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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

↑ Please stand in body or in spirit ↑

Prelude

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Lowry/Vogt

Hymn to Our Protector

arr. Krieger

↑ **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!

Hymn 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (vs 1, 3, 5)

↓ **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*)

O God, Who brought us from the rest of last night into the joyous light of this day, bring us, we pray, from the light of this new day into the guiding Light of eternity! O God, You are our King: Maker of heaven and earth; Creator of the moon, the sun, the beloved stars. And still, You know our

finite needs, for You are a God of Mercy and of Life.

Each day that we move, each morning that we awaken, we sadly confess the gloom and distress we cause to vex You, O Lord of Hosts Who loves us.

In Jesus name, be with us throughout the day, just as You watched over us throughout the night. As the psalmist prays, so we pray this day, “Cast us not away from Your Presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.”

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news; the empires of this world will rise and fall, but the mercy of the Lord will never end.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

We Are Forgiven - Hymn 447 (together)

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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Prayer of Illumination (together)

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

¹And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall

not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother or your sister in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of them. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the children of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Special Music

The First Song of Isaiah White/Dengler

Sometimes Serendipity Singers

The Gospel

Matthew 22: 34 - 46

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God!

Sermon

How to Live in This Crazy World

↑Hymn 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

↓ Installation & Ordination of Church Leaders

Janet Gray Moore, for the office of Elder

Karen Dapper, for the office of Deacon

Alan Jerram, for the office of Deacon

↑The Peace The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

↓ Presentation of Our Gifts, Offerings, and Thanksgiving

↑ Doxology - Hymn 609 (together)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures
here below; Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and
Spirit one.. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

↓ 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 Acclamation Let us praise the Lord.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. In Christ shall all be made alive.

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 up 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 Lord's Supper *(approach the table using the center aisle - return using the side aisles)*

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 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Charge and Benediction

As we go forth from this place, our service of worship comes to an end.
May our lives of worship and service begin anew with tomorrow's rising sun.

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 *May you run and not be weary. May your heart be
filled with song. And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep
you strong. And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with
joy! And may the road you travel always lead you home.*

Postlude

Postlude on "La Morisque"

Susato/North

Prayer Concerns

Rob Constein • Karen Dietz • Dottie Douglas • Dottie’s son, David Douglas • Remi Floro • Linda & Garrett Holcomb • Linda Holcomb’s sisters, Lois & Carol • Sue Holman • Kathy Jerram (after surgery) • Betty Layton’s friend, Sue • Jim Layton • Bob Leib • Judy Smither’s brother, Rob Morris • Flona & Eric Pott • Rod Teen (knee surgery) • Anne Trombatore • Karen Salzgeber’s friend, Becky Deredick • Bill & Pat Sharp • Bill Umlauf • John Vardyon • Kay McIntosh’s cousin Terry Webster’s Family after Terry’s recent passing • All those who are currently under a doctor’s care • All who are traveling this week.

Announcements

“Thank you, Barak Strickland” for the wisdom and inspiration you shared with us on Saturday, October 24th The ‘ball’ is in our court now to respond as the Holy Spirit nudges us to respond.

Exploring Our Faith Bible Study meets Wednesday at 10:30am in the Conference Room to study together the Apostles' Creed. The Holy Spirit is the topic this week.

The House of David video series resumes Thursday, October 15th at 2:00pm. This video series dramatizes the life of David, with conversation to follow the video.

Our Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30am in the Conference Room. This adult class studies the Scripture lessons which are a part of the morning worship service.

This morning’s Prayer of Confession is adapted from the morning prayers found on pages 37 – 38 of *Celtic Vision*, edited by Esther de Waal.

Reformation Sunday is next Sunday, November 1st. We are encouraged to wear ancestry appropriate attire! Kilts, plaids and thistles (!) are welcome! Or wear anything from your past that reflects the cultural heritage of which you are proud! The bagpiper will play, the choir will sing, and the angels in heaven will rejoice!

This Week at Firelands: Office Hours 10am - 2pm, T - Th

Today 10/25 Leadership recognized	10:30am Worship and Fellowship. The Reader assisting in worship is Mary Caracci & Barak Strickland. Communion Servers are John & Kay McIntosh. Coffee & Fellowship Hosts are John & Kay McIntosh.
Monday	10:00am Sewing Group 2:00pm Health & Exercise 4:00pm Bistro 163 Drive Comm. meal 5:00pm Fresh bread
Tuesday	12:30pm Linus Luncheon @ Beach Glass Lounge
Wednesday	10:30am Exploring Our Faith 11:00pm Carpets are being cleaned 3:00pm Choir Practice Serendipity Singers
Thursday	8:00am Cleaning service 2:00pm House of David 5:00pm Congregational Pot Luck Dinner
Next Sunday 11/01 Celebrating the Reformation	10:30am Worship and Fellowship. The Reader assisting in worship will be Karen Salzgeber. Communion Servers will be Marlyn Umlauf & Gwen Aber. Coffee Fellowship Hosts are Bill & Marlyn Umlauf.