

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the blue 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 Carole Emery.

GREETER today is Sharon Laverdure.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are MaryAnne & Douglas Gilbert and Dale & Christy Pedersen.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Karl & Cindy Schrick in memory of Jessie Leigh Schrick.

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>	~ Worship, 10:00 a.m. ~ Bell rehearsal, after worship in Conf. #3 ~ <b>NO</b> Fellowship (feel free to check out the leftover yard sale items)
<u>Tuesday</u>	~ Women’s Circle noon
<u>Wednesday</u>	~ Mens’ Luncheon, noon ~ Walk & Talk, 1:00

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May 7, 2023  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter  
Service for the Lord’s Day  
Communion Sunday  
All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE	“Let Us Break Bread”	ARR. RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM
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GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Today the Spirit makes us one,  
**P: United for life by the water and the Word.**  
L: Drenched in grace. bathed in love.  
**ALL: We are reborn in one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all who is above all, and through all and in all. Let us worship God who makes us one today!**

\*HYMN NO. 42

“Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure”

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ, You know the tests and trials we face. Walk with us through this wilderness. Come to us with ministers of healing and visit us with messengers of hope, so that we may return to You in faith, believing the good news of the gospel, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

“How Great Thou Art”

ARR. REBECCA BELLISTON

Vocal Duet – Carole Emery & MaryAnne Gilbert

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we remember that Your Son was tempted in the desert as we are, and yet He won the victory over sin. And now, because of His victory, we have hope that we too can be victorious over the temptations we face in life. There are times when we feel weak, and we do things that we should not have done, and there are times when we leave undone many things we should have done. We have failed to love You with our whole heart, mind, and soul, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We try to make excuses for our actions, but there is no excuse for giving in to temptation. Help us as we try to avoid the temptations that set us backwards instead of focusing on who You are calling us to be. 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

Numbers 14:1-4 (Pg. 131)

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 4:1-11 (Pg. 3)

EPISTLE

James 1:2-15 (Pg. 228)

L: Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Tempted To Return”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 498

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

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. AMEN.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(see insert)

Bryce Robert Makins

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(see insert)

SENDING

HYMN NO. 313

“Lord Make Us More Holy”

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ARR. JOHN TURNER

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