**SALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

Menno, South Dakota

Rev. Michael Hecht Pastor

Sharyl Herrboldt Pianist

7:00 PM – Worship Service April 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

**Meditation:** *“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.”* Hebrews 10:19-23 NIV

**Prelude Music:**  by Sharyl Herrboldt

**Praise Song:** #304 “Behold the Lamb”

**Ringing of the Bell / Welcome / Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** #327 “The Old Rugged Cross”

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 139:1-6, 23,24**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Our Time of Offering** Titus 2:14 AMP

**\*Doxology** sung on page #815

**\*Lord’s Prayer** debts and debtors

**Kingdom Kids:** “What Is Maundy Thursday?“

**Hymn:** #315 “Were You There?” (Verses 1,2,3)

**The Holy Scriptures**

Matthew 27:45-56

 Large Print NIV 1984 Edition, pg. 1548

**Sermon: “Entering the Most Holy Place”**

**Special Music:** “At the Cross” sung by the Cantata Ensemble

**Holy Communion: (received by Intinction)**

 **Intinction:** The administration of Holy Communion by

 dipping the bread in the wine and giving both together

 to the communicant.

**NOTE:** The congregation will be ushered forward for the sacrament of Holy Communion and then may exit the sanctuary quietly after having received the sacrament. Or you may return to the pew and pray quietly.

**Office Hours for Pastor Hecht**

Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 AM to Noon (Church Office)

Afternoons: Visitation or Church Office

Church: (605) 387-5334 Parsonage: (605) 387-2855

Pastor Mike’s Cell #: (605) 660-1803

Church Web Page: ***salemreformedchurch.com***

**Opportunities**

Greeters Tonight: Carl & Linda Zeeb

Greeters April 20: Dan & Nicole Schaeffer

Sunday Prayer Time: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School Classes: 9:15 a.m.

Praise Music: 10:15 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

**Announcements**

**Welcome:** We extend a warm welcome to our visiting guests this evening. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex. We ask God’s blessing upon you and we pray that you will return and worship with us again soon.

**Sunday, April 20th:** There will NOT be Sunday School Classes on Easter Sunday. The Worship Service will be at our regular time of 10:30 a.m. A DVD will be shown to the children in the High School SS Room at 9:30 a.m.

**Easter Breakfast:** The High School Youth Group will host an Easter Breakfast in the Social Hall from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Breakfast includes Egg Bake, Muffins, and Fresh Fruit. Free-will donations are accepted for the Youth Group.

**Scotland Community Choir:** The Scotland Community Choir will present their Easter Concert on Tues., April 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church. All are welcome!

**M/OCC Volunteer Appreciation:** The Care Center will be hosting a volunteer appreciation on Tues., April 22nd @ 2 PM in their dining room. Please sign your name to the sheet on the Information Cabinet in the Narthex if you are able to attend.

**MAUNDY:** The English word for Maundy is derived through Middle English and Old French *mande,* from the Latin *mandatum,* the first word of the phrase, *“Mandutum novum do vobis ut diligagtis invicem sicut dilexi vos.”*  Which means, ***“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you.” Jn. 13:34***

**Calendar of Events**

April 19 Youth Group Breakfast Prep @ 10:00 a.m.

April 20 **Resurrection Day! Happy Easter!**

Easter Breakfast from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

 Children’s DVD @ 9:30 a.m.

 Praise Music @ 10:15 a.m.

 Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

April 21 Men’s Christian Fellowship @ 7:30 p.m.

April 22 M/OCC Volunteer Appreciation @ 2:00 p.m.

April 24 Prayer Group @ 12 Noon

April 25 Alpha Center Banquet in Sioux Falls

April 27 Prayer Time for Service @ 8:30 a.m.

 Sunday School Classes @ 9:15 a.m.

 Praise Music @ 10:15 a.m.

 Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

**Upcoming Special Music**

Sunday, April 27 - Available

Sunday, May 04 - Available

**Announcements**

**Sunday Offerings:** Please note that we have an Offering Box/Pulpit at the back of the Sanctuary for people to place their tithes and offerings in during our worship services.

**College Graduates:** We will be honoring our High School, College & 8th Grade Grads on Sunday, May 4th. Please contact the church office ASAP with information on your College Graduates.

**VBS Registration:** Mark your Calendars! Our VBS is scheduled for May 26th-30th! The VBS Program will be on Sunday, June 1st. Helpers and Students can begin to register **NOW**, at the following website: ***salem.myanswers.com***

**Conference Sunday:** Sunday, May 4th, has been designated by the CCCC as Conference Sunday. Our regular offering will be given to the work and ministry of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference. Also note that 25% of this offering will be designated to help fund the position of our North Central Regional Pastor, Rev. Ray DeLaurier.

**Salem Reformed Church – Who Are We?**

**We believe the Bible to be the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God in its original manuscripts. It is our supreme authority in all matters doctrine and practice. We are affiliated with the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.**