



Easter Breakfast at Congo
8:00—10:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt
9:45 am

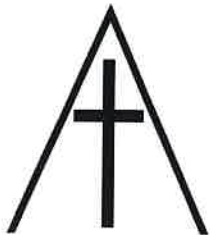
Easter Service in Sanctuary
10:30 am

Messy Church
April 7

5:00-7:00 pm
Cross Generational,
Games, Activities, Meal,
All Are Invited



Congo Night Out
Pizza Ranch
Tuesday, April 2
5:30-7:00



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT ~ FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ~ SPENCER, IOWA

The First Congregational Church of Spencer joyfully worships and praises God. Bound by our covenant, we strive to be the Body of Christ throughout the world by loving, helping and supporting our church family and others through fellowship, missions, and outreach. Our philosophy encourages all people to experience God's grace by freely thinking and building personal relationships with Christ to the glory of God.

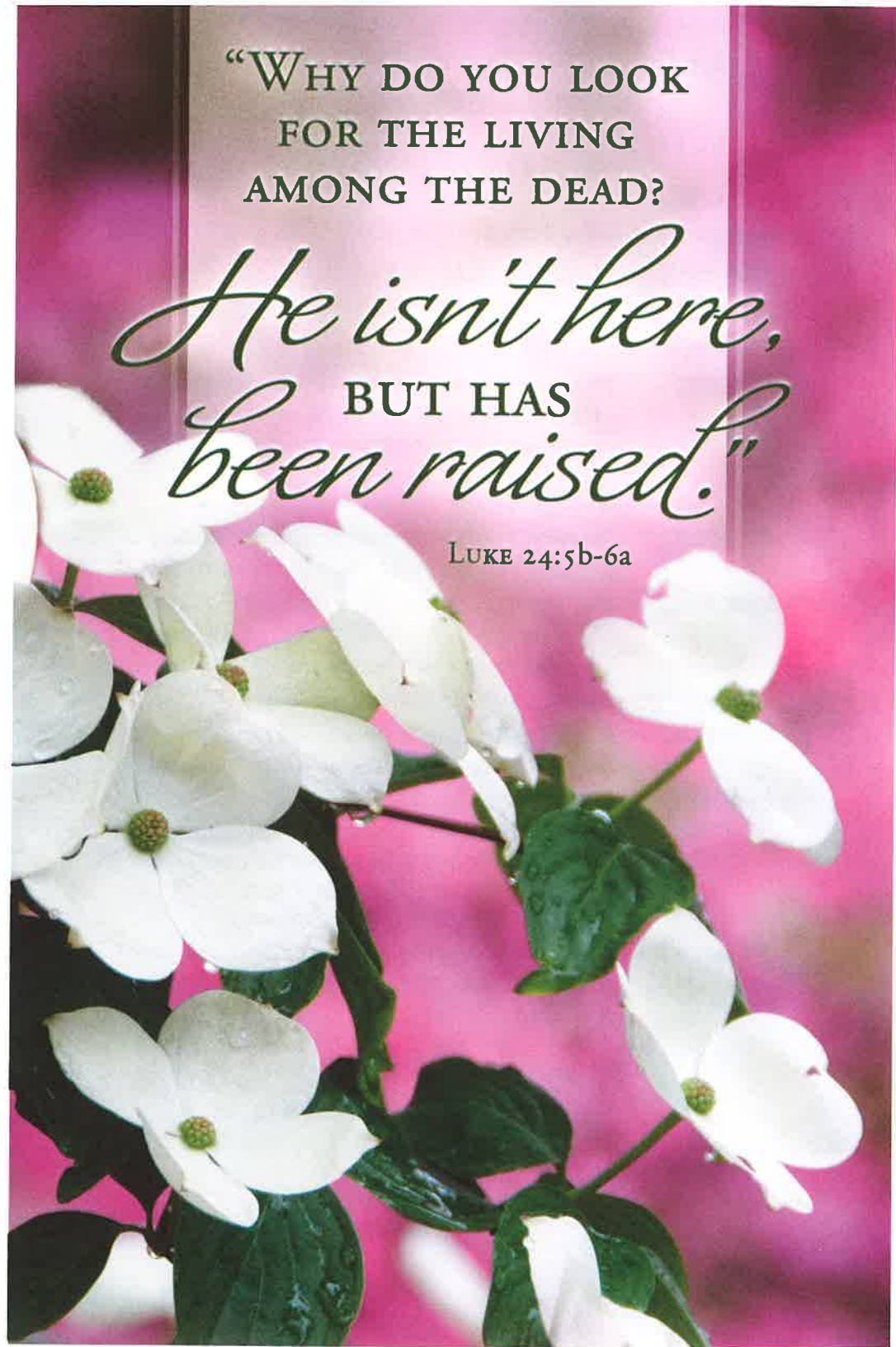
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“WHY DO YOU LOOK
FOR THE LIVING
AMONG THE DEAD?

*He isn't here,
BUT HAS
been raised.”*

LUKE 24:5b-6a



AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

March 31, 2024

7:00 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRAYER FOR THE NEW LIGHT

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

OPENING SONG "Old Church Choir" Joseph Leggett

*EASTER PROCLAMATION

LEADER: This our Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain. This the night when first you saved our forebearers, you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them with dry feet through the sea.

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!**

LEADER: This the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave. Truly blessed, when heaven is wedded to earth, we are reconciled to you!

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!**

LEADER: May the Morning Star, which never sets, find this flame still burning. Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, Your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Alleluia! Amen!**

*All who are able please stand.

*GATHERING PRAYER

THE OFFERING

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-18 pg. 828-829

MEDITATION "Why Roll the Stone Away?" Pastor Shazzy Britz

SHARING IN THE EUCHARIST

CLOSING SONG "Gospel Medley" Joseph Leggett

CLOSING PRAYER IN UNISON:

Lord, we have so much to be thankful for this Easter morning. In the chill of the morning air, we do feel the warm blessing of your Spirit. We can rejoice this day because our tendency toward disbelief is overcome by our capacity for faith. We are truly amazed that a cross of crucifixion has been transformed into a symbol of new life, a symbol of eternal life. We are thankful that you come to greet us in a garden of hope, trust, and faith. We thank you that a dark and empty tomb has emerged into a garden of light and living. In all our days, we shall live for Christ, the resurrected and risen Savior. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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