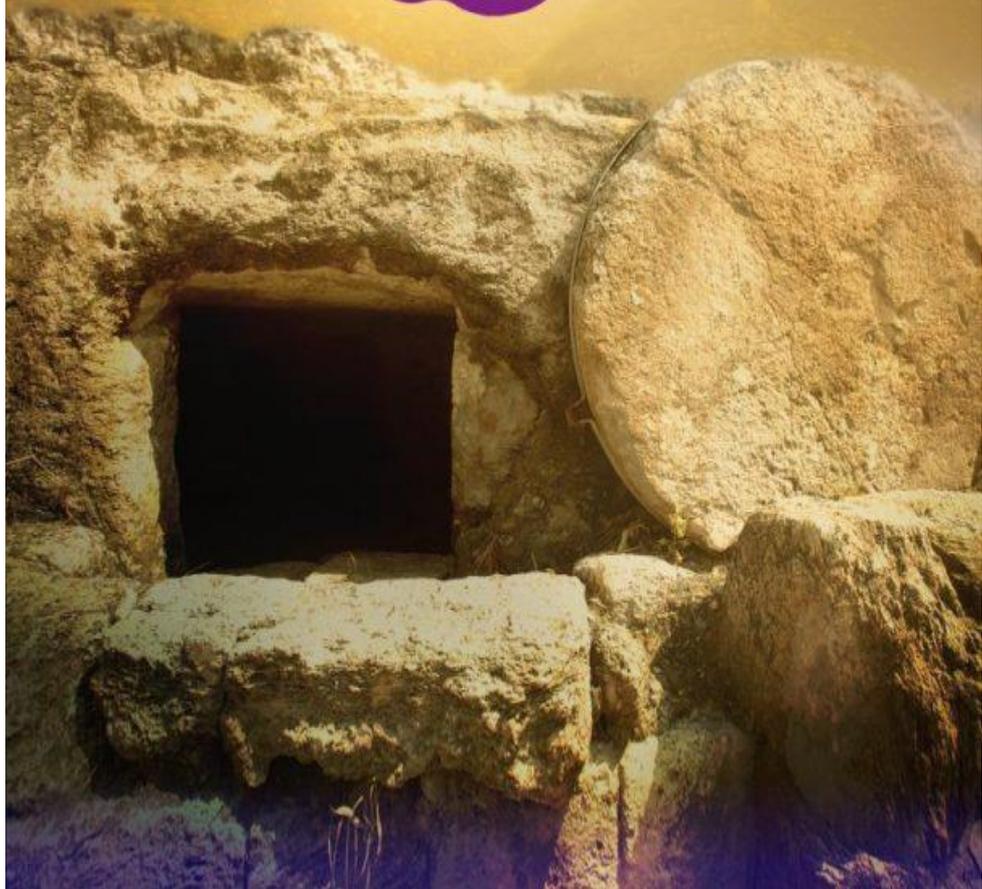


EASTER SUNDAY

the  
*Resurrection*  
of the  
*Lord*



**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
**901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA**  
**April 4, 2021**

*Resurrection Sunday Morning Service with Rev. Dr. John Hartog*

Prelude, Welcome, Candle Reading and Pastoral Prayer for Illumination

\*Hymn #217 – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

**Who Owned the Tomb?**

**Isaiah 53:9.** They made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man at His death, although He had done no violence and had not spoken deceitfully.

\*Hymn #216 – “Christ Arose”

**Where Was the Tomb?**

**Hebrews 13:12.** Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the gate, so that He might sanctify the people by His own blood.

\*Hymn #227 – “Thine Is the Glory”

**John 19:41.** There was a garden in the place where He was crucified. A new tomb was in the garden; no one had yet been placed in it.

**Why Is the Tomb Empty?**

\*Hymn #232 – “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

**Luke 24:6-8.** “He is not here, but He has been resurrected! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, ‘The Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and rise on the third day?’” And they remembered His words.

**Romans 5:10.** For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, then how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by His life.

**1 Peter 1:3.** Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. According to His great mercy, He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**2 Corinthians 4:14.** We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and present us with you.

Pastoral Prayer of Worship and Gratitude

\*Hymn #226 – “The Day of Resurrection”

\*Benediction (1 Timothy 1:17) and Postlude

\* = Please stand if able

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**Happy Easter!** May the Resurrection of our Savior be a constant reminder of His love and promise of eternal life! *He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!!*

**Sympathy wishes and prayers** are extended to Laryl & Brenda De Wild for the passing of his brother Jarvis De Wild, as well as to Larry & LaVonne Sietstra for the passing of her mother Jacoba Rens. May the Lord grant them strength and peace during this difficult time.

**We welcome back Rev. Dr. John Hartog III** and thank him for leading our worship service this morning.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please, if you are not feeling well or have been knowingly exposed to someone with Covid-19 in the past 14 days, you must not come to church and need to stay home.**

**Friendly reminder!** Please leave your morning general and mission offerings in the plates in the back of the sanctuary either before or after this morning's worship services. Thank you!!

**The Consistory will be conducting an Information Meeting** with the congregation next Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> following the morning worship service. Information will be shared with the congregation regarding the future Pastoral Leadership of our church. No Sunday School will be held that day so that all who wish to attend the meeting will be able to. We will plan on having someone available to show the kids a movie instead.

**Garden Spot behind the parsonage** – If anyone is interested in using this ground for a garden this year please visit with one of the deacons. No sense letting it go to waste!

**Volunteer Mowing Schedule** – A calendar mowing schedule will be placed on the table in the south entrance in the next month or so. If you volunteer, you need to supply your own mower. Please consider signing up and helping out!

**The Boyden American Legion and Auxiliary** will meet Monday evening, April 5 at 7 p.m. in the Legion Building. All members are encouraged to attend.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Boyden Community Vacation Bible School!** It's back at St. John's Lutheran Church!! June 2, 3, & 4 from 6-8 pm with a supper served each night from 5:30-6 pm; June 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am and the closing ceremony will be Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am – All children ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited! Please register by May 10<sup>th</sup> by emailing [rodmarci@yahoo.com](mailto:rodmarci@yahoo.com) or calling 605-261-8986. Please include the following information when registering – parent(s) name(s), child(ren)'s name(s) and grade completed, and parent(s) cell phone number.

**An RCA Global Mission Field Guide** is available at the church office if anyone would like to see it. This guide lists all of the various missionaries around the world through the RCA. There is only one copy of this booklet, so if you do borrow it, please return it to the office after you've finished reading it. Please talk with Teresa H. if you have any questions or would like to check the booklet out. Thank you!

### **"Bring Light to Our Lives"**

Lenten series by Emily Hoffman

#### **Easter Sunday!**

Today is Easter Sunday! The tomb is empty, and we celebrate the good news of the resurrection: Christ, who died for our sins, is risen, and we are raised to new life with Him. Our lives are no longer our own, but because we belong to the risen Christ, we live by His Spirit.

Hear these words from 2 Corinthians 5: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)

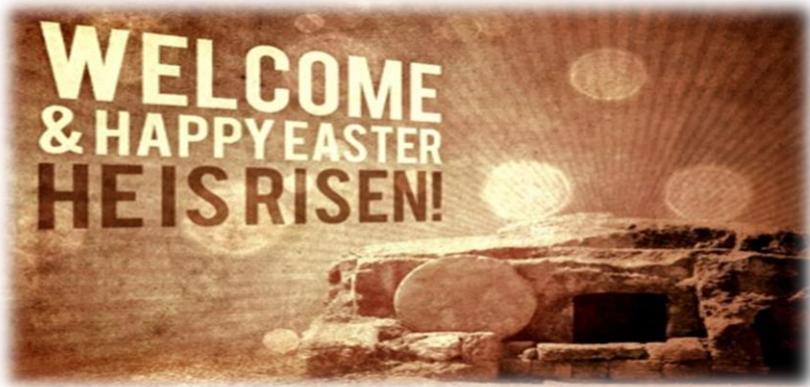
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### **RESPONSIVE REFRAIN**

Leader – **People**

Leader – Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People – He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



**TODAY – April 4, 2021**

9:30 AM – WORSHIP  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!**

**USHERS:** Dustin De Wild & Ken Hoogendoorn

**AUDIO:** Jeff Neuman

**VIDEO:** Ben Harms

**POWERPOINT:** Teresa Harms

**ORGAN/PIANO:** Leila Moret

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Thu Apr 8 – Elders’/Deacons’ Meetings at 7 pm  
Consistory at 8 pm

Fri Apr 9 – Men’s Bible Study 7 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY – April 11, 2021**

***We welcome back Pastor Steve Breen  
to lead our worship service.***

Worship – 9:30 am  
Information Meeting after worship  
No Sunday School

## **Living Stone Prison Church Mission Opportunity –**

Volunteers are needed for the Freedom's Gate Church – Two people to greet people at the front door and direct people to the bathroom during the service; individuals willing to pick up and return people to the Glory House (about a 12 minute drive/a van is provided); offering handlers and counters; running the powerpoint; sound system back-up person; and some to provide a meal after the service. If you are able to help out with any of these positions at any time, please contact Pastor Dan at 605-630-1807 or Pastor Jason at 605-366-3615 or email them at [LivingStonePrisonChurch@gmail.com](mailto:LivingStonePrisonChurch@gmail.com).

**Inspiration Hills' Volunteer Work Day!** Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – Bring your church group, youth group, senior class, friends and family and spend the day outside preparing camp for Summer Camp! Many different projects for all ages! Contact the office at 712-986-5193 or email [ihills@inspirationhills.org](mailto:ihills@inspirationhills.org) to sign up!

**To begin a prayer chain** – You can either call Max Moret at 348-2929 or Teresa Harms/church office at 725-2366.

### **2021 Consistory Executive Committee**

Vice President – Steve Kleinwolterink

Clerk – Rod Bolkema

Assistant Clerk – Les Starkenburg

Chair of Deacons – Roger Nelson

Treasurer – Arlys Van Nyhuis

Assistant Treasurer – Josh Mouw

Building & Grounds – Kevin Maassen

Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer

Outreach & Assimilation – Jeff Neuman

Mission Task Force – Marv Heemskerk

Discipleship – Kaitlyn Rosenboom

### **2021 Elders**

Rod Bolkema ('21)

Marv Heemskerk ('21)

Steve Kleinwolterink ('22)

Jeff Neuman ('23)

Les Starkenburg ('23)

### **2021 Deacons**

Kevin Maassen ('22)

Josh Mouw ('23)

Roger Nelson ('21)

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