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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 *Agnus Dei* Mozart
When Morning Guilds the Skies Barnby/Innes

↑ Call to Worship Psalm 67: 1 - 3 *(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 386 *Come, Worship God*

↓ Call to Confession: We turn to God in prayer not because we are compelled but because God invites us. We come to God not because of our righteousness but because of God's grace. In that spirit, we offer this prayer of confession and unburdening. Let us pray together:

Prayer of Confession *(together)*

Caring God, in our anxiousness, we cling tightly to familiar people. Afraid to extend our hand, we bind up our gifts, fearing we won't have enough for ourselves. Loving Jesus, lacking trust in you, we clutch our possessions as if they are the meaning of life. Our hesitancy to share stops

the flow of your compassion.

Gracious Spirit, we discount our ability and talents and miss what is possible when Christ blesses our offering.

Holy God, loosen our closed hands and tight hearts that we may offer the gift we are and the gifts we have, to touch the bruised world. Let your compassion flow through us. In the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, know that God hears our prayers which we say together and which we have lifted high in this sanctuary of safety and love. Today offers us a chance to begin again, knowing that God knows us through and through and loves us still.

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)* Psalm 29:3-4

Loving God, the psalmist wrote "The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic" We are gathered to hear your voice in your Word. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 78: 1 - 7*(responsively)*

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
3 **things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.**
4 We will not hide them from the children, but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and God's might,
and the wonders that God has done.
5 God established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel,
which the Lord commanded our ancestors to teach to their children,
6 **that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,**
and arise and tell them to their children,
7 so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God,
but keep God's commandments.

Special Music *When I've Done My Best* Thomas A. Dorsey
Kay McIntosh & Janet Gray-Moore

The Gospel Matthew 25: 1 - 13
The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Ready or Not, Here He Comes!

↑ **The 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 362 *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

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

↓ **Presentation of Our Gifts, Offerings, and Thanksgiving**

↑ **Doxology** - Hymn 338*(together)*

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown the good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country love, and mercy more than life! America! America! God mend thine every flaw; confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

↓ **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 and 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 Consecration

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 *Be Thou My Vision* Irish Melody/ Shackley

Prayer of Thanksgiving

↑Hymn 744 *Arise Your Light is Come!*

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 *Sarabande* J.S. Bach

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 • Judy Smither's brother, Rob Morris • Flona & Eric Pott • • 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

Exploring Our Faith Bible Study meets Wednesday at 10:30am in the Conference Room to study together the Apostles' Creed. "The Resurrection of the Body", chap. 6, is the topic, concluding our study. We will resume for the season of Lent in 2027.

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

Sunday 11/08 Honoring All Veterans	10:30am Worship and Fellowship. The Reader assisting in worship will be Don Dewald. Communion Servers will be Jay & Karen Viery. Coffee Fellowship Hosts are Karen & Jay Viery
Monday	2:00pm Health & Exercise 4:00pm Bistro 163 Drive
Tuesday	2:00pm Mission Committee 3:30pm Session
Wednesday	10:30am Exploring Our Faith 10:30am - 12 Stein Hospice Healing Hearts 3:00pm Choir Practice Serendipity Singers
Thursday	8:00am Cleaning service 2:00pm House of David
Next Sunday 11/15	10:30am Worship and Fellowship. The Reader assisting in worship will be Karen Dietz. Communion Servers will be Sally & Dave Wahlers. Coffee Fellowship hosts are Janet Gray Moore and Dave Moore.