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.

LAY READER for today is Linda Schaller.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is James Barrett.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES this week are Chris and Nicole Vogel, Robert & Hollie Falzone and Ed and Gail Flory.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Linda Schaller in honor of grandson, Bryce's, birthday.

GREETER for today is Sharon Laverdure.

Church Elders

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

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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

<u>Today</u> ∼ Worship, 10:00 a.m.

~ Celebration of Life for Allan Erbe, following worship

Wednesday ~ Walk & Talk, 1:00

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "A Father's Love" PAMELA SORTOMME

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

P: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

L: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

P: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

ALL: So, with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

*HYMN NO. 42 "Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, Your good word teaches that as a father has compassion for his children, so do You have compassion for those who fear You. For You know how we were made; and that our days are like grass; we flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But Your steadfast love is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us bless You Lord, with all we have within us, let us bless Your holy name. Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father of compassion, You have given guidance in the Bible to Your children on how we should behave. I desire to be a child that is pleasing to You Holy Spirit and to always exhibit kindness and forgiveness. I want to live a life always marked with kindness and compassion, not just when it is easy. Please examine my heart and show me areas marred with pride and hatefulness. Because I am flesh still on this side of Heaven, I know I have areas that need to be cleansed by Your Holy touch. I pray for that cleansing presence in my life, one that will change me into the kind and compassionate child You created me to be. Amen.

☐ Moment for Silent Reflection ☐

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

(Pg. 581 in red hymnal)

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!

HYMN (ON INSERT)

"Faith of our Fathers!"

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Proverbs 11:17, 21:21 (Pg. 594)*

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 8:1-4 (Pg. 7)

EPISTLE Ephesians 4:25-5:1 9 (Pg. 194)

L: Word of God for the people of God

Pastor Nicki

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Be Kind, Please Rewind"

HYMN NO. 829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

SENDING

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

*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.

PASTORAL PRAYER LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN NO. 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "To God Be the Glory" ARR. LARRY SHACKLEY

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