***Announcements***

**On our calendar – April 13th –** Final Lenten Book Study @ 9am

 Palm Sunday

  **April 18th** – Good Friday Service @ 2pm

 **April 20th –** Easter Sunday

**April Birthdays:** Greg Held – April 8, Greg Thompson – April 15, Phil Solyntjes – April 22, Steve Degner – April 23,

**Pastor Joel Zimmerman** can be reached at ***715-416-8992*** and pastorjzimmerman@gmail.com.

**In our prayers:**  Margie, Tammy, Therese Canfield, the people of Ukraine, Stacy Hall, Kip, Barb’s friends Rita and Chuck, the Ray Family, the people of Israel, Gaza, and all innocent lives caught in the line of fire, those battling cancer, Janice, Lee White, families mourning loss due to gun violence, those harmed by recent hurricanes, floods, and disasters, Desmond, Barb’s sister’s friend, Karen, Charlotte’s sister, Californians, Baby Thomas, Judy’s newest Grandson, Alyssa Degner, Beverly Burrill, Bonnie’s daughter Susan, Lorie and her family

2nd Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday, please bring your non perishable food donations!

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**Prayer of the Week:**

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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**April 20th, 2025**

**10:30 am Worship**

*\*Please rise if you are able at these points in the service*

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome, Church Announcements and Special Concerns**

**Prelude and Time of Quiet Reflection**

 **\*Call to Worship**

L: Our long journey through the darkness is over!

**P: We have danced into the light of Jesus’ resurrection!**

L: No more do we need to fear!

**P: No more will we feel that we are alone and lost!**

L: Jesus lives in our hearts and our spirits!

**P: Jesus calls us to be a source of hope and joy for others!**

L: Alleluia!

**P: Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" **No. 216**

**Opening Prayer** (*Unison*)

**Loving, Powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day! Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and our spirits to receive fully the joy which has been given for us! Let us celebrate the victory of Christ and the hope for the future! Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**  John 20:1-18

**\*Hymn** “Spirit of the Living God” *Twice*  **No. 259**

**Message**

**Hymn** “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" **No. 222**

**Prayers of the People**

 **Silent Prayer**

 **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our**

**daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin**

**against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and**

**ever. Amen.**

**Offering Invitation**

**\*Response No.46**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise God, the Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*Unison*)
**Bless these gifts by the power of your Spirit, O God. May someone near or far receive grace and hope for living**

**because of what we share here today. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** “Christ Arose!” **No. 224**

**\*Benediction**

Dance, celebrate, sing, and shout for joy! Christ is Risen and He goes before us, into this world of fear and pain. He has called us to bring the Good News of healing and hope, of redemption. Go in peace, and feel the presence of the Risen Lord with you, now and forever. **AMEN.**

**\*Closing**  "Go in Peace"

 **Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day,**

 **Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.**

 **Celebrate and share the joy, Celebrate new life,**

 **Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.**

**\*Postlude**