,  
EQUIP people to live in faith,  
SHARE God's love, and  
SERVE the community around us.*

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Closing Hymn 746

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Challenge.... Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
And be gracious, gracious, gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
And give you, give you, give you peace.

Postlude

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*Ushers: Roger & Gail Johnston*

*Technical Assistance: Roger Johnston*

*Scripture Readers: Julie Hill*

*\*\*For Pastoral Prayer, you are invited to offer a prayer request or prayer praise. To do this, please write out your request/praise on a slip of paper provided in the pews (chairs). Then place them in the offering plate at the time of the Offering to be given to the pastor for prayer.*

**For the Week of February 20, 2022**

Sun 10:30am Coffee and Conversation  
10:30 – Special Congregational Meeting: Elevator and Banners  
11:00am Covenant Clusters - Video Series:  
“Walk as Jesus Walked”  
Tues 1:00pm Serving Dinner at Salvation Army  
Wed 5:30pm Confirmation

**Next Sunday – February 27, 2022**

9:30am Worship Celebration  
10:30am Coffee and Conversation  
11:00am Covenant Cluster  
*Ushers: Wayne & Bernie Christiansen*  
*Technical Assistance: Bob Nelson*

**Coming Events**

Mar 2 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service  
Mar 9 6:30pm Council Meeting

If you would like to supply a treat for coffee time after worship, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall.

*At this time, given the recommendation from  
St Louis County Board of Health,  
we are encouraging the recommendation of people  
to wear masks in the church building.*