PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the blue prayer request cards in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate so Pastor can include them in the Pastoral Prayer.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Clem Gower, Steve Hess, Mark Cramer and Sophia Thompson.

#### Church Staff

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# THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Monday ~ Memorial Day – Church Closed

<u>Tuesday</u> ~ Nexus Deadline

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May 24, 2020

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**PRELUDE** 

# **GATHERING**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands! Shout for joy! Our Lord reigns on the throne of glory! We open our hearts to the ascended Lord, who sits on the throne of glory!

\*HYMN NO. 8

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of Lords illumine our hearts this day, that we may feel your glory and live into the hope to which you have called us. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord we have not lived our lives as kingdom people. We place our crowns on hopelessness, fear, and selfishness. We are ruled by our schedules and our need for control. We make kings of the things we acquire and queens of our immediate desires. We forget that your kingdom draws near to us on earth, as it is in heaven. Forgive us, we pray. Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom. Amen.

## **⋄** Moment for Silent Reflection **⋄**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 68 vs. 1-10 (Pg. 529)

GOSPEL *Matthew 18: 12-14 (Pg. 20)* 

L: Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON Pastor Ed Freeborn

HYMN NO. 338

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

## **SENDING**

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*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 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION