Church Caretakers:

This Week: Jeffrey & Heather Jones Next Week: Mike & Kathy Hannay

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.

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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Worship Celebration

April 3, 2022 9:30 am Fifth Sunday in Lent

All you who journey with Jesus through Lent, trade your tears for joy, and your past for God's future. Give your best gifts freely to those who long for God's peace.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: When the Lord restored our fortunes,

we were like those who dream.

People: Then our mouths were filled with laughter,

and our tongues were loosed with shouts of joy.

Pastor: Then they said among the nations,

"The Lord has done great things for them."

People: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad. Pastor: Restore our fortunes, O God, like ancient, flowing streams.

People: Let those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!

Hymn 27 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson Isaiah 43:16-21 (Pew Bible pg. 555) Second Lesson Philippians 3:4b-14 (Pew Bible pg. 895)

Silence for Reflection

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings Doxology 48

Pastoral Prayer**

Hymn 370 My Jesus, I Love Thee

Sermon John 12:1-8 (Pew Bible pg. 821)

The Fragrance of Love and Devotion

Holy Communion

The Invitation and Call to Communion

The Meaning of the Lord's Super

Our Faith in the Apostle's Creed pg 878

Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

The Communion Charge

Closing Hymn 384

More Love to Thee, O Christ

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 peace.

Postlude

Ushers: Roger & Judy Linden

Technical Assistance: Roger Johnston Scripture Reader: Gail Johnston

For the Week of April 3, 2022

Sun 10:30am Coffee and Conversation 11:00am

Covenant Clusters - Video Series:

"Why Easter Matters?"

Next Sunday - April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday

Worship Celebration 9:30am 10:30am Coffee and Conversation 11:00am Covenant Cluster - Video Series:

Why Easter Matters? Ushers: Shirley Koski

Technical Assistance: Mike Hannay

Coming Events

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

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.

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

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.

^{**}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.