

## Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2026

9:30 AM

### The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Beverly Winterboer*

### For Praise:

✠Songs of Praise #217 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*Children’s Processional during hymn*

#216 “Christ Arose”

✠Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

✠Words of Assurance

✠Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music – *Nicole Winterboer*

### For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – Jeremiah 31:1-6 (page 1225)

Response Psalm – Psalm 118:21-25 (page 957)

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 28:1-10 (pages 1549-1550)

Message: “**Easter Again**”

Prayer of Commitment

✠Affirmation of Faith #717 “The Nicene Creed”

✠Hymn #213 “Because He Lives”

### For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

✠Presentation of our Gifts to God (read in unison)

**Living God, you have given us so much in Jesus Christ: hope, joy, and peace. Above all, you have given us life! What can we give in return? If the whole world were ours, it would not be enough. What little we have we humbly offer to you. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you. Amen.**

Church Family Ties

Congregational Prayer and “*The Lord’s Prayer*”

✠Benediction

✠Closing Song #220 “He Lives”

Postlude

✠*Please stand during these acts of worship.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The scripture and message will be posted on Facebook. You may view the worship service live in the kitchen, the Family Life Center, and the nursery.

Thank you to the youth for serving our breakfast today.

Everyone is invited to stay for an Easter egg hunt which will follow worship this morning. Sunday School classes will not meet today.

April newsletters have been sent by email. Printed newsletters are available by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

We will hold an afternoon worship service with the Lord’s Supper served this Friday, April 10, at 2:30 PM.

A Gideons International representative will give an update during worship next Sunday morning. An offering for the Gideons will be received at the door.

The Philathea Guild will meet next Sunday morning, April 12, at 10:40 AM in the coffee side room.

To our Second Reformed Church family: We express sincere thanks for the many ways you have walked beside us on our journeys through illness and healing. The prayers, gifts, phone calls, text messages, visits, flowers, food, cards, and monetary donations were deeply appreciated. Through these many acts of Christian love, we have experienced the power of prayer and the strength of God’s faithful community. *Pastor Harlan and Verlainne*

We will collect bicycles for the Center of Hope in April. Any type/size of bike may be donated.

Greeting cards have been restocked in the church library.

“Clean Sweep” Gap Ministry, part of LOVE INC, needs donated cleaning supplies. Our church supplies the cleaning items for this ministry. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. We still need donations of glass cleaner. Bring items to the church and place them on the table by the “Clean Sweep” poster board. Contact Leanne Lefers or Lynn Plucker with questions.

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters will meet April 17 at 2:00 PM at Steen Reformed Church, Steen, MN. The Love Gift is cooking oil, ketchup and/or ranch dressing.

Love in the Name of Christ is seeking a Connection Center Coordinator. The Connection Center is where requests for assistance are received and assessed by the Executive Director. This is currently a part-time position (10-12 hrs/week). Call 605-681-6550 or email [MichellePLovelnc@gmail.com](mailto:MichellePLovelnc@gmail.com).

Register now for summer camps at Inspiration Hills. There are day camps, lodge camps, wilderness camps, girls only, guys only, take me fishing, saddle up, and grand camps. Register online at [inspirationhills.org](http://inspirationhills.org) before April 15 for the best rates. Complete a blue camp fee assistance form (by our mailboxes) and Second Reformed will pay up to half your fee.

Words of Hope devotion books are available by our mailboxes or online at [woh.org](http://woh.org). Please share them with others.

The staff at Inspiration Hills are grateful for the campers the Lord has already brought their way. They are trusting Him to continue providing for every need and are specifically praying for more summer staff to serve these students well. Needed are: Male Counselors (high school graduates or older), Horse Wranglers, and Day Camp Coordinators. Apply online at [www.inspirationhills.org/summer-staff](http://www.inspirationhills.org/summer-staff)

Go to [www.secondreformed.com](http://www.secondreformed.com) to join our email prayer chain group. Click "services" at the top of the page, scroll down and click the "join" button in the prayer chain section. Contact Jerod Zimmer or Kristi Rops for assistance. **You may also participate in a phone prayer chain group.** Contact Kristi Rops or Joann Muller to be added to a phone group.

Contact Jerod Zimmer, Shellene Smidt, or Charish Weeldreyer if you would like to give offerings by automatic bank withdrawals.

Last Sunday we received \$3,596 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget) and \$150 for the building fund. Our Maundy Thursday offering for Words of Hope and RCA Turkish Church plants was \$328.

#### TODAY:

Welcome to Second Reformed Church! We invite all visitors to sign the guest book and to join us for fellowship following worship.

Music: Diana Smit

Greeters: Dean & Cinda Rippentrop

8:00-9:15 AM – Light Breakfast for everyone served by the youth

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:30 AM – Easter Egg Hunt

#### THIS WEEK:

Wednesday – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth at 6:30 PM

High School Youth at 7:40 PM

Friday – Bulletin information due by 9:00 AM

Worship Service with the Lord's Supper served at 2:30 PM

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM; Worship Service at 9:30 AM; Music – Denise Snoozy; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Bob & Karla Smit; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Hadley & Lynn Plucker and Jerry & Mary Schilling; Little Lambs Choir/Sunday School for Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade at 10:25 AM; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM; 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth meet in the chapel for Bible Study at 10:40 AM; Philathea Guild meeting at 10:40 AM in the Coffee Side Room; Adult study series on Elijah at 10:40 AM in the Family Life Center; Classes dismiss at 11:15 AM

#### PRAYERS:

Praise God that we can worship together and celebrate our risen Savior. Words of Hope ministry asks us to remember those in Albania who are being equipped with scripture-based discipleship after decades of forced atheism in their country. Pray for many to encounter and believe in Jesus.

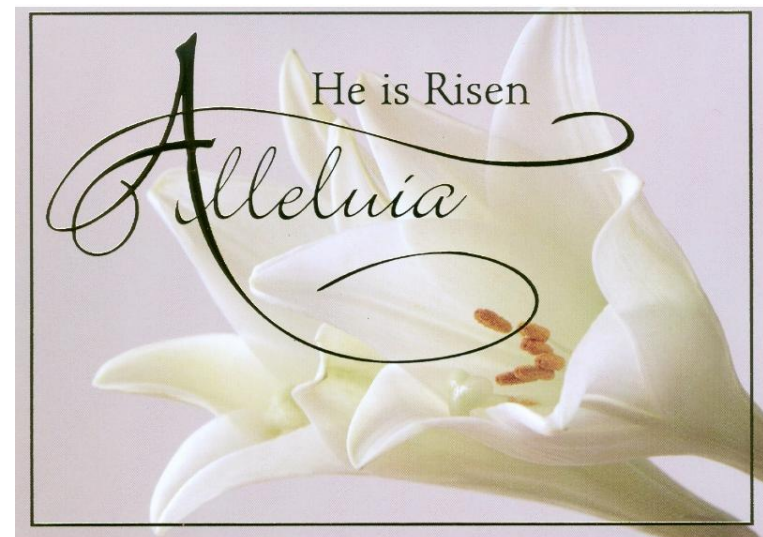
*Glorify God*

*Renew Through Christ's Resurrection*

*Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

*Commit to Compassion*

*Evangelize All the Earth*



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