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 is Philip Lawrence.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Robert and Diane Huffman.

THE FLOWERS this week are given anonymously, to the glory of God and to the saints in our lives.

DEACON of the month is MaryAnne Gilbert.

GREETERS for today are Wendy Emery and Emery Gilbert.

# **Church Elders**

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

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### THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Education, 9:00 a.m.

~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.

~ Bell rehearsal following worship

~ Spooktacular Fellowship Hour, following worship

Friday ~ K-Group, 1:00 p.m.

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

PRELUDE "Take Time to Be Holy"

ARR. JOHN TURNER

# **GATHERING**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN NO. 722

L: Seek the welfare of our community both near and far.

P: Pray to the Lord on its behalf.

L: For in its welfare, you will find your welfare.

P: For I know the plans I have for you;

L: Plans not to harm you, but to give you a future and a hope.

All: In your plan, O God, You have sent us here. Please help us to seek the welfare of those around us. Equip us to that end as we worship You today.

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thank You God for directing and bending Your will in all that happens in this world. As history unfolds in ways we only know in part, all things—from crops to grades, from jobs to laws—are under Your control. You are present in our world by Your Word and Spirit. Your faithfulness, O great Provider gives sense to our days and hope to our years. The future is secure, for our world belongs to You. Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, You call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in Your hands, and to wholeheartedly commit to following You. We confess that we find this difficult to do. It is not always easy to follow where You lead—to turn away from our own personal wants and desires, to let go of our safety nets and trust that You will provide for us in all things. Forgive us when we doubt You, God. Increase our faith. Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns, to Your broader vision for us and for our world. Help us to be the disciples You call us to be. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 MISSION

HYMN NO. 694 "Great God of Every Blessing"

# THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:28-31; 43:18-19 (Pg. 668)

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 14:13-21 (Pg.16)

EPISTLE James 4:13-17 (Pg. 231)

L: Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON "The Future" Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

#### **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.

BAPTISM (See Insert)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HYMN NO. 465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

POSTLUDE "Our God" ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST

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