

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 are Benjamin Huffman and Colin Barrett.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are John and Lisa Finelli.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Bob Touw in memory of his wife, Romyne.

GREETERS for today are MaryAnne and Emery Gilbert.

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. ~ Choir rehearsal, 9:00 a.m. ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m. ~ Bell rehearsal in choir room, following worship ~ Fellowship hour in lounge following worship
<u>Wednesday</u>	~ Lenten Study Meal, hear at ESPC at 6:00 p.m.
<u>Friday</u>	~ Funeral for Frank Lanterman, 9:30-11:00 visitation, service at 11:00 ~ K-Group, 1:00 p.m.

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March 19, 2023
4th Sunday in Lent
Service for the Lord’s Day
All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Jesus Paid It All” ARR. MICHAEL COX

GATHERING

*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God, who has done great things. Let us rejoice in our God, who has made a way through the wilderness of this world. Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in wasteland places. For we are the People God has formed through Christ; we can choose this day to worship Him and to rejoice! Let us worship in spirit and in truth - with all our heart, mind, body and soul. Let us praise God for the grace that continues to save us. Let us worship and rejoice.

*HYMN NO. 370 “This is My Father’s World”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Jesus, your journey to the cross was full of betrayal, grief, torture and darkness, yet Your love for us, Your people, propelled You onward. Help us to comprehend just how powerful that love is, that You would suffer such a cruel death to make way for us to be with You in glory forever. May our praise never cease in this season. May our worship be unending. May our love for You find new depths. May this season bring new hope and new healing. May we journey toward the cross prayerfully and purposefully, even through the pain, doubt, questions, and searching. May we find resurrection life springing up from this old dusty ground, and may we be surprised by joy in all of it. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Take Me To the Cross” STAN PETHEL

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Search us, O God, and know our hearts; try us and know our thoughts. See where there is darkness and sin and lead us to a place where there is an abundance of light. Holy and merciful God, we confess to You that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, mind, body and soul. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not listened to Your call and we have grieved the Holy Spirit. We ask now that You come into our hearts with the Holy Spirit and lead us to a path of righteousness and light! 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!

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Proverbs 15:24 (Pg. 598)

EPISTLE Romans 2:6-8 (Pg. 153)

GOSPEL Luke 16: 19-31 (Pg. 79)

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

SERMON “Co-Existence of Heaven and Hell” Ruth Gardiner

HYMN NO.187 “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

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.

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HYMN NO. 216 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

postlude “Nothing But the Blood” ARR. BRIAN BUDA

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