

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 Luke Falzone and Troy Wasylyk.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Karl and Cindy Schrick.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Linda Schaller in honor of her granddaughter, Sydney’s, birthday.

GREETER for today is Cindy Schrick.

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. ~ NO Fellowship Hour today ~ Bell rehearsal after worship, in room #3
<u>Monday</u>	~ Nexus deadline

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April 30, 2023
4th Sunday of Easter
Service for the Lord’s Day
All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Sweet Hour of Prayer” ARR. MELODY BOBER

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, bring all that you are to God who hears our prayers and does not hide from our supplication.
P: God is more faithful than our closest companions.
L: Call upon God, our Savior, for he hears your voice and will redeem you. Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you.
All: Let us trust in and worship our God together.

*HYMN NO. 396 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

We praise You, Lord for You are all-wise and all-powerful, faithful, loving and gracious, holy, just, merciful, constant and pure, intimate and immortal. You are bigger than the known universe, yet You know us each by name and as close as our very breath. You know all about us and still love us. That’s why we praise You and offer up our prayers. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “I Trust in the Lord” ARR. JOSEPH MARTIN

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are only as far away as the sound of our whispers will travel, Lord, yet we so often struggle to speak with You intimately. We make small talk sometimes, thanking You for sun and rain, for gentle breezes and low humidity. Though we may be grateful, we know that chatting about the weather is something we do with casual acquaintances and even strangers. Forgive us when we are shallow, seeking a quick blessing or a fast favor from You without being willing to invest fully in a trusting, committed relationship with You. Forgive us when we are one-sided, asking always for mercy and compassion, but not returning the same. Forgive us when we approach You begging for guidance and direction, but then neglect to follow Your instructions. Forgive us when we cry out with our pressing questions, but then stop listening for Your answers. Help us to understand the value of praying to You both privately and among others. 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. 829 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Jonah 4:1-4 (Pg. 861)*

NEW TESTAMENT *Matthew 6:5-8 (Pg. 5)*

EPISTLE *Romans 8:22-28 (Pg. 158)*

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

SERMON “Prayer: 101” Pastor Nicki

HYMN (on insert) “Sweet Hour of 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.

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. 472 “Kum ba Yah”

POSTLUDE

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