

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 Heather Barrett.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is Kylee Vogel and Karl Schrick.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Jenny and Dennis Collins.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by

GREETER for today is

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
Sami Carmella	Nursery Attendant
Keith Karkut	Technology/Sexton

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

<u>Today</u>	~ Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 a.m.
	~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
	~ Fellowship Hour, Lenten soup gathering
	~ Youth Group gathering, 2:00 @ Church of the Mountain
<u>Monday</u>	~ Nexus deadline
<u>Tuesday</u>	~ Presbytery meeting in the Sanctuary

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February 26, 2023
Service for the Lord’s Day
1st Sunday in Lent
All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “God So Loved the World” ARR. FAYE LOPEZ

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Unstop our ears
P: Lace up our shoes
L: Open our hearts
P: Turn our faces toward God
L: For the Lenten journey begins.
P: To listen to the voice of Jesus
L: To walk the narrow path of discipleship
P: To direct our attention to where new life might begin.
ALL: Direct our attention to your eternal melody of love as we worship and learn from You today!

*HYMN NO. 169 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O divine companion, be our holy Guest. Reveal the depths of Your love in the midst of our darkest nights. Show us the path of hope when all we can see are dead ends. Give us a taste of living water in the midst of our dryness. Amen

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, help us to use this season of Lent to examine our attachments, and to sense where You invite us to live more simply and deeply. Shine the light of Your love into the private corners of our lives where we have acquired so much clutter that it has begun to restrict our freedom and ability to hear Your call. Grant us the strength to free ourselves from appetites and needs that drive us into taking, having and wanting more than we need or have time for. Teach us that in letting go we become free, rather than deprived, generous, rather than covetous, and spacious rather than restricted. We offer You our Lenten observance, and today we place our feet on the road to Easter, as we seek to understand in what ways You are guiding us where new life can begin. 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.

(Pg. 581 in red hymnal)

*THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you!
P: And also with you!

HYMN NO. 722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I may Speak”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Pg. 806)

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 5:17-20(Pg. 4)

EPISTLE

Romans 10:13-17 (Pg. 160)

L: Word of God for the people of God
P: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Where New Life Might Begin: Stories”

Pastor Nicki

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SACRMENT OF BAPTISM

(see insert)

Kennedy Brown

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.

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HYMN NO. (on insert)

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

POSTLUDE

“Nothing But The Blood”

ARR. JIM HAMMERLY

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