

*Richland Center United Methodist Church*  
*A Community of Faith*  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent: March 22, 2026*



**The mission of the RC-UMC, as a community of faith, is to share the Gospel and to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

*\*This mark invites those who are able to please stand.*

*If you have a prayer concern or a joy to share, please write it down on the buff-colored paper found in the pew and place it in the offering place. Thank you.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Creator of all life, you are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. As we worship, reveal God's grace to us. You grant hope for a new heaven and earth even in the midst of our struggles. We are children of the living God. We will see God face to face. We pray with the help of the Holy Spirit, who lives in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**HYMN** *Lord of the Dance* 261

**A MOMENT FOR STILLNESS AND PRESENCE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: As we gather, we remember that we are not alone!

**P: We gather as the family of God, living in God's**

**presence and singing praises to the God of our salvation.**

L: The earth and all things in it are God's.

**P: We are God's people, saved by Christ.**

L: The world and all its people belong to God.

**P: We are called to share Christ's ministry. Let us praise the Lord!**

**HYMN** *We Are the Church* 558

**OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord. We often fail to remember how profoundly you love us. Forgive us when we fail to remember that we are the body of Christ. Teach us how to live in ways that honor you. Grant us grace so to follow your holy ways in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *Beth Huebner*

**A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER**

As Christ Jesus has shared his peace with us, let us share that same peace with one another.

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Let us offer signs of peace and love with one another.

**OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS** *All Sing*

*May the Lord, our great creator, bless you this day; give you peace and hope and courage along your way. May you stay within God's keeping in your waking, in your sleeping, in your joy, and in your weeping, God be with you.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER** 895

**OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD**

As people of God, let us offer the fruit of our labors and ourselves for God's work in the world.

**\*DOXOLOGY** 95

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Eternal God, hope of all who trust in you, unbind us from sin, release us from captivity, so that we may join that great crowd of saints who forever sing praise to your holy name. As we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. We pray that you will help us be bold in our mission and in our witness; through Christ, the resurrection and the life. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 11:17-45 (NIV)

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Holy God, by the power of your Spirit, reveal to us your Word in the language of our hearts. Make us attentive to your Word. Just as a lamp illuminates a dark place, may we find guidance to live faithful lives. We pray this in Christ. **Amen.**

**MESSAGE** *Pastor Grace Cho*

**\*HYMN** *Because He Lives* 364

**BENEDICTION**

We go now in peace. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen!**

**Hymn Leaders:** David Brock, Connie Frye,  
Rosanne Knowler, Kathy Schweinefus

**Liturgist:** Paul Murphey

**Organist/Pianist:** Jennifer Hall

**Scripture Reader:** Paul Murphey

**Sound System:** Joan Wheeler

**Coffee Hour Next Week:** Jim Brock & Kathy Schweinefus

**Upcoming Worship Servers:**

**Scripture Readers:**

Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> Paul Knowler

Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> Kathy Schwinefus

Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> Jim Brock

Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> Dianne Monson

**Liturgist:**

Paul Knowler

Connie Dunn

Paul Knowler

Dianne Monson

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**March Birthdays**

Tate Perkins	3/1	Michelle Woodman	3/8
Rachel Kaszubski	3/3	Novali Ludwig	3/9
Deanna Gochenaur	3/4	Donna Linsley	3/18
Annabeth Sprecher	3/4	Dan Tracy	3/18
Danielle Worthington	3/5	Asher McCollum	3/19
Amanda Vitale	3/5	Marverick Pluemer	3/23
Lucy Joyce	3/8	Jocelyn Storer	3/31
Nadalie McCollum	3/8	Emilia Tracy	3/31

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*Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for the wondrous love that led you to the cross for my sake. In this holy season of Lent, help me slow down and remember the depth of that love. In your name. Amen.*

**This Week's Events:**

22 **Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.**

24 Choir Rehearsal: 5:00 p.m.

25 Dance Class: 4:30 p.m.

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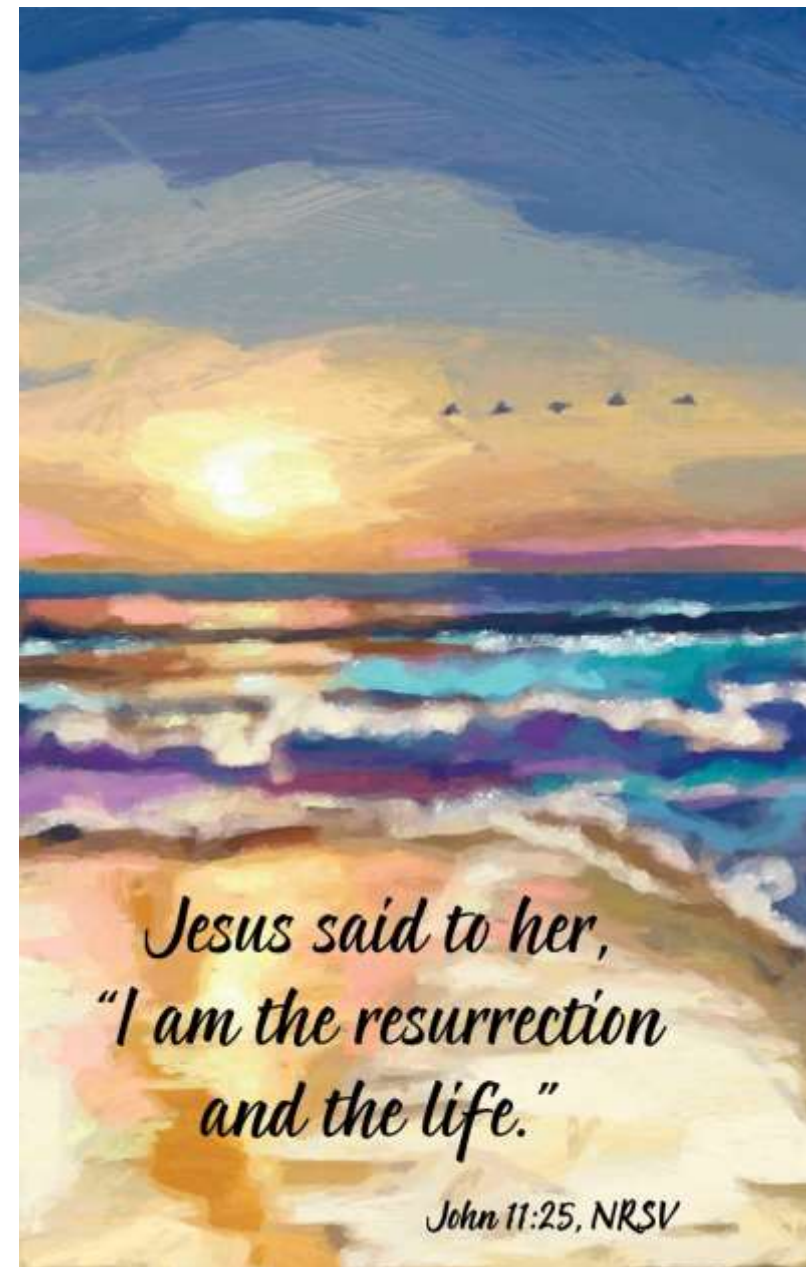
03 Good Friday Service: St. John's Lutheran Church  
479 S. Park Street



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY

HOST ....

Many thanks to Rosie Steinmetz for hosting coffee hour today.



## General Announcements



**Please make sure** to give to the Food Pantry. They are in need of our non-perishable food donations.



**UMCOR** is about helping one another through difficult times through the power of partnership. UMCOR's work is only possible because of the dedicated work on the ground of

U.M. churches and congregations, annual conferences, and other partners. As United Methodists, we can be proud of what we have accomplished together through UMCOR over the last 85 years. UMCOR is committed to continue showing God's love to those who are suffering. Will you join us?



**Kwik Trip cards** make great gifts. We have two varieties to choose from. One is grocery only; the other is a gift card good for gas and groceries. Both are worth \$25.00. Please see Nancy McCauley to purchase. This is a Mission's project.



**Please sign up** to donate an Easter flower. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



Good Friday Service will be at St. John's Lutheran Church,  
479 S. Park Street  
1:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



There will be no Sunday school on April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter. The students are encouraged to attend our worship service instead.