Notes:

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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# First Covenant Church

Welcome to our church! May you know the joy of salvation, which is ours through Jesus Christ and that through the warmth of our fellowship you may grow in God's grace and love.

# **Worship Celebration**

**April 9, 2023** 

9:30am

Easter

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

For his mercy endures forever.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Alleluia!

\*Hymn #259

"Christ Is Alive!"

**Opening Prayer** 

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson Colossians 3: 1-4 (Pew Bible pg. 828) Second Lesson John 20: 1-18 (Pew Bible pg. 897)

Silence for Reflection

Morning Prayer

Ladies Trio

Barb Knapper, Mary Nelson, Gail Johnston

Giving of our Tithes and Offering Offertory

"He Lives"

Doxology #48

Hymn #245

"Low in the Grave He Lay"

Message

"The Resurrection Victory"
Pastor Scott Nellis

\*Hymn #258

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

\*Challenge...Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face to shine upon you

And be gracious, gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you And give you, give you, give you peace.

\*Congregation stand

Postlude

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Worship Leader: Wayne Christiansen

Scripture Reader: Mary Nelson Ushers: Roger & Gail Johnston

#### **This Week**

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Church Council meets at Johnston's

## Next Sunday, April 16

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
Preaching – Paul Johnston
Ushers: Wane & Bernie Christiansen

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation 11:00 a.m. Adult Education: Prayer Week Materials

#### **Coming Events**

Tuesday, April 18, 9:30 a.m. Project Day Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee Tuesday, April 25, 1:00 p.m. Salvation Army

Caretakers this week: Roger & Judy Linden

Caretakers next week: Lucas & Cassie Hill

Pray for: Military personnel: Sarah Skogman, Grace Koski,

Area Public Service personnel.

## Flowers given in memory

In memory of Robert Branstrom, Bill & Dorothy Schuknecht, Ivar & Lillian Branstrom by Audrey Branstrom and family In memory of Lloyd & Muriel Stanaway by the Stanaway family In memory of Timothy Johnston by Roger & Gail Johnston and family In memory of her dad, Gerald Buys and her sister Joyce Gunn by Barb Knapper and family.

In memory of Paul Naland by Bob & Mary Nelson.
In memory of Florence & Neal VanSoest, Paul & Myrtle Linden by

Roger & Judy Linden.