

**Welcome visitors!** We are glad you could worship with us today.  
*Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew and put it in the offering plate to help us connect with you!*

**Supporting Future Pastors & Churches** – Daniel Rust, who is currently a seminary student, will be joining us next week to preach and share about his calling into ministry. We will be taking a special offering after the sermon to help Daniel with seminary related travel expenses.

**Senior Banquet** – Please join us next week (April 16) as we celebrate the graduation of Jordan Launstein & Blake Stahl! The Senior Banquet will be hosted by the Care Team after our worship service, in the fellowship hall. There will be no Adult Sunday School.

**Covenant Presbyterian Church & School** – Please be in prayer for our sister church in Nashville, TN, and their pastor, Rev. Chad Scruggs, following the devastating school shooting. (Address: 33 Burton Hills Blvd. Nashville, TN 37215). Opportunities to support relief and recovery efforts can be found at [www.pcafoundation.com](http://www.pcafoundation.com).

# Colfax Center Presbyterian Church

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## Easter Sunday



April 9, 2023

### Reflection Before Worship

“What must we do, then, to be saved? To find God we must repent of the things we have done wrong, but if that is all you do, you may remain just an elder brother. To truly become Christians we must also repent of the reasons we ever did anything right. Pharisees only repent of their sins, but Christians repent for the very roots of their righteousness, too...It is only when you see the desire to be your own Savior and Lord—lying beneath both your sins and your moral goodness—that you are on the verge of understanding the gospel and becoming a Christian indeed. When you realize that the antidote to being bad is not just being good, you are on the brink.” Tim Keller, *Prodigal God*

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### Prelude Announcements

**\*Call to Worship**      *(Call & Response)*      **Luke 24 & 1 Peter**

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

**He has called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.**

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn of Praise**      GHF 137 – Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**Call to Confession**      Romans 3:9-18

“What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” “Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.””

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession

**Assurance of Pardon**      Ephesians 1:3-6  
“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.”

**\*Song of Celebration**      The Power of the Cross

**Worship Through Giving**      General Fund

### \*Doxology

**\*Confession of Faith**      **Westminster Short Catechism #21**

*Q. 21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?*

**A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

**\*Greeting**      *Leader: “The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you”*  
Congregation: **“And also with you”**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

**Reading of God's Word**      Galatians 1:10-24

**Sermon**      “Approval of Man at the Foot of the Cross”      Pastor Luke

**\*Song of Response**      GHF 138 – He Arose

### Benediction and Postlude

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## **This Week at Colfax**

### **Sunday, April 9**

8:00a – Son-Rise Service  
8:30a – Easter Breakfast  
9:30a – Easter Worship

### **Monday, April 10**

7:00p – Christian Education Meeting

### **Tuesday, April 11**

9:30a – Women’s Bible Study  
6:30p – Women’s Bible Study

### **Wednesday, April 12**

6:15p – “Chaos”  
7:15p – “Friends First”

### **Sunday, April 16**

9:00a – “Coffee Chat”  
9:30a – Morning Worship  
10:30a – Senior Banquet  
11:00a – Sunday School  
(No Adult Sunday School)  
2:00p – Guys Group

Call the church, 319-824-5231, or email [secretary@colfaxcenterchurch.org](mailto:secretary@colfaxcenterchurch.org) of upcoming meetings to ensure building access and up-to-date calendars.

**Please communicate all announcements to the church office weekly by 3:00 p.m. Wednesdays.**

### **Serving Sunday, April 16**

**Coffee Chat:** Trent & Brittney  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Boomgarden & Launstein  
**Greeters:** Sheila S/Joyce B; Jim & Betty Heeren  
**Nursery Worship:** Trent & Brittney  
**Nursey during Sunday School:** Lori Willis  
**Elevator Attendant:** Blake Eberline  
**PowerPoint:** Taylor Launstein  
**Camera:** Leon Johnson  
**Sound:** Sheryl Johnson

## **CENTER PRAISES & PRAYER CONCERNS**

As you go to the Lord in prayer, please read the following scripture:  
**Romans 12:12 “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.”**

**Our nation and its leaders.**

### **The ministries of our church:**

- Pastor Luke, Aimee, and their family
- Elders & Deacons as they lead the church.
- Current Elders: Leon Johnson, Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes, Tom Simms, Larry Stahl, Donn Anderson, Paul Smit
- Current Deacons: Brian Boomgarden, Jesse Willis, Coty Albers, Shawn Albers, Blake Eberline, Bryce Eberline, Jim Beninga, & Curt Bakker
- Our Children’s ministries
- The hearts of our congregation
- Our Missionaries, especially those in sensitive countries.

### **Iowa Presbytery:**

- Hope Evangelical Pres. (North Liberty) – Rev. Lincoln Larsen

### **Medical Prayer Request**

**Larry Dreesman** – For receiving treatments for cancer.

**Connie Doughan** – For Bone Marrow Transplant; Address: Gift of Life Transplant Center, 707 – 2nd Street S.W., Room 54, Rochester, MN. 55902.

**Tracy (Kolder) Scheib** – For receiving treatments for cancer.

**Cinda Pankratz** – Recovering from a blood infection.

**Covenant Pres. & School (Nashville)** – Following the school shooting.  
33 Burton Hills Blvd. Nashville, TN 37215

**Pray also for** - Our armed forces (Cassidy Bronchick, Mary Pruisner, and Jacob Eilers). Also, those who are anxious, discouraged, facing difficult family situations, struggling with sin, or do not know Christ.

### **Those who are shut-in or in nursing homes:**

Mary Bakker; Bernard & Ethel Buskohl; Phyllis DeNeui; Verone Nederhoff; Minetta Tjepkes; Dorothy Westerman; Margie Kuhlman; Viola Vasey

Sermon Outline  
“Approval of Man at the Foot of the Cross”

1. The Credentials of Paul’s Conversion
2. The Approval of Man
3. The Approval of God