

**WELCOME TO
SPIRIT OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Thank you for joining us!

We hope you experience the joy of God's love in our diverse, inclusive, and compassionate community. Come as you are; all are welcome!

- ◇ Worship is at 10:00 am Sunday mornings, and can be live-streamed or watched later on YouTube or Facebook.
- ◇ Restrooms are in the first hallway to the left on exiting the sanctuary.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
RESURRECTION SUNDAY!
APRIL 20, 2025**

** All who are able are invited to stand.*

Hymnals are available on the cart by the sound booth.

Regular attenders, visitors, & members, please complete & return Connect/Prayer cards in offering plate or to the Welcome Table at the back of the sanctuary.

Today's worship leaders: Pastor Rob Smith, Deon Ford, Jordan Cornormia

Prelude

Choir & Congregation Song Alleluiah, He is Risen arr by Cindy Berry

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: The bread of life has broken the power of death! Let no one go hungry again!

All: Alleluiah! Jesus is alive! Let all creation rejoice!

One: Christ is risen, conquering hate and violence! Let the people of God find wholeness and healing.

All: Alleluiah! Let restoration begin! The kin-dom of God is at hand!

One: Let us join in the eternal feast, where hope overflows and the despair of this life is vanquished by love.

All: The bread of life is risen and alive. Let us worship the one who leads us now in compassion and justice!

Prayer

***Opening Song** Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

Special Music Risen by Shauna Edwards (Spirit of Life Choir)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Luke 24: 1-12

Children's sermon I Danced in the Morning (song)

Sermon "Bread of Life"

Call To Offering

Ushers will circulate offering plates for those who wish to give in this way. Online giving is also available on our website.

Our commitment as a connected Presbyterian Church during lent is supporting **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. To help support these efforts, our children will be passing the change-for-change buckets. Help bring change to give each week for us to help support One Great Hour of Sharing.

Offertory The Women Went to the Tomb & The Angels Rolled the Stone Away (Gladys Mbonifor, Afanwi Kube and Ruth Ewule, singers)

Communion: Welcome to the Table

We welcome you to an open table where all are welcome. To share this welcome, the bread served is gluten free, and for the cup we share both grape juice (white) and wine (red). As you are able, come to the front to receive communion and bring it back to your seat where we will all receive the bread and cup together as one. If needed, remain in your seat and we will bring communion to you.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving / Prayers of the People

(All Response: Alleluia! Let creation be healed by the bread of life.)

Communion

Special Music Revelation Song by Jennie Lee Riddle (CCLI #4447960) (Lisa Smith, singer)

Announcements

***Closing Song** Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and refreshments after worship.

Announcements

Visitors: Welcome to Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church! Thank you for worshiping with us. Visitors, regular attenders and members, please complete the Connect/Prayer card and indicate if you wish to receive our weekly emails. If you don't have a card, please pick one up from our Information Table at the back of the sanctuary. Please return completed Connect/Prayer card in offering plate or in box labeled accordingly at the back. If you have any questions, please ask at the Information Table or Pastor Rob.

Sunday Events:

- **Children's Sunday School class** starts at 9:30am and goes until 10:15, then the kids will join adults in sanctuary for the Children's sermon. (No Children's class today, Resurrection Sunday.)
- The "First Light" adult class will not meet Easter Sunday. The final class will be next Sunday, April 27th.

Weekday Events:

- **(Tuesday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION with Pastor Rob meets Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 am.** Plan to join us Tuesday and come as you are. This week we meet at Spirit of Life in person, or online. It is open for you to pop in and out any time so feel free to drop in and say hello. Same time and same login, recurring meeting each week. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/286584190>.
- **Meet in the Middle meets Wednesdays, 4:30-6pm.** It's another exciting year of Meet in the Middle at *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church*! From 4:30-6pm, kids will be playing games, making arts and crafts, eating snacks, singing, Bible lessons and more! Parents join the kids for 6pm dinner. (A free will offering will be taken for dinner).
- **Youth group** meets Wednesdays, 6-8pm.

It takes all of us to be the church. Leadership has worked diligently to organize the opportunities and share many of these through the following Sign-Up Genius links. Would you please take a few minutes and make a commitment to help pick up a part? Please click on the link and select a date you could serve:

Fellowship Time

April 20: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

April 27: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

May 4: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Please use this link to sign up to prepare and serve coffee and treats for the fellowship time: Spirit of Life Congregation: Spirit of Life Sunday Fellowship—Coffee/Treats (signupgenius.com)

Usher/Greeter

April 20: Bob and Rebecca Shepard

April 27: (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

May 4: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Please use this link to sign up to serve as an Usher/Greeter—Spirit of Life Congregation Members: Spirit of Life Usher/Greeter/Offering (signupgenius.com)

The **Merry Old SoLs**, our senior fellowship group, will gather on Wednesday, April 23, 9:30 -11:30 am, at the home of Frank & Chris Sachs in Apple Valley. Please RSVP to Marge or Steve Braden. We hope you can join us.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our Men's Bible study group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday and our next meeting is Thursday, April 24, 6-8 PM at Andy Zumbach's home. Address is 15602 Early Bird Circle, Apple Valley. We are studying the gospel of Luke. Just bring your

Bible and a friend! And please, RSVP to Andy at andrew.zumbach@gmail.com to help him plan for food and space.

**SoL Call
Freedom of Speech**

Let Congress know we want to protect the right to dissent
by sending this message from the ACLU: dissent is not
grounds for deportation:
<https://action.aclu.org/send-message/dissent-not-grounds-deportation>

An offering from Interfaith Creation Care of the South Metro: **Earth Day 2025** is arriving soon! The Church of the Risen Savior and their Environmental Concerns Committee have arranged for a special speaker, Dr. Joe Fargione, Director of Science for the Nature Conservancy's North America Region. The talk is titled Climate Change 101 and is free to all who attend. Dr. Fargione's work has focused on quantifying nature's benefits to people, including the potential for nature to contribute to fighting climate change. He was an author of the Fifth National Climate Assessment and has testified before Congress on Natural Climate Solutions. The event is scheduled for Earth Day April 22nd at 7 pm. The Church of the Risen Savior is located at 1501 E. County Road 42, Burnsville, MN. If interested, pick up a flyer from the information table at the back of the sanctuary.

Notice from Justice Works Committee: Sacred Sites Tours scheduled for 2025

These tours are part of Minnesota Council of Churches Healing Minnesota Stories initiative. Tours are led by Jim Bear Jacobs (Mohican) and Kelly Sherman Conroy (Oglala Lakota). The tours offer an opportunity to learn about Minnesota history from a Native perspective through story-telling and experiencing the sites in silence / meditation / reflection. Sacred Sites: We visit sites located around confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, what the Dakota refer to as Bdote, or "meeting place of rivers," including: Fort Snelling State Park; Dakota Internment Camp following the The Dakota-U.S. War; Pilot Knob Hill, a traditional burial ground.

Some of our church members have registered for the June 1 tour; a State Parks pass or payment of daily admission fee will be needed. Please pick up detailed information from the table in the sanctuary, or click here (also where you can register):

<https://mnchurches.org/what-we-do/healing-minnesota-stories>

If you register, please sign up on the clipboard on the info table, so we can facilitate car-pooling for the tour.

Scout Troop 292 Equipment Fundraiser: As most of you know that Spirit of Life has sponsored Scout Troop 292 for many years. Two weeks ago they had the misfortune of having their equipment trailer stolen. The trailer has been recovered, however a lot of the gear inside was taken. Approximate value of \$5,600.00, which included 15 new tents. We are looking to do a fundraiser to help the Scouts replenish their equipment. There will be more information available next week on how you can donate. Please contact Duane Brause if you have any questions. Email: braushaus@charter.net or 612 816-5337.

Usual Church Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 10-3. Call ahead to make sure as we work remotely some days.

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