

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 Jim Hall.

GREETERS for today is Sandy Rydell.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Lisa Swanson, Cole Wasylyk, Jen Carmella and Oscar Santana.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Rick and Becca Sanker in memory of Becca’s dad, Frank.

DEACON of the month is Bonnie Miller.

Church Elders

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

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Nicole Vogel	Pastor
Jen Carmella	Secretary
Linda Schaller	Music Director
Bob Lee	Sexton
Sami Carmella	Nursery Attendant
Keith Karkut	Technology

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

<u>Today</u>	~ Adult Ed. class, 9:00 a.m.
	~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
	~ Fellowship Hour in the Lounge, following worship
	~ Finance meeting, 10:45 a.m.
	~ Bell rehearsal after worship, in the Youth Room
<u>Wednesday</u>	~ Meal & Message, 6:00 p.m.

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

April 3, 2022
5th Sunday in Lent
Service for the Lord’s Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Just As I Am/ Lamb of God” ARR. JOEL RANEY

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sense the presence of God here in this time.
P: A sudden lifting of the heart, children’s smiles and joy.
L: The song that comes quickly to our lips,
P: A feeling of acceptance and hints of joy.
L: God moves over the mysteries of our living and our dying.
ALL: And God is on this Lenten journey with us to that our lives may become a song of praise!

*HYMN NO. 463 “How Firm a Foundation”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life, present and promised, You are the One to whom we call: for You are the One who hears, and You are the One who acts, bringing us new life with Your grace and love and power. Lead us in our time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow Your lead in places where life is at risk—places where hope seems far away, places where dreams die during sleep. When we leave these walls, help us live the teachings we proclaim within this place of worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. 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!

MINUTE FOR MISSON

Ellie Buff

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Halleluiah”
Duet -Carole Emery and MaryAnne Gilbert

ARR. ROGER EMERSON

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Judges 7:1-23 (Pg. 224)
NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 19:23-26 (Pg. 21)
EPISTLE Ephesians 3:18-20 (Pg. 193)

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

SERMON “But the Spirit Says . . .” Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 42 “Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure”

APOSTLES’ CREED (Pg. 35 in red hymnal)

SENDING

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

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. 653 “Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries” verses 1,2,3 & 6

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Power in the Blood” ARR. RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM