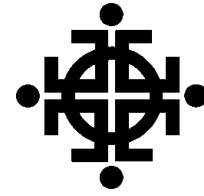


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# First Covenant Church

*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

May 7, 2023

9:30am

5th Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Death has been defeated!

**The grave has lost its grip!**

The power of sin has been broken!

**Christ the Lord is risen!**

Hope is reborn! Life is eternal!

**Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!**

Hymn # 247

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson Acts 7: 55-60

(Pew Bible pg. 837)

Second Lesson John 14: 1-14

(Pew Bible pg. 823)

Giving of our Tithes and Offering

Doxology #48

Morning Prayer

*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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Hymn #260

“The Day of Resurrection”

Message

“What Should I Do”  
2 Chronicles 20: 10-15  
Pastor Randy Swenson

Service of Holy Communion

Hymn #550

“I Come with Joy, a Child of God”

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and the cup

\*Hymn #253

“He Lives”

\*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: Roger Linden

Scripture Reader: Bob Nelson

Ushers: Shirley Koski

### Today

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education: Prayer Week Materials

### This Week

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

### Next Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration

Pastor Dan Triestman preaching

Usher: Mike & Kathy Hannay

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education: Prayer Week Materials

### **Coming Events**

**Caretakers this week:** Shirley Koski & Barb Knapper

**Caretakers next week:** Russ & Stephanie Carlson

**Pray for:** Military personnel: Sarah Skogman, Grace Koski,  
Area Public Service personnel.