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²¹ And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. ²² The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people. (*Exodus 13: 21, 22*)

March 1, 2026

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 Adoration Hayes

 O Jerusalem Vogt

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

As the day's light breaks the darkness of the night,

As the first movements of the morning pierce the night's stillness,

So a new waking to life dawns within me,

So a fresh beginning opens.

In the early light of this day, in the first actions of the morning,

Let me be awake to life.

In my soul and in my seeing, let me be alive to the gift of this day,

Let me be fully alive.

*Prayer of Invocation: God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself, that we who confess Jesus as Lord, may put aside the deeds of death, and accept the life of your kingdom. Amen.

*Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

Call to Confession: Seek the Lord while God may be found; call upon God while God is near; let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts;

return to the Lord, that God may have compassion on you, and to our God for God will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55: 6, 7)

Prayer of Confession *(together)*

We come before your sight, O Lord, as those accused with our conscience as witness. We pray, not daring to ask what we are not worthy to receive. But Lord, you know everything that drives us to confess to you; what we are ashamed of, and the sins we were not afraid to commit. With these words we yield to you our hearts and minds, and commend to you what we say, but not what we have done. Spare us, O Lord, and forgive the sins we confess. Have mercy on those who call to you. And because my senses are weak in comprehending your mysteries, grant, Lord, the things we do not ask because of the hardness of our hearts, and grant us pardon; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (The Book of Cerne)

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Glory to God - Hymn 581 *(together)* ***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.***

Prayer of Illumination *(together)* **Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that, being taught by you in HolyScripture, our hearts and**

minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Second Lesson: Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

3 God will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber.

4 Behold, God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life.

8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

The Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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

Sermon: The Absolute Majesty of God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith: **Heidelberg Confession**

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to

my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*Hymn 829 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee (vs 1, 2, 3)*

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts - Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology - Hymn 708 (*vs 1, together*) ***We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.***

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 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Tate

Prayer after Communion.

*Hymn 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

***Charge and Benediction**

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

*Benediction Response *(together)* *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Strathdee

The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious, gracious. Shalom. Shalom. Shalom.

*Postlude March Haydn



**** (Daylight savings time starts next Sunday) ****
Spring Forward!

This Week at Firelands

Today 3/1 2nd Sunday in Lent	9:30 am ADULT Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Assisting in Worship are Karen Dietz (reader), and Deb & Tim Flora (Communion servers)
Monday	10:00am - 1:00pm Sewing Group 5:00pm - 6:30pm Fresh Bread
Tuesday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours
Wednesday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours 10:30pm - 11:30pm Lenten Study: The Psalms
Thursday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours Cleaning Service 2:00pm The Chosen - study & fellowship
Next Sunday 3/8 3rd Sunday in Lent	9:30 AM ADULT Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Scheduled to assist in worship are Karen Salzgeber (reader), and Jay and Karen Viery (Communion servers)

Prayer Concerns

Connie Brand, Rob & Cindy Constien, Garrett Holcomb, Bill & Pat Sharp, Former Pastor Bobbi Bella & Wes, Former Pastor Mark & Jill Cooper, Karla Hoffman, Fiona & Eric Pott, Karen Dietz, Mason Fenton & Anne Trombatore, Linda Holcomb's sisters, Lois & Carol.