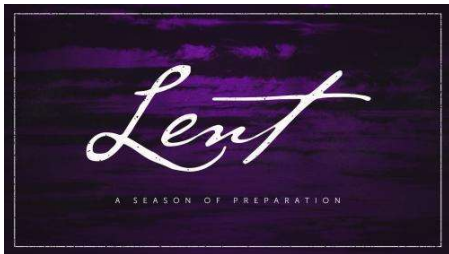


The Servant
We Serve
*Isaiah 65:17-25;
John 20:1-18*



Jesus actually is _____

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Mary is instructed to _____
her own _____ is tied together with Christ's _____

the reason Jesus chooses to become a servant:

the reason we follow Jesus as servants in this world:

TODAY: Easter Sunday – Jesus chose to become a servant for a reason; our response to follow Jesus as servants in this world is connected with that exact same reason.
NEXT WEEK: Taking Your Time

FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Mar 17 – Apr 6:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 10,503.36
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 857.00
Community Offering:	
Benevolence-General	\$ 154.79
Resonate-Rodriguez	\$ 140.00
Fellowship Food Pantry	\$ 134.02
Life Skills	\$ 130.51
DMS	\$ 100.00

From the Treasurer (as of 03/31/2025:

Year to Date Receipts: \$55,659.12 **Year to Date Expenses:** \$ 69,448.67

Community Offerings

TODAY: Backpack Buddies

We have partnered with Central Elementary in Grandville. The school provides breakfast and lunch for the school week, but to provide for weekend needs for children who are food insecure, food is collected or purchased, packed in bags, and delivered to school to be sent home.

<https://www.fellowshipcrc.com/backpack-buddies/>

Apr 27: Backpack Buddies
May 4: Mission French Africa *Mpindi's*
May 11: Denominational Ministry Shares

THIS WEEK

Monday, Apr 21

Tuesday, Apr 22
6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Apr 23

Thursday, Apr 24

Friday, Apr 25

Saturday, Apr 26
7pm Youth Group Fun Event

Sunday, Apr 27
9:30am Worship
11am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

Apr 28 Worship Committee
 Elders
 Deacons

May 4 Youth Group

May 12 Exec

May 18 Youth Group

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)
Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)
Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

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April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday



Welcome!
We are glad you are here!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship:
Nursery for infants & toddlers;
Coloring pages and crayons for kids;
Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up
(found by weekly bulletins)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS
are available at the sound booth

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Crown Him with Many Crowns
Low in the Grave He Lay

Prayers of the People

Scripture Isaiah 65:17-25; John 20:1-18

Isaiah 65:17-25 →

John 20:1-18

The Empty Tomb

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” 3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 13 They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 15 He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). 17 Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” 18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Message “The Servant We Serve”

In Christ Alone

God’s Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

NEXT WEEK new council members will be installed. Those joining the council as deacons are **Dinorah Dykstra, Bruce Morren, Sheryl Offringa, and Dan Wynia.**

Pastor Tom will begin sabbatical on May 1. The council is arranging for **Pastor Bob Boersma** to serve as interim pastor during this time.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY There will be NO Adult Bible Study TODAY (April 20). Class will resume next week, April 27. The class is in Room 10, and it will begin around 15 minutes after the end of worship and will end 45 minutes later. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** (LMPHILO@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook0104@gmail.com).

Thank You to all who ordered flowers to adorn the stage this morning. Flowers may be picked up following worship. A copy of your order can be found in your mailbox.

Isaiah 65:17-25

New Heavens and a New Earth

17 “See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. 19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. 20 “Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. 21 They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22 No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. 24 Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Rejoice with **Chris and Dave Cook** that prayers have been answered. Chris’ heart surgery has been scheduled for May 28! They both send their “bottomless thanks” for your faithful support in prayer.
- Pray for **Randy and Cathy Kraker** that God’s presence will give them a deep sense of peace as Hospice is helping to provide care for Randy at Waterford Place.
- **Cathy Kraker** has been diagnosed with a kidney infection. Pray that the medicine will be helpful to bring healing.
- May **Sarah and Rachel Lenhart** feel God’s healing arms around them as they continue to make progress in healing from concussions. Pray for strength and energy for Rachel.
- Pray for **Alvina Huyser**. She fell earlier this week and had surgery to stabilize ligament damage in her upper spine. Give thanks that surgery went well. Pray for a good recovery process.
- Thank God that **Jon, Sara, Hannah, and Lynnae Meengs** returned home from Guatemala safely. Also thank Him for His provision and answered prayers while there and for the sweet families that are sleeping in their new homes.
- Pray for the **Backpack Buddies** program and the families that are supported through the food it provides.
- For the **Fellowship Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Thank you for remembering our 31 Backpack Buddies in your prayers and through your giving.

We are currently well stocked with canned chicken and with plastic grocery bags but there are few things we need for April:

- Fruit Cups
- Nutrigrain bars
- Canned pastas

Thank you for your support of this ministry.
Sandy Campo (616)889-3134

TODAY

9:30am Worship