

Firelands Presbyterian Church

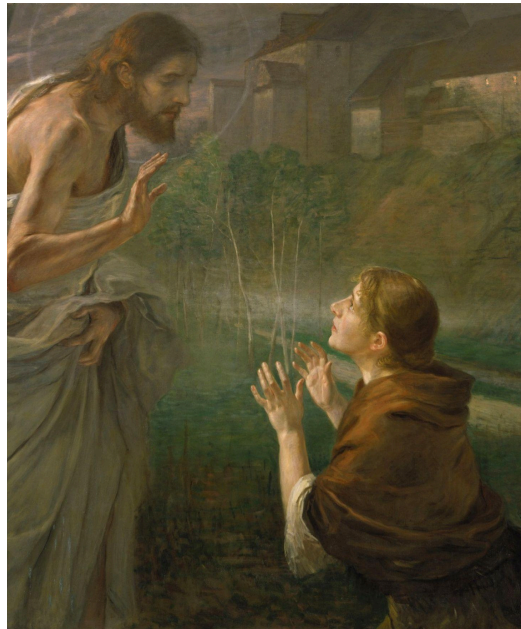
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“Touch Me Not”
Fritz von Uhde, 1848-1911

April 5, 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

Easter Alleluia

arr. Lanier

Brian Shifflet, cello

*Call to Worship: Psalm 67: 1 - 5 (*responsively*)

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make
God's face to shine upon us,

**2 that God's way may be known upon the earth,
God's saving power among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise Thee, O God; **Let all the peoples praise Thee!**

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
**for You judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon the earth.**

5 Let all the peoples praise Thee, O God, **Let all the peoples praise Thee!**
Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

*Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Call to Confession: Have mercy, Christ, have mercy on all that trust in You, for You are God in glory to all eternity.

Prayer of Confession *(together)*

With glad hearts, we join in the ages old shout, “Christ is risen!” Today we raise our eyes to you, Lord Jesus, and feel our hearts fill with hope! Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever! But with humility and regret, we confess that our lives don’t reveal such joy from day to day. We focus too narrowly upon our need to feel healthy and strong, to be in control, or at least in charge. Then You come to us, O Christ, with nail-scarred hands and embrace us with a divine love. You send the Holy Spirit to spread comforting wings and hover over us, to shelter us and befriend us along our way. Eternal God, maker of all things seen and unseen, our God, our Savior, our Comforter, in this season of resurrection, let us hear Your empty-tomb laughter resonant throughout creation. Inspire us to live, really and truly live, our belief that Jesus Christ is risen today! In His precious name we pray. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Hymn 71, refrain only *(together)*

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

Prayer of Illumination *(together)* **Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31: 1 - 6

1 “At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

2 Thus says the LORD: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest,

3 the LORD appeared to them from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

4 Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

5 Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit.

6 For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’”

Anthem

Risen

Edwards/Blomberg

Lillie Rolen, soprano Janet Gray Moore, alto

Risen to set captives free. Oh, He is risen to ransom you and me. To bind up every broken heart, to conquer death and sin. Risen!

The Gospel: John 20: 1 - 18

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

Sermon: Easter! The Day of Resurrection!

*Affirmation of Faith: **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn 248 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Presentation of Our Gifts, Offerings, and Thanksgiving

Doxology - Hymn 606 (*tune*)

Praise God when face to face we see the one who died to set us free.

The one who rose in victory. Praise now forever Christ the King. 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

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 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 *Triumph* deSilva

Prayer after Communion.

*Hymn 233 *The Day of Resurrection*

*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 826 (together) *Lift High the Cross*

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.***

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory.

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.***

*Postlude *Easter Alleluia* arr. Lanier



Prayer Concerns

Rob & Cindy Constien, Garrett Holcomb, Bill & Pat Sharp, Former Pastor Mark & Jill Cooper, Gene Bailey, Karla Hoffman, Mason Fenton (improved after brain tumor surgery but loss of vision), Flona & Eric Pott, Karen Dietz, Anne Trombatore, Linda Holcomb's sisters, Lois & Carol.

This Week at Firelands

Today 4/5 Easter! The Day of Resurrection!	No Adult Sunday School this date 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Assisting in Worship are Susan Rogers (reader), and Dave and Sally Wahlers (Communion servers)
Monday	10:00am - 1:00pm Sewing Group
Tuesday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours
Wednesday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours
Thursday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours Cleaning Service 2:00pm - 3:30pm "I am Israel, pt 2"- study & fellowship
Next Sunday 4/12	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)