



**First United Methodist Church**

*Welcome! We're glad that you are here.  
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;  
all who are lonely and need companionship;  
all who want sheltering love, all who sin  
and need a Savior; and whosoever will  
—we open wide our doors and say, “Come; let us worship together.”*

10:15am Easter Sunday Worship April 20, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Pearl Michels

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

\*PROCESSIONAL SONG “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” (TFWS #2026)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EASTER WORD FROM THE CROSS Matthew 28:5-7a  
“The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’”

**On this glorious day of Easter Sunday, all the symbols of pain and suffering are removed from the cross. In their place are the symbols of hope and love and new life. The flower has come alive from the bulb ... just as we have come alive with life and new hope from our sorrow.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Esther Losh  
L: Welcome today! Look where our Lenten journey has brought us!

**P: We walked the seashore and the hills with Jesus; we went to the upper room and to the Garden of Sorrows, we stood at the cross and hid in a room out of our fear.**

L: Now we are here, in the splendor and beauty of this place!

**P: Everything is bursting with life. Jesus is alive! He is risen!**

L: Hallelujah!

**P: Hallelujah! AMEN**

**HYMN #303 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

OPENING PRAYER Esther Losh  
**Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ’s Name, we pray. AMEN.**

THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881 Esther Losh  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

EASTER SPECIAL MUSIC Ryker McCombie  
“I Know My Redeemer Lives” & “Thine is the Glory”

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Esther Losh

GOSPEL John 20:1-18 Pastor Fernando  
L: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**A: Thanks be to God!**

SONG “My Tribute”

MESSAGE: I Have seen the Lord! Pastor Fernando

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS  
PRAYER FOR PEOPLE  
OFFERING OURSELVES  
\*DOXOLOGY #95  
\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)  
**Radiant God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, offering these gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received. In this period of spiritual renewal, may our giving reflect the joy of the empty**

**tomb and the promise of life everlasting. Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ’s light dawned in our hearts. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
INVITATION & CONFESSION  
THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD  
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMN #310 “He Lives”

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING  
\*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

**IN OUR PRAYERS**  
Sandy Froehlich, Glen White, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), Herb & Ben Pratt, Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Angie (Paula’s friend), Roger Furrow, Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, John Jachino, Kristin & Eli (Bob & LaVona Grissinger’s grandchildren), Alyssa Volkers, Lisa (LaVona’s friend), Jill (Melinda Dykema’s daughter), Bob & LaVona Grissinger, Iola McCutcheon (Tim Cavanagh’s friend), Karen Burcham & Kandi (Paul Mayer’s sisters), Beth (LaVona’s colleague), the Norman family, Dan Zambon (uncle of Kim Gonzalez), Pat Kemp, Jon & Jody Kragle (Dianne Percy’s friends), Dave Miller (Brigit Jepsen’s boyfriend’s father), John Norse, Howie Von Haden (LaVona’s brother), Ron Miller, Jamie Harkness Townsend, baby Wesley and family, Paul & Charlene Mayer, Vivian Eaton, Jaime (Paula’s daughter), Mia (Paula’s co-worker), Christina Pasch, Baby Adrian, Julie Brunner (Linda Jachino’s cousin), Martha White, Rhonda Eickert, Tim Cavanagh, Beverly & family (Emily Medley’s cousin), Christine Jensen, Vanessa (Bob & LaVona’s daughter), Bill Eyerly (Cori Moore’s dad), James, Kim, & Amanda Gonzalez, Derek Osborn, Nadine Law Renfro, Beatrice Johnson (Kim Gonzalez’ mother-in-law), Vicki & Micheal Thomas (Paula Mayer’s friends), Chuck Atherton, Janet Smith (Denise’s sister), Freida Nichols, 5 firefighters injured from area fire departments, the Lars Colgan family, and for closure for the family of Jackson Kradle.  
**Our shut-ins:** Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve & Linda Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell, Jackie Walker, and Howard Nichols.

Our country & government; Military Personnel & their families; the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel; the Gaza Strip; peace in the Middle East; snow, cold temperatures; the towns, families, students, school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence and their families.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

April 21 – Jim Haynes  
23 – Anna Badtke

**CALENDAR**

Monday, April 21  
8:30 to 11:30 am – Office Open  
1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies  
3:30 to 5 pm – West Carroll Food Pantry  
Tuesday, April 22 (Earth Day)  
9 am to 12 noon – Office open  
5 pm – Finance meeting  
Wednesday, April 23  
8:30 to 11:30 am – Office open  
Thursday, April 24  
9 am to 12 noon – Office open  
1:30 pm – Senior service  
3:30 pm – Worship meeting  
Friday, April 25  
8:30 to 11:30 am – Office open  
Saturday, April 26  
9 am – Rice Meal Packing  
Sunday, April 27  
8:30 am – Prayer group  
9 am - Trustees  
9 am – Adult & Youth Sunday School  
10:15 am – Worship  
11:15 am – Kids Kards  
11:45 am – Ad Council

**WORSHIP HELPERS**

	April 27	May 4
Acolyte	Ryker McCombie	Blaine Johson & Boyd Law
Liturgist	LaVona Grissinger	James Gonzalez
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Molly Andersen
Verifier	Linda Stubbe	Karen Hoffman
Coffee Hour	Bruce & Rhonda Badtke	Ron Miller & Shirley Hastings
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 67

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WC Food Pantry** –West Carroll School Food Pantry is preparing for the summer months when children are out of school and missing 2 meals a day. Please consider donating kid-friendly foods like microwavable

macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta, soups and snack-sized puddings or fruit cups. The pantry always needs crackers, too. Thank you for thinking of our children in the community that are food insecure. **Blessing Basket** – We are in need o fpaper products, toilet paper, paper towels, and facial tissues Your support is greatly appreciated! **The Women's Group** is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church. **Rice Meal Packing** – will be April 26<sup>th</sup>! Sign up sheet is available! Baskets will be out for raising funds. Once again, 4 churches will go together to do this mission project. **Finance** – meeting Tuesday, April 22 @ 5 pm **Jesus Is In The House** – Find Him, Keep Him! You only keep one but everyone needs a Little Jesus!!! (LAST DAY!) **Prayer Group** – Pastor will hold an in-person prayer group at 8:30 am every Sunday morning. Feel free to attend!!! **New Member Class** – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be 5 classes, **either in person or via Zoom**. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know. **Thursday Bible Study** – will resume on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 am. We will be using the book “One Minute After You Die” by Dr. Erwin Lutzer. See the office about getting a book. **Volunteers Are Needed** –volunteers to man the Savanna Food Pantry May 13<sup>th</sup> and 15th. Hours are 9-12noon. If you can help please call Molly Andersen at 815-541-6852.



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**Vision Statement**

“Our faith calls us to action in the  
body of Christ and in the local  
community to love God and to  
love others”

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