

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.

GREETERS for today are Karl and Cindy Schrick.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES this week are MaryAnne & Douglas Gilbert and Dale and Christy Pedersen.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Sonya Cole in memory of Horace Cole.

DEACON of the month is Linda Schaller.

Church Elders

Sharon Laverdure Rick Sanker 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
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. ~ Bell Choir rehearsal after worship, in Youth Room ~ Fellowship Hour, following worship
<u>Monday</u>	~ 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15-5:15 p.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	~ Mission Committee, 1:00 p.m. ~ Women’s Circle, 2:00 p.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	~ Men’s Lunch, noon

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

May 8, 2022
4th Sunday in Easter
Service for the Lord’s Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Amazing Grace” ARR. JOHN NEWTON

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are centered in the promises of God,
P: Caught in the web of grace,
L: Spun in a dance of joy,
P: Welcomed into the house of blessing,
L: Woven in the fabric of trust,
P: Lift up as a child of the Most High,
L: Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,
ALL: And moved by a chorus of praise as we worship You today!

*HYMN NO. 610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

For the joy of your presence changing and renewing us day by day, we offer You our praise. For the blessing you bring us, the outpouring of your love, for peace beyond understanding, we offer You our praise. For Your Word that endures, teaches and challenges, generation to generation, we offer You our praise. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Look deep, loving God, and see us as we really are, yearning to be close to You, yet fearful of what you may ask; desiring to be faithful, yet hesitant to speak; wanting to be loving, yet resistant in caring in particular situations. Merciful God, You have moved and changed our lives in amazing ways, yet we have kept these stories to ourselves. We confess the times we have kept these stories to ourselves out of fear of rejection and misunderstanding. Help us believe that your good news of grace is the best story to tell. May we then tell it with love, joy, and courage. 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. 462 “I Love to Tell the Story”

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENTNumbers 22:21-39 (Pg. 141)

NEW TESTAMENTJohn 15:1-8 (Pg. 109)

EPISTLEEphesians 4:14-16 (Pg. 194)

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

SERMON“Talking Like A Donkey”Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 722“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HYMN NO. 295 “Go to the World!”

POSTLUDE