

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 Karl Schrick.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week are Debbie Prince, Heather Barrett and Nicole Vogel.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by the Emery family in honor of Carole’s birthday and in memory of Walter Emery.

GREETER for today is Sandy Rydell.

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 ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
<u>Monday</u>	~ Fellowship Hour, following worship ~ Nexus deadline

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April 23, 2023
3rd Sunday of Easter
Service for the Lord’s Day
All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are called into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
P: to be God’s servants in the service of all,
L: to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at His table,
P: to join Christ in His passion and victory.
L: “Beloved let us love one another, for love comes from God.”
ALL: All who love are born of God and know God. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 24 “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, in this moment You call us by name, lift up our weary spirits, deepen our questioning faith and give us new eyes to see Your blessings all around us. For You are the giver of peace, the source of joy and whisper of love in our daily lives. We offer ourselves as servants to You today. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, You are the Creator of all things, the Giver of life itself. You have made us in Your image and invited us to be Your children and the heirs of Your Kingdom. You have called us to be Your servants and to be part of Your Kingdom work, using the gifts You have given us. We stop now to confess that we have sinned and fallen short of what You would have us be. We have not always followed You or served You with our whole hearts. We have sinned and broken our promises to You, to one another, and to ourselves. We are sorry; please forgive us. Wash us clean and make us new. Turn our hearts toward You and renew our hope in You. By Your Spirit, give us the courage, the commitment, and the opportunity to serve You each day. In the Name of Jesus, 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 NO. 630 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 49:1-13 (Pg. 679)*

NEW TESTAMENT *Mark 9:33-37 (Pg. 45)*

EPISTLE *Philippians 2:1-7 (Pg. 197)*

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

SERMON “Servant of God” Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 828 “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

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. 465 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

POSTLUDE
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