

Church Caretakers:

This Week: Brian & Julie Hill

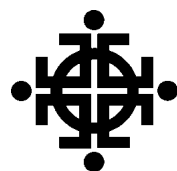
Next Week: Jeffrey & Heather Jones

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

March 27, 2022

9:30 am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*The lost are found. The dead return to life.
This is the Lord's doing; it is wondrous in our sight.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: Like a loving Father,

God offers us freedom to choose our own path.

People: In God's freedom, we are a new creation.

Pastor: Like a merciful Mother,

God offers us compassion when we lose our way.

People: In God's mercy, we are a new creation.

Pastor: Like a forgiving Parent,

God welcomes us home with open arms.

People: In God's embrace, we are a new creation.

Pastor: Come! Let us worship the one who makes all things new.

Hymn 439

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson

Psalms 32 (Pew Bible pg. 419)

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (Pew Bible pg. 881)

Silence for Reflection

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Doxology 48

Covenant Park Bible Camp Update

Dane Strom, Program Director

Pastoral Prayer**

Sermon

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (Pew Bible pg. 799)
Two Lost Sons

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 342

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

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: Bob Nelson
Scripture Reader: Brian 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.*

You are invited to bring an Easter Lily or a plant “in memory of” or “in honor of” someone for the Easter Celebration on April 17. We would like to publish these names in our bulletin on that special day. Please email (text) those names to the Pastor no later than April 14.

For the Week of March 27, 2022

Sun 10:30am Coffee and Conversation
11:00am Covenant Clusters - Video Series:
“The Path to the Cross”
Tues 1:00pm Salvation Army Dinner
Wed 5:30pm No Confirmation

Next Sunday – April 3, 2022

9:30am Worship Celebration
10:30am Coffee and Conversation
11:00am Covenant Cluster – Video Series:
Why Easter Matters?

Ushers: Roger & Judy Linden
Technical Assistance: Roger Johnston

Coming Events

April 10 11:00am Palm Sunday Celebration
April 14 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service
April 17 9:00am Coffee and Conversation
9:30am Easter Celebration
April 20 6:30pm Council Meeting
April 24 11:00am Spring Congregational Business Meeting
April 29-30 Northwest Conference Annual Meeting

The new *Covenant Home Altar*, devotional guides, are in. Pick up yours today.



March is Food Shelf Month. There is a box at the top of the stairs in the front entry where you may leave your donations of non-perishable food items. Any checks should be made out to the Quad Cities Food Shelf.

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 the March Council Meeting, it was decided to move towards the wearing of masks as optional.