**Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center**

 **Pastor Sue Shike 641-251-2255**

**May 5, 2024 6th Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM**

Prelude Ruth Ann Milbrandt

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship Psalm 98

L: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. His right hand

 and His holy arm have gotten Him victory.…Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills

 sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord,

**P: for He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with**

 **righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

The Peace: May the Peace of Christ be with you all; **and also with you.**

**Hymn of Invitation # 136 “**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

**Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-4 “*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,*

 *intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in*

*high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.*

*This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be*

*saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*

**Prayers for our Nation:**

L: Heavenly Father, we pray for our leaders- for all those in authority- our president, our governors, the leaders of our cities and towns- give them wisdom and understanding from

 You.

**P: Direct their decisions that we might live peaceful lives in godliness and**

 **holiness. Grant us a spirit of unity and cooperation.**

L: Silence the voices of division and hate.

**P: We are a land in need of healing.**

L: We have accepted Your great blessings and enjoyed Your protection, but in our pride,

 we have declared ourselves the source of these divine gifts.

**P: Forgive us of our pride, our arrogance, and our idolatry.**

L: As Your people, we know You are a God of justice, but also a God of great mercy

 and forgiveness.

**P: We come today in humility to acknowledge our sin and to repent before You.**

L: Forgive us. May Your name be exalted, and Your Word honored across our nation-

**P: in the churches, in our homes, in our classrooms, in our courtrooms, and throughout our government. In Jesus’ name, amen.**

**Anthem**  His Name is Jesus Phil Wickham music video

Assurance of pardon

Children’s Time

Graduating Members Recognition Colin Rasch

Prayer of illumination

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 12:1-7 pg. 10 1 John 5:1-6 pg. 1112

Gospel Lesson: John 15:9-17 pg. 983

**Sermon So that you may love one another**

Offering and Doxology

**Hymn # 483**  “Take Time to be Holy”

Prayer, Lord’s Prayer

**Hymn of Action # 408**  “I am Thine O Lord”

Benediction

**Closing Hymn # 305**  “He is Lord”

**Welcome to First Reformed Church!**

 **We welcome you to our worship service today! Welcome back Pastor Sue from your continuing education week. Today we recognize Colin Rasch for his high school graduation. There is a reception for Colin following worship in the fellowship hall.**

**Prayer list:**  Keith Finerand Jennifer Cooper. 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, Vi Krull, Arlo Heyer. Don Johnson, and Elaine Boehm. Addresses for these folks are on the narthex bulletin board.

 ****Bulletin Cover**  - May is sponsored by Dean and Becky Beenken**

****Attendance last week** – 71 **Offering** - $1066.00**

****Worship Broadcast**  today is live on KIOW radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is given by Kenny and Marilyn Balvance in honor of their anniversary.**

**If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast please call Linda at 641-590-3872.**

**Happy Birthday wishes to Karissa Rasch – Kerry Mastin – Parker Brass today**

**Thursday – Mark Krull**

**Happy Anniversary to Nick and Halie Haugen on Saturday**

**Esther Circle will meet Monday May 13 at 7 PM.**

 **An** **Adult Bible Study** **on Sunday mornings will start on May 19. We will run from**

 **10:45 to 11:30.** We are asking for volunteers to help with a children’s activity at that time

 so all who would like to participate can. Please see Pastor Sue for more info.

**May Flower Committee:** Mitch and Amanda Giesking and

Dennis and Renee HIggins

**May Ushers are** Dean Beenken and Brian Vander Wilt

**May Greeters**

May 5 Tim and Vicki Berschman

May 12 Paul and Joann Steffensen

May 19 Linda Harms

May 26 Dean and Becky Beenken

**North Iowa Food for Families in the house west of the Congregation Church.**

**They are in need of these items for the month of May**

**Fruit – canned or frozen, cereal, pancake mix and syrup**

**hamburger helper, can meats**

**Bible reading for the week**

 5/05  Prov. 27; Genesis 24-25

5/06  Prov. 28; Genesis 26-27

5/07  Prov. 29; Genesis 28-30

5/08  Prov. 30; Genesis 31-32

5/09  Prov. 31; Genesis 33-35

5/10  Genesis 36-38

 5/11  Genesis 39-41

Next Sunday we will have a guest speaker – Justin Heyer will fill in for

Pastor Sue.