



THE LORD'S DAY
November 19, 2023
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Piano/Chancel Organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP & STRIKING THE HOUR *"Amazing Grace" The Carillon Bells*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† INTROIT *"Majesty" (Verse 1)* Page 10

† *Please stand as you are able.*

† HYMN *"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (Verses 1,3,4)* Page 45

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† ANTHEM *"Gloria Patri"* Page 813

HYMN *"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" (Verses 1,3,4)* Page 43

WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND RECITE GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL *"Psalm 136" Psalter 136^A*
 Sung To The Tune of: *"Christ the Lord has Risen Today"*
 (Verses 6,7)

RESPONSIVE READING: *"The Westminster Catechism"*

WE RETURN OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE UNTO THE LORD

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

† DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER



WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

HYMN *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (Verses 1,2,4)* Page 1

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON
"Christ's Reign ~ Our Comfort"
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN *"All Glory, Laud and Honor" (Verses 1,3)* Page 300

† BENEDICTION

† ANTHEM *"The Family of God"* Page 419

DEPART IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*If you are visiting with us today, we're glad you're here.
 We are ordinary people on an extraordinary journey,
 learning to love and serve like Jesus. Come with Us!*



In this constantly changing world, our goal is to reflect and recapture the historic and classical worship of Almighty God. Central to our service is the proclamation of the Word and a biblical understanding of the Sacraments in the tradition of the Evangelical and Reformed faith.

OUR MISSION
 TO PRESENT CHRIST TO EVERYONE,
 EVERYWHERE, AT EVERY AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.



THE LESSONS FOR USE ON THE CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY ~ YEAR A
 Psalm 100 • Ephesians 1:15-23
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

WE AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

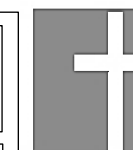
- The Holy Trinity of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God has revealed Himself fully and decisively in Holy Scripture. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God and our guide for faith and life.
- There is only one way to Salvation - through Jesus Christ.
- The sanctity of human life based on our creation in the image of God and our election by God for service in His Kingdom. This leads us to respectfully affirm the sanctity of life at every stage, from conception to ordinary death.
- The Biblical principles of immutable gender and sexuality: The exclusive union of one man and one woman in marriage; and fidelity to its vows. And, chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.
- God made all people from one man and although people can be distinguished by different ethnicities and nationalities, we are all one human race and absolute equals before God in creation, the need for repentance, and the offer of redemption.
- That the mission of the Church is to spread the Good News of the Gospel in every word and deed. Proclaiming to the world the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and seeking to bring every person into a life of faith, discipleship, and submission to Him.

ATTENDANCE

LAST SUNDAY: 113

Are you interested in Church Membership? We receive new members the last Sunday of each month. Please see Pastor Kler today.

Our Church believes in financial transparency and so our Quarterly Reports are displayed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



GIVING REPORT	
<i>Week Ending November 19, 2023</i>	
\$3,147	
Sunday General Giving	1,371
Online General Giving	767
Total General	2,138
Less 3% to Building	-64
Less 10% to Missions	-214
Net Revenue	1,860
Designated Giving	
Building Maintenance	64
Flowers	50
Gals	25
Gift Cards for Needy Families	894
Hospitality	40
Missions	214
Total Designated Giving	1,287
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Total Receipts	\$3,147

Monthly Reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Question: What is Christ the King Sunday, and why do we celebrate it as a Church?

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday of the Christian Church year, and it ends our scriptural journey through the fifty-two-week lectionary series of Bible readings. In addition to closing out the liturgical cycle, it simultaneously moves us to the threshold of Advent and the season of Christmas. As the pinnacle of the Church calendar, the theme of Christ the King Sunday centers on the crucified and risen Jesus, whom God exalted to rule over the whole universe. Today points us back to Christ's Resurrection and Ascension to the right hand of God in Heaven, from where He is presently reigning. But that's not all - Christ the King Sunday also directs us ahead to His Second Coming as the King of kings and Lord of lords when He will not only reign supreme but defeat every enemy of the faith.

As our sovereign ruler, Christ calls us to a loyalty transcending every earthly claim on the human heart. To Him alone belongs the supreme allegiance in our lives as we are called to stand with those who, in every age, confessed, "Jesus Christ is Lord!" In every generation, despots and demagogues emerge to claim the loyalty and obedience that belongs only to God. But Christ alone has the right to claim our highest devotion – the blood of martyrs, past and present, witnesses to this truth. For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our faith. We claim we love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. However, when we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is not only the Lord of the Church but of the entire universe and over every element of our individual lives. Yes, our world is a frightening place; war, violence, terrorism, and the unpredictable setbacks in family, marriage, health, and business keep us all on the edge of our seats. But our God is not in Heaven wringing His hands – he never looks at the day's headlines and says, "Boy, I didn't see that coming." No - our Christian faith is built on the conviction that our Lord Jesus Christ has a cosmic sovereignty. And we do not need to wait for some coming day when his reign will begin. It is in place NOW, despite all appearances to the contrary.

Official Notice: Please join us for our
2023 Annual
Congregational Meeting
 Sunday, December, 3rd ~ Following Worship

Meeting agenda and information packets detailing budget and by-law changes for next year will be available in the narthex



The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:



Ric & Emmy Romyn,
 in gratitude for the blessings of
 everyone we love, whether near or far away.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-----DECEMBER 2023-----

- Hanging of the Greens.....Friday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m.
- FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.....Sunday, December 3rd
- Annual Congregational Meeting.....Sunday, December 3rd
- GAL's Meeting.....Monday, December 4th at 12:30
- Guy's Lunch.....Thursday, December 7th at 11:00 a.m.
- ~~~ Guy's Prayer Group.....Thursday, December 7th at 10:30 a.m.
- Board Meeting.....Tuesday, December 12th at 5:00 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Service.....Sunday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m.



THE ELDERS

TEACHING & WORSHIP
 Rev. H. Joseph Kler
 Senior Pastor / L.F.O.C. Chaplain
 Rev. John O. Strauss
 Worship Leader / Minister of Music

THE DEACONS

Jim Leitzke, Gary Hatrick

OUR MUSICIANS

Ann Dantuma
 Pianist/Organist
 Donna Zenisek-Huber
 Flutist

SOUND BOOTH

Ric Romyn, Joe Negron,
 Jonathan Kler

The monogram IC XC is composed of the first and last letters of Jesus Christ in Greek (iota and sigma meaning "Jesus" and chi and sigma representing "Christ"). NIKΑ is connected to the Greek word for victory. When it appears as four pairs of letters in four squares divided around a cross, it represents the phrase: JESUS CHRIST CONQUERS THROUGH THE CROSS.



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FAIRVIEW

COMMUNITY CHURCH of ZEPHYRHILLS
 ...a Christ-centered, Reformed faith fellowship.

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but encourage one another as the Day of the Lord draws near. -Hebrews 10:25

Christ the King Sunday



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