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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

Here I Am, Lord

Schutte/Carter

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Robbins

*Call to Worship (*Psalm 95: 1 – 6, responsively*)

1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

2 Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4 In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.

5 The sea is the Lord's, for God made it; the Lord's hands formed the dry land.

6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

*Invocation (*together*)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (1,2 6)

Call to Confession

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 (*Isaiah 46: 3*)

“Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; **4** even to your old age - I am God - and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will nurture; I will carry and will save. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Hymn #582 *Glory to God*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination (*together*)

Gathering God, you have promised that if we draw near to you, you will draw near to us. In this time, prepare our hearts and minds that we might receive your wisdom and understanding. Relieve our bodies and souls from all the desires and cravings shaped by this world, that we might be filled with your peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

First Lesson: Psalm 27: 1, 4 - 9 (*responsively*)

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in God’s temple.**

⁵ For God will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

God will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

God will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in God’s tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷ ^uHear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ **You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you,
“Your face, Lord, do I seek.”**

⁹ Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,
**O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!**

Second Lesson: Matthew 4: 12 - 23

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

Sermon: The Dawning of the Light

*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 721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Offering Our Gifts - Presentation of Our Offering to God with Thanksgiving

*Doxology ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. 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

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

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened blind eyes, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and needy. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he leads us to eternal life. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this

bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that he leads us to eternal life. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new.

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 *Ivory Hymn* Fiscella

Prayer after Communion.

*Hymn 751 *From the Nets of Our Labors (1,2,3,6)*

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* vs 3

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

*Postlude *Come Sing O Church in Joy* arr. Larson

This Week at Firelands

Today	9:30 am ADULT Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Assisting in Worship are Ernie McCullough (reader), and Janet and Dave Moore (Communion servers)
Monday	10:00am - 1:00pm Sewing Group 5:00 - 6:30pm Fresh Bread
Tuesday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours
Wednesday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours
Thursday	Cleaning Service 2:00pm The Chosen - study & fellowship 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours
Next Sunday	9:30 AM ADULT Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Scheduled to assist in worship are Janet Moore (reader), and Shirley and Ed Carlson (Communion servers)

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Prayer Concerns

Rob & Cindy Constien, Garrett Holcomb, Bill & Pat Sharp, Former Pastor Bobbi Bella & Wes, Former Pastor Mark & Jill Cooper, Gene Bailey, Karla Hoffman, Betty & Jim Layton's nephew, Eric, Karen Dietz, Mason Fenton & Anne Trombatore, Linda Holcom's sisters, Lois & Carol.