

First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

Choir Anthem *Then Came Sunday*

* Welcome and Proclamation of the Resurrection

Leader: He is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

* The Peace of Christ

Because we have been granted peace with God, we extend that same peace to those around us with a warm greeting and welcome.

Choir Anthem *Sound the Trumpet*

* Hymn #217 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (1-4)

Kids Message Andrea Riemann

All kids are invited forward to sit on the chancel steps for the Kids Message. Parents are invited to sit with their children if it makes them feel more comfortable.

Offering

As an act of worship, we invite you to give towards God's Kingdom work.

* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18

Next week's Scripture passage will be from Esther 1.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Sermon **The Caring King**
Steve Piper

Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed

Sacrament of Communion

All who place their hope in Christ are invited forward for communion. Beginning with the back of the room, you can make your way up the center aisle to be served. Gluten-free bread is available at the center table. For those who are unable to come forward, simply raise your hand and a server will serve you in your seat.

Resurrection Prayer

Leader: Father, thank You for sending Your Son for us.

All: He is risen! Hallelujah!

Leader: Lord Jesus, You have conquered sin, death, and hell!

All: You are alive! Hallelujah!

Leader: Holy Spirit, send us out in power to proclaim the majesty of our Risen King

All: Until all proclaim, "He is risen! Hallelujah!"

* Hymn #216 *Christ Arose* (1-3)

* Benediction and Response *Go Now In Peace*

** Please stand if you are able.*

Today's Scripture Passage: John 20:1-18

THIS WEEK AND NEXT

MONDAY APRIL 6

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Hearthside Room*)

Church offices & building will be closing at 11:30am

TUESDAY APRIL 7

10:00 am Women's Craft Group (*Library*)

6:30 Session Meeting (*Multipurpose Room*)

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8

9:00 am Prayer Warriors (*Hearthside Room*)

10:00 am Coed Bible Study (*Multipurpose Room*)

3:00 pm Kidzone (*Westminster Hall*)

5:45 pm Confirmation (*Hearthside*)

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

6:30 pm Highlife (*Youth Room*)

THURSDAY APRIL 9

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Main Street Cafe*)

SUNDAY APRIL 12

9:00 am Faith Cafe (*Multipurpose Room*) *New series!*

10:00 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

11:00am Coffee Fellowship (*Westminster Hall*) *Birthday Party!*

MONDAY APRIL 13

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Hearthside Room*)

TUESDAY APRIL 14

10:00 am Women's Craft Group (*Library*)

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15

9:00 am Prayer Warriors (*Hearthside Room*)

10:00 am Coed Bible Study (*Multipurpose Room*)

3:00 pm Kidzone (*Westminster Hall*)

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

6:30 pm Highlife (*Youth Room*)

THURSDAY APRIL 16

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Main Street Cafe*)

9:00 am Days for Girls (*Multipurpose Room*)

Prayer List - Please pray for: Robyn Schafer (Linda Rasmussen Berglund's daughter), Goemann family, Klapwyk family, Hanson family, Carolyn Westrum, Nick Johanssen, Siglinda Kleih, Carol Jolly's grandson Ashton and Bill Sievers. **If you have a prayer concern**, fill out a prayer card from your pew-back and put it in the offertory box outside the office.

April Mission Partner - One of the missions we support as a church is a mission called Proclaim Aviation Ministries. This ministry uses aviation technology to reach remote areas of the world to spread the Word. Our direct, local connection is to Joel & Sue Bolthouse (Sue is Arelene Egerdal's daughter) who is part of the local ministry of Proclaim Aviation based out of Worthington, MN. To learn more, go to proclaimaviation.org

Easter Flowers - Reminder to please bring your Easter flowers home with you after the service today. If you would like to donate your flowers to a local assisted living, nursing home or a homebound covenant partner, please contact Nancy Overgaard or the church office.

Women's Bible Study - The plans are still in beginning phases, but the hope is to very soon restart an evening of fellowship and Bible study for the women of this church (and guests); ages 16+. We would meet here at the church on Monday evenings. Stay tuned for more details!

Devoted Hearts Conference - Ladies, there is still time to register for the annual women's conference in Rochester, MN on **April 24-25!** This year's theme is "Be Still and Know". This event is supported by our PWSC. To register, you may go online devotedheartsrochester.com

All Church Birthday - Next Sunday **April 12th**, is the All Church Birthday Party! We celebrate every birthday month during our coffee fellowship hour after the worship service that day - join us in celebration!

Senior Sunday - Save the date for Sunday, **May 17th** as we celebrate our seniors! This is a chance to bless our seniors as they take their next steps in life!

Happy Birthday - Iva Jeanne Hill (4/5), Connie VanRyswyk, Rod Eisenmenger & Heidi McGill (4/6), Chad Lundak & Emma Harves (4/7), Matt Peterson (4/8), William Jensen (4/9), Dave Klatt, Rhett Hulloper & Malachi Hanson (4/10) and Christine Peterson & Jaxon Janssen (4/11)!

