

Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

Pastor Sue Shike

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April 20 , 2025 Easter Sunday 9:30 AM

Prelude Ruth Ann Milbrandt/Carole Kettwick

Welcome and Announcements

Processional #288 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Call to worship

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

P: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

L: God has claimed us as His own.

P: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

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P: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Invitation # 294

“Christ Arose!”

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, forgive me for when I have denied Your truth as my anchor, my comfort, and my guide. Give me the wisdom to choose Your truth over the lies of the world. I reject darkness and deceit and embrace Your light and mercy. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new in the joy of life in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of pardon - Gloria Patri

Anthem The Power of the Cross

Chancel Choir

Children’s Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Exodus 14:13-17, 21-22 *pg. 60* Luke 24:1-12, 36-48 *pg. 964*

Sermon **Empty linens in an empty tomb**

Offering and Doxology

Hymn of Action # 298

“The Day of Resurrection”

Prayer, Lord’s Prayer

Hymn # 287

“Lift High the Cross”

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 305

“He is Lord”

The Lord Has Risen! Rejoice with us today!

Prayer list: **Sadie Haugen**, Kenny Balvance, Ryan Dohlman, Doug DeBoer, Jay Mayland, David Hagist. Please contact the office if you would like your name on or off the prayer list. (641-562-2317)

Continue to uphold others in care centers: Evelyn Winter, Elaine Boehm, Vi Krull, Arlo Heyer. Don Johnson and Bev Finer.

Worship Broadcast today is live on KIOU radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is sponsored by a radio listener. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast please call Linda at 641-590-3872.

Bulletin Cover - April is sponsored by Dean Balvance.

Attendance last week – 70 **Offering** - \$2304.00

Happy Birthday to Peg Mastin on Tuesday

Happy Anniversary to John and Sher Blomster today
Ken and Kathe Kiewiet Risius on Monday

For Lent, don’t give up, **GET UP AND GET MOVING with Revelation Wellness! Tomorrow , at 8:00 am** *Men, Women, young and old are invited* Led by Barb Murra. Bring comfortable shoes and a water bottle.

Sarah Circle will meet tomorrow Monday April 21 at 9 am

Consistory will meet this Wednesday April 23 at 7 PM

Saturday, April 26 Bethany E&R in Ledyard is hosting the annual Cafe Latte, It begins at 9:30 am and the guest speaker will be Gaye Lindfors. Her message is Getting Your Ducks in a Row!

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Thank you to all who donated the Easter Lilies again this year!
Please feel free to take your Lily home today after church or sometime this week!

First Reformed Church will be hosting "Evening Enchantment :Prom Fashion of Yesterday and Today" on Wednesday, April 30 at 7 pm. The style show will showcase high school students modeling their prom dresses. In addition, prom dresses of yesterday will also be part of the show. You are welcome to submit photos of you in your prom dress by emailing them to Alicea, by April 23.

Her email is aliceap@ftsbbank.com

You are also welcome to share your dress if you wish. Contact Alicea Porter, Peg Mastin, Sue Shike or Barb Murra for details. A sign up sheet is in the narthex for anyone who would like to help serve or make a dessert for lunch after the event.

April Flower Committee: Jim and Shelley Volz and
Doug and JoAnn DeBoer
April Ushers: Kerry Mastin and Steve Milbrandt

April Greeters

Apr 20 Mitch and Amanda Giesking
Apr 27 Ken and Kathe Kiewiet Risius

North Iowa Food for Families has these needs for April:
Jam, Jello, Pudding cups, cereal, juice, mayo and can chicken

2025 Bible reading plan *Your Word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path*

4/20: Prov. 4; Heb. 12-13
4/21: Prov. 5; James 1-2
4/22: Prov. 6; James 3-5
4/23: Prov. 7; 1 Peter 1-2
4/24: Prov. 8; 1 Peter 3-5
4/25: Prov. 9; 2 Peter 1-3
4/26: Prov. 10; 1 John 1-3