PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the prayer request cards in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate so Pastor can include them in the Pastoral Prayer.

LAYREADER for this week is Linda Schaller.

GREETER today is Lisa Swanson.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY last week was Jeff Gibbons, Keli Butera, Ed West and Lois Swisher.

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THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Keith Karkut in honor of his Mom, Ann Marie's, 85 birthday.

Church Elders

Sharon Laverdure Ellie Buff
Sandra Rydell Judy Schreck Jim Hall
Phil Lawrence Debbie Prince Lisa Swanson

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel	Pastor
Jen Carmella	Secretary
Linda Schaller	Music Director
Keith Karkut	Technology/Sexton
Sam Carmella	Nursery Attendant

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

<u>Today</u> ~ Adult Sunday school, 9:00 a.m.

~ Choir rehearsal, 9:00 a.m.

~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.

~ Fellowship Hour after worship in Lounge; soup and sandwiches!

Wednesday ~ Men's Lunch, noon

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Service for the Lord's Day Communion Sunday All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "We Remember You" ARR. JOEL RANEY

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Arise! Shine! Christ's Church has assembled.

P: We are one body, with Christ as our head.

L: What kind of body is this?

P: The Body of Christ, brought together, not by human flesh, but by the sovereign Lord.

L: And who does he call us to be?

P: A people who look not to their own interests, but to the interests of others. Those who proclaim the goodness of their Lord.

ALL: Come, Let us worship as one united body.

*HYMN NO. 306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of patience, we praise You today that You desire to know us. You work in us through relationships. You sent Your Son so that we might be reconciled to You, while You sent Your Holy Spirit so that we might be with You always. Thank You for working in our hearts so faithfully. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Truly God is Good"

BY MICHAEL BARRETT

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, although we surrender our lives to You individually, we are called to live and serve in community as one body. Nevertheless, we do not see each other equally or accurately. We tend to think that some are more gifted, more attractive, even more godly than others. Rather than claim Christ's righteousness for all who believe, we judge one another, even ourselves, on worldly merit. Forgive us, Lord. Redeem us from our wrong thinking. Open our eyes to the truth of Your perfect plan for Your church body to work graciously as one. As we seek to live faithfully as human beings created in Your image, may we see You in the interplay of our relationships. May Your reality shape our community, so that we might be more like You each day. Amen.

~Moment for Silent Reflection~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end, amen. Amen.

THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 2:18-24 (Pg. 2)

NEW TESTAMENT *Mark 1:16-20 (Pg. 35)*

EPISTLE *Ephesians 2:1-10 (Pg. 192)*

L: Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON "The Loneliest Society" Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

THE NICENE CREED (Page 34 in Red Hymnal)

SENDING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HYMN NO. 754 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

POSTLUDE "Great God of Might & Glory" BY LANI SMITH

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