



April 26, 2026

10 am Worship

Easter Season

**Message:
Living in Hope!**

**Scripture:
1 Peter 3: 8-22 NIV**



Our Mission

*The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

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Easter Season

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The altar flowers are given today by The Prayer Team in memory of Tom Sedlak.

*** Opening Prayer (unison)**

Spirit of Truth, speak to us in this hour that your words soak into our lives. Let your spirit flow through our very being. Let your love envelope us so that we may live your love in all that we do and all that we say. Amen.

*** Call to Worship (responsive)**

Pastor: Blessed be the Father, who calls us to love.

All: **Blessed be the Son, who shows us the way.**

Pastor: Praise be to God's Spirit who enlightens us.

All: **Praise be to the Godhead, who invites us to worship.**

***Hymn of Praise** ##368 My Hope Is Built

Children's Message

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology** ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow #95

***Prayer of Dedication**

Our Time of Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn of Praise** **Glory be to the Father #70**

* Please rise in body or spirit.



Scripture

1 Peter 3: 8-22 NIV

⁸ Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. ⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For,

“Whoever would love life
and see good days

must keep their tongue from evil
and their lips from deceitful speech.

¹¹ They must turn from evil and do good;
they must seek peace and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Message

Living in Hope!

Pastor Don Kephart

*** Hymn of Dedication**

When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Benediction

Worship for today is over, but your service to God for the week is just beginning.

*weekly
schedule*

All are welcome!
Please contact the office for more information.

Sunday 10 am	Worship
Sunday 11 am (Prayer Room)	Prayer Meeting
Monday 9:30 am (Fellowship Hall)	Tai Chi
Monday 6:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)	Cub Scouts
Monday 7pm (4 th Fl Annex Hall)	Boy Scouts
Tuesday 10 am (Fellowship Hall)	Line Dancers
Thursday 6:30 pm	Worship
Friday 10 am (Fellowship Hall)	Line Dancers
Saturday (8th Avenue Place)	Outreach Ministry (1 st and 3 rd Saturdays 8:30 am)





Sunday 05/03/26 Guest Speaker - Pastor Karen Hecht

Wednesday 05/13/26 6pm Trustee and Church Council Meeting

Sunday 05/17/26 Retirement Party for Pastor Don - signup sheet is in the Narthex. Remember to sign up today!

A Note from Pastor Don

Members and Friends, Please contact me directly by cell phone text or email if you need to speak with me. My contact information is located in the bulletin as well as on the business cards in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.

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Holy Communion Schedule

Holy Communion will be held on the first Sunday of February, June, August, October, and December, as well as on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday.