

*Welcome To Worship*

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*Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
INVITATION TO REST**

**\*Call To Worship:**

Let our praise for all that God has done  
**resound within and beyond these walls.**

When all people turn to God and worship,  
**the poor shall eat and be satisfied,**  
and justice and peace will surely embrace  
**present and future generations.**

Therefore, in thanksgiving for all that God has done,  
**let our lives and our love proclaim the message**  
of God's gracious and liberating acts.

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

**#166**

**Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee**

**KYRIE**

**#627**

**I Love You Lord**

*Because our confession is also our act of love for the God and his grace, our Kyrie is also a song of thankful joy.*

*I Love You Lord And I Lift My Voice To Worship You  
Oh My Soul, Rejoice...*

**CONFESSION OF SIN (Responsive)**

**Merciful One,**

**You know when we are afraid to love;**

**You know when we are too weak to show mercy.**

**You know when we are too timid to let go of judgements.**

Remind us again  
that perfect love casts out such fears.  
Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love,  
even in the face of our imperfections.  
Soak us with a love so strong,  
with such growth toward authenticity,  
that we may cast aside our pride  
and give up the need to judge  
Because we are already full  
Of you.

## **KYRIE**

*Take Joy My King*

*In What You Hear*

*May it be a sweet, sweet song*

*In Your Ear.*

*SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.*

## **DECLARATION OF GRACE (Psalm 103: 11-12)**

Hear God's words of grace over you,  
As high as heaven is above the earth,  
so strong is his love to those who fear him.  
And as far as sunrise is from sunset,  
he has separated us from our sins.  
**Hallelujah & Amen!**

**\*RESPONSE HYMN**

**(Insert)**

**Lord I Lift Your Name On High (x2)**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

More Precious Than Silver

By: Bells of Praise

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

**Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.**

**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING 1.....1 John 4:7-21**

**READING 2..... John 15:1-8**

*Leader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!***

**\*SERMON..... Rev. Gretchen Enoch**

**SILENCE FOR CONTEMPLATION**

**\*CONTEMPLATION HYMN: #300 We Are One In The Spirit**

**PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #319 Shout To The North**

**\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to tilt at windmills and plant the trees of Eden

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

# A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

*Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:*

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## Sunday- April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**10:45 am                      Worship**  
**11:45 am                      Coffee Fellowship**

**Ushers & Greeters.....Wayne & Lori Folkers**  
**Organist..... George French**  
**Music Director.....Sandy Perkins**  
**Reader..... Ralph Pester**

## Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>

**5:30pm Area Woman's.**  
**Chorus**

## Wednesday –May 1<sup>st</sup>

**5:30pm Bells of Praise**

## Thursday May 2<sup>n</sup>

**1:00pm- Book Study**

## Next Sunday- May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**10:45 am                      Worship**  
**11:45 am                      Coffee Fellowship**

**Ushers & Greeters.....Gary & Lori Hoerner**  
**Organist.....George French**  
**Music Director.....Sandy Perkins**  
**Communion Servers.....Wayne & Lori Folkers/Jeri Melsa**  
**Reader..... Mary Pulkrabek**

## Special Announcements!



Hello Friends! My name is Pastor Gretchen Enoch and I serve Fisher/Bygland, a 2-point Parish. I was consecrated a Lutheran Deaconess from the Lutheran Deaconess Association, Valparaiso, Indiana in 1995 and ordained to Word and Sacrament Ministry in 2009. My husband, Kirby and I were married in Fergus Falls May 2020, where I served my most recent congregation. Currently, we enjoy living in the Parish Parsonage with our hunting dog, Florence and 2 kittens, Dirt and Mumbles. My husband can be found walking a field with Florence and I enjoy the adventure of thrifting. Kirby and I practice yoga together in addition to working programs of recovery through Alcoholics Anonymous. We have started a Thursday 6:30am AA meeting at Fisher Church, all are welcome. We are eager to worship among the faithful Lutherans and Presbyterians in Crookston and Maple Lake. It is pure gift having this opportunity to share worship leadership within this blessed rural community. Thank you for welcoming Kirby and I into your faith communities. God is with us!