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Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit, growing together in Christ, and committed to serving God. Everyone is encouraged to stay for fellowship following the worship service.

The Order Of The Liturgy

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Prelude

Blest Are They

Haas/Tate

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Temple/Wagner

*Call to Worship (*Psalm 46: 1 – 5, responsively*)

1 God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble

2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

3 though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the most high.

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

God will help her when morning dawns.

*Invocation (*together*)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 749

Come, Live in the Light

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(together)*

Most gracious God, we know what we receive at Your Son's table is a gift of Your amazing grace. We are not worthy to take the bread and cup, the symbols of our Lord's body and blood. We could be, indeed we should be, one caring, loving community around this table, and we are not. There are things that keep us apart: pride, mistrust, and petty interests. When we yield to them, our unity is weakened, our witness impaired and our faithfulness becomes dull and listless. We hesitate to share Christ's love with others in an open invitation. We are uncertain, and lack the energy to change our behavior. Have mercy on us, most merciful God! We are troubled and threatened in a troubling, threatening world. After breaking bread today around this table, may we be more skillful in forbearing and loving one another, welcoming others and serving Christ each day. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon (*Colossians 1: 12 - 14*)

¹² give thanks to the Lord, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of God's beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Hymn #582 *Glory to God*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination *(together)*

Eternal God, your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible to live faithfully. Your Spirit enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day. Help us to rely always on your promises in Scripture. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson: Psalm 15 *(together)*

¹ O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?
² Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speaks truth in their hearts;
³ who do not slander with their tongues
and does no evil to their neighbors,
nor takes up a reproach against their friends;
⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the Lord;
who swears to their own hurt and does not change;
⁵ who does not put out their money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Second Lesson: Matthew 5: 1 - 12

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: Living in the Kingdom of God

*Affirmation of Faith:

In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 754 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts - Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayers of the Church and the 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. Lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Communion Invitation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened blind eyes, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and needy. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he leads us to eternal life. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that he leads us to eternal life. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new.

The Words of the Institution of the Lord’s Supper

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Communion Meditation *Ivory Hymn* Fiscella

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* vs 3

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

*Postlude *Come Sing O Church in Joy* arr. Larson

During the Postlude, feel free to linger and enjoy the music, visit with one another in the Sanctuary or spend a brief moment at the Prayer Corner.

This Week at Firelands

Today	9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Assisting in Worship are Ernie Janet Gray-Moore (reader), and Shirley and Ed Carlson (Communion servers)
Tuesday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours
Wednesday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours
Thursday	Cleaning Service 2:00pm The Chosen - study & fellowship 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours
Next Sunday	9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Scheduled to assist in worship are Ed Carlson (reader), and Sally and Dave Wahlers (Communion servers)
2/18 Ash Wednesday	4:00 PM Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Communion 5:00 PM Church Dinner of Soup & Salad

Prayer Concerns

Rob & Cindy Constien, Garrett Holcomb, Bill & Pat Sharp, Former Pastor Bobbi Bella & Wes, Former Pastor Mark & Jill Cooper, Gene Bailey, Karla Hoffman, Betty & Jim Layton’s nephew, Eric, Karen Dietz, Mason Fenton & Anne Trombatore, Linda Holcom’s sisters, Lois & Carol, Eric and Fiona Pott and her brother, Jeff Thompson, Mary (neighbor of McIntoshes), her sister, Darlene, and her mother, Pearl.