

**† Eighth Reformed Church †**  
**Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 - 9:30 am**  
**Order of Worship**

**HE IS RISEN!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!**

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn # 357

*Christ Arose*

Opening Prayer

Choir

*He's Living Today*

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn of Preparation # 367

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

**Scripture: John 11:32-36** (page 1530)

**Luke 24:1-8** (page 1506)

**1 Corinthians 15:20-22 & 54-57** (page 1640)

**Message: “Death’s Defeat”**

\*Hymn of Response # 368

*He Lives*

Offering and Offertory

\**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Closing Hymn # 358 (vs. 1 & 3)

*Because He Lives*

Postlude

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

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*Welcome!*

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Welcome to worship at Eighth Reformed Church on this happy and blessed Resurrection Sunday. Your presence adds greatly to our celebration of the victory of Christ over sin and death. If you are visiting with us, please sign our guest register in the Narthex, and if you are looking for a church home, we hope that you will return to worship with us again.

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**This Week's Opportunities**

**Today:**

**9:30 a.m.** Worship, followed by coffee in the Narthex.

**11:00 a.m.** No Sunday School.

**Monday:**

**1:00 p.m.** Bible Study.

**Wednesday:**

**9:30-10:30 a.m.** Everyone is invited to Coffeetime downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy coffee, donuts and good fellowship.

**7:00 p.m.** "Man in the Mirror" Men's Group.

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## **Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week**

*Pastor:* Pastor Harry Koops

*Organist:* Paul Kerkstra

*Pianist:* Sharon Byington

*Song Leader:* Pete Rusticus

*Trumpet:* David Ellis

*Greeters:* North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (post service): Mel Disselkoen

*Valet/Lift:* Jodi Bultema

*Parking Lot Guard:* Tom Rose

*Ushers:* Larry Roelofs, Larry Dreyer

*Sound:* Scott Diekman

*Radio:* Kevin VanHeukelom

*Praying with Pastor:* Doug VanderMeer, Marj Hendges

*Volunteer Deacons:* John Stapel, John Deppe Jr.

*Coffee Fellowship Servers:* Cathy Misiak, Linda Stolk

## **Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week**

*Pastor:* Pastor Mark Bergsma

*Organist:* Paul Kerkstra

*Pianist:* Shirley Lohman

*Song Leader:* Beth Pastoor

*Greeters:* North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (post service): Tim Tacoma

*Valet/Lift:* Jake VanderHart *Parking Lot Guard:* To be announced

*Ushers:* Larry Roelofs, Larry Dreyer

*Sound:* Scott Diekman

*Radio:* Jeff VanMeekeren

*Praying with Pastor:* Doug VanderMeer, Marj Hendges

*Volunteer Deacons:* John Stapel, John Deppe Jr.

*Coffee Fellowship Servers:* Marsa Barclay, Joy Hendricks

## **Church News and Future Events**

**Bulletin Announcements:** Marilee Takken, the secretary, is in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please have all announcements to her by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday. If you leave a note for her, please put it in the black mailbox on her desk in the church office. Thank you.

**Care Groups:** Please check your church mailbox for a new card from your elder/deacon team. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact either your elder or deacon that is listed on the card.

**Pastor Harry and Beth** will be gone from April 25<sup>th</sup> -April 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Care Group elder or deacon.

**The YouTube Team** could use one more person to help live-stream our morning worship service. If you are comfortable working with that kind of technology, please talk to Doug VanderMeer or Dawn Blocher and they will give you plenty of training. This is an exciting new way we can reach more people with the gospel!

**“Man in the Mirror” Men’s Group** will meet this Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 p.m., to study Chapter 23, “Accountability: The Missing Link”.

**Pen Pals Wanted for Prisoner:** Carl is a friend of Pastor Harry & Beth and has moved to Jackson. This is his new address:

Carl Ahlquist #189181  
Jackson Cooper Street Facility  
3100 Cooper Street  
Jackson, MI 49201

**Attention Choir Members:** We will sing next Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, so please plan to arrive by 8:45 a.m. to warm up.



**Ladies Spring Celebration Luncheon:**

All women are invited to our Spring Celebration Luncheon on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 12-2 p.m. Join us as we praise God for the Springtime, enjoy a delicious meal, and share fellowship with one another. Our guest speaker will be Joan Lankamp who was given an opportunity to serve God in Russia for one year. Campus Crusade, using The Jesus Film, tried to replace what communism had taken away. A lesson learned that it takes a host of people to love and support the efforts needed to succeed in ministry. Family and friends are welcome to join us. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway and **today is the final day to sign up!** Please note that ladies will be seated at specific tables so please designate your guest's name on the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Maitner, 616-531-5239 or Sally Herrema, 616-723-3516.

**Church Activity Cancellations:** In the event that Eighth decides to cancel services and/or activities, please tune your TV to Channels 8 (WOOD) or 13 (WZZM), our Prayer Chain, or Eighth Reformed Facebook page.

**Prayer Concerns and Praises**

We extend our sympathies to Tim and Sue Tacoma in the passing away of Sue's mother, Carol Koetje. Carol passed away on Thursday, April 10th. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 26th, at MKD, 2371 Riley St. in Jamestown, with family visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m.

May God's grace be sufficient and bring great comfort and strength to Tim and Sue, Sue's father, Al, and all of their family.

- ❖ Please keep Joan Emaus in prayer as her health condition is deteriorating and she is preparing to go to her heavenly home.
- ❖ Cindi Ralph's friend, Renee, recently received test results that shows her cancer has spread to one of her lungs. She is devastated and would appreciate prayers from the 8th Church congregation. If you'd like to send her a note of encouragement, please put it in Cindi Ralph's mailbox.
- ❖ Bob Noteboom is at Health Bridge for rehabilitation.
- ❖ Ruth Tacoma is having a medical procedure on her left leg on Wednesday, April 23rd, to address circulation problems.
- ❖ Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Ariea Bosman and Ruth Horjus.
- ❖ Missionary of the Month: Please be in prayer for Maasai Outreach Mission in Africa as they aim to reach 200,000 Maasai and plant 100 churches over the next 10 years, in addition to, providing access to clean water, sustainable food sources, and adequate healthcare and education.
- ❖ Those dealing with health issues: Bob Wiseman (Arlene Wiseman's son), Dan Rotman (John Deppe Sr.'s nephew), Dave Conrad (Jethro), Floyd (Kristi Schell's friend), Dan Luyk, Donna Miller (mother of Rick Miller), Jerry Lothschutz (brother-in-law to Rick & Debbie Miller), Betty Holmes, Doug Peuler, Ron Oostdyk, Shirley Lohman, Marilyn Blankenburg (Keith Warren's aunt), Dave Heuvelhorst (Mary Roelof's brother), JoAnne Sleeth, Tim See (son-in-law of Marty Riemersma), David Shaver (David Shaver's father), Helen (David Shaver's niece), Tina Shaver, Amber Olson (Tina Shaver's sister), Larry Rudnik, Tootie Kallemeyn (friend of Marj Hendges), Ron & Jenny Benedict, and Michelle Strating (Dick & Lorraine Strating's daughter-in-law).

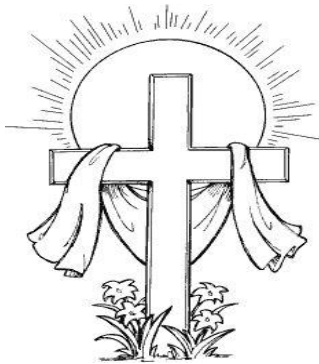
## **Notes of Appreciation**

Thank you for all of the wonderful birthday cards. They made my day fun and extra special. I appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness.

~Diane Maitner

Thank you to my Eighth Church family for the prayers and well-wishes. I'm doing much better. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

~Arvilla DeVries



I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

He lives, He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!