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Born Again
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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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Bach

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Robbins

***Call to Worship (Responsively) Psalm 100: 1 - 5**

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

2 Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

3 Know that the Lord, the Lord is God!

It is God who made us, and we are the Lord's;

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

4 Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks to God; bless the Lord's name!

5 For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

And God's faithfulness to all generations.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

*Hymn 482

Baptized in Water

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)*

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

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)*

Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may live the

hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of Christ's glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of Christ's power for those who believe in him. Amen.

First Lesson: I Peter 1: 17 - 23

17 And if you call on God as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, **18** knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. **20** He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you **21** who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, **23** since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

Anthem

Fly Away Home

arr. McDonald

Sometimes Serendipity Singers

The Gospel:

Luke 24: 13 - 35

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

The Power of Believing

*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 26 *Earth and All Stars!*

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

Love's Return

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Prayer after Communion.

*Hymn 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*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 248 *(together)* *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (vs 2)*

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning,

See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion, Joy and peace shall never end.

*Postlude

Festal Fanfare

Smith



Prayer Concerns

Rob & Cindy Constien; Garrett Holcomb; Bill & Pat Sharp; Friends and Family of Pastor Mark Cooper; Gene Bailey; Karla Hoffman; Mason Fenton (improved after brain tumor surgery but loss of vision); Friends and family of Harold Douglass; Flona & Eric Pott; Karen Dietz; Anne Trombatore; Linda Holcomb's sisters, Lois & Carol; Linda Holcomb's neighbor Matt Wammes; Betty Layton's friend, Sue; Gerry, Gwen's like-a-cousin since childhood, recent ALS diagnosis plus brain aneurysms.

This Week at Firelands

Today 4/19	9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Assisting in Worship are Mary Caracci (reader), and Jay and Karen Viery (Communion servers)
Monday	10:00am - 1:00pm Sewing Group
Tuesday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours 330 :Mission Committee Meeting
Wednesday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours 10:30am - 11:30am Exploring Our Faith Together
Thursday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours Cleaning Service 2:00pm - 3:30pm "I am Israel, pt 2"- study & fellowship
Friday	Trumpet Articles due
Next Sunday 4/26	9:30 AM ADULT Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Scheduled to assist in worship are Ed Carlson (reader), and Tim and Deb Flora (Communion servers)

