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Raising of Lazarus
Vincent van Gogh, 1853-1890

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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 When Jesus Wept arr Ringham

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*Call to Worship: *(responsively)*

Let us worship in the goodness of our merciful Father,

In the gentleness of our brother Jesus,

In the radiance of his Holy Spirit,

In the faith of the apostles,

In the joyful praise of the angels,

In the holiness of the believers,

In the courage of the martyrs.

Let us worship God.

Today's Call to Worship is from "Celtic Prayers" by de Weyer, p. 25

*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 343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (vs 1, 3, 6)

Call to Confession:

Our sin separates us from a holy and righteous God. Yet, God longs to wrap us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Let us, therefore, with confidence and gratitude

name that which distorts our relationships with God, self and others. Let us pray together:

Prayer of Confession *(together)*:

Lord, make me see Your glory in every place. If mortal beauty sets my heart aglow, shall not that earthly fire by Yours burn low, extinguished by the great light of Your grace? Dear Lord, I cry to You for help. Raise me from the misery of this blind woe. Your Spirit alone can save me. Let it flow through will and sense, redeeming what is base. You have given me on earth this godlike soul, and a poor prisoner of it You have made behind weak flesh-walls; from that wretched state how can I rescue it, my true life find? All goodness, Lord, must fail without Your aid. For You alone have the power to alter fate. (Michelangelo, “The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Christian Prayers and Devotions”, p 20)

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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)*

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.

Psalm 130 *(responsively)*

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

2 **O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

4 **But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.**

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God’s word I hope;

6 **my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,**
more than watchmen for the morning.

7 **O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,**
and with God is plentiful redemption.

8 **And God will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.**

Anthem Forty Days and Forty Nights arr. Williams
Janet Gray Moore, flute and Betty Roberts, clarinet

The Gospel: John 11: 1 - 45

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

The Power of His Love

*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 805

Come Sing to God

Presentation of Our Gifts, Offerings, and Thanksgiving

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

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ:

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to

God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes. With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

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

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 I Am the Bread of Life Toolan/Carter

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again (vs 1, 2 4)

*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* Strathtdee

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

*Postlude All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Turner



Prayer Concerns

Connie Brand, Rob & Cindy Constien, Garrett Holcomb, Bill & Pat Sharp, Former Pastor Mark & Jill Cooper, Karla Hoffman, Fiona & Eric Pott, Karen Dietz, Mason Fenton & Anne Trombatore, Linda Holcomb's sisters, Lois & Carol, Kay McIntosh's cousin, John McLaughlin and his wife Ele, and Kay's friend, Deb..

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, March 29th at 10:30 am here at Firelands

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 4:00 pm here at Firelands

Good Friday, April 3 at 7:00 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church

Easter morning! April 5 at 10:30 am here at Firelands

This Week at Firelands

Today 3/22 4th Sunday in Lent	9:30 AM ADULT Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Assisting in worship is Janet Gray-Moore (reader), and Karen Dietz and Marilyn Umlauf (Communion servers)
Monday	10:00am - 1:00pm Sewing Group 5:00pm - 6:30pm Fresh Bread
Tuesday	Trumpet Articles Due! 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 "I Am Israel, pt. 1": Video and Fellowship
Next Sunday 3/29 Palm Sunday	9:30 AM ADULT Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Scheduled to assist in worship are Karen Salzgeber (reader), and Ed and Shirley Carlson (Communion servers)