

#### THE LORD'S DAY

February 5, 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 "Come Thou Almighty King" Page 8

(Verse 1,4)

† HYMN "Victory in Jesus" Page 353

† Please stand as you are able. ( All Verses )

† Prayer of the Day and The Lord's Prayer

† ANTHEM "Gloria Patri" Page 813

† HYMN "O How I Love Jesus" Page 92

(All Verses)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL "Psalm 115" Psalter 115<sup>A</sup>

Sung to the tune of: "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

( Verses 1,2 )

RESPONSIVE READING: The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 19

# 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

# CONFESSION OF FAITH AND EXPOSITION OF THE WORD

† THE NICENE CREED

THE SERMON: "Good Grief"

Matthew 5:1-12

† HYMN "Come to the Table"

Page 464

(Verse 1)

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

( Please hold the Elements until all are served. )

† PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† CLOSING HYMN "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing" Page 430

( Verse 1,4 )

† 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 would 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Isaiah 58:1-12 • 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 Matthew 5:1-12 • Psalm 112:1-10

#### 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 guidelines for unalterable 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: 155

Are you interested in Church Membership?

We receive new members the last Sunday of each month. If you are interested in joining our Church family, please see
Pastor Kler today.





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Sunday General Giving	2,622
Online General Giving	196
Interest Income: January	346
Total General Gifts	3,164
Less 3% to Building	-95
Less 10% to Missions	-317
Net General	2,752
Designated Giving	
Building Maintenance	170
Flowers	25
Gals (Online)	25
Missions	327
<b>Total Designated Giving</b>	547
Net General	2,752
Designated Giving	547
Total Receipts	\$3,299

GIVING REPORT



#### HOW CAN I PREPARE MY HEART FOR COMMUNION?

One of the most important things we do as Christians is to take Communion, so let's ensure that you and I approach it the right way. Here are three things we can do to prepare our hearts before coming to the Table.

#### REFLECT

"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me'" (1 Corinthians 11:23-25). The beauty of taking Communion is the opportunity to reflect on the great sacrifice made for our salvation. The Communion elements are designed to remind us of the price Jesus paid for our redemption. This knowledge should keep us humble, remembering that without Christ's sacrifice, we would be without hope.

#### REPENT

"Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28). We should also have a repentant heart before we take Communion. One of the reasons to pray before you take Communion is to allow God to reveal any sin you may have been harboring in your heart. Communion is a beautiful time to come to God in true repentance – not just acknowledging our sin but asking for the desire not to do it again. What better place of repentance than when you remember the sacrifice Jesus made for your sin? If that doesn't move you to repent, then possibly nothing will.

#### REJOICE

"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect" (1 Peter 1:18-19). The other part of Communion that we should be doing is rejoicing. While we solemnly remember what Christ did for us, it should not make us sad – it should cause us to rejoice! There are in fact, many reasons you can rejoice. You can rejoice because your sins are forgiven. You can rejoice because you belong to Christ. You can rejoice because you are redeemed. You can rejoice because you have eternal life. Let the Lord's Supper be a celebratory moment because there are so many reasons to celebrate.

#### A SAMPLE PRAYER TO SAY BEFORE TAKING COMMUNION

Here is an example of a prayer to say before you take Communion. You don't have to pray these exact words, but it is simply a guideline.

#### LORD JESUS

I come before you humbly and ask You to examine my heart today. Show me anything that is not pleasing to You. Reveal any secret pride, unconfessed sin, rebellion, or unforgiveness that may hinder my relationship with You. As I take the bread and cup representing Your life that was broken for me, I remember and celebrate Your faithfulness to me and to all who will receive You today. Thank You for Your extravagant love and unmerited favor. Thank You for Your death that gave me life. Each time I take Communion, Lord, I want to recommit my life, heart, and thoughts to You. Fill me today with Your Holy Spirit as I approach your Table. In Your Precious name, I pray,....Amen.



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## MARK YOUR **Y** CALENDAR



#### Practical Evangelism Class:

A seven-week course with Gary Hattrick. This one-hour weekly class will offer practical training in sharing your faith in obedience to the Great Commission. It will include ways to introduce and present the gospel to those who need Christ through illustrations, testimony, and object lessons. Sunday Evenings: Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - Mar 19<sup>th</sup> / 6:00 -7:00 p.m.



### THE ELDERS

TEACHING / WORSHIP

Rev. H. Joseph Kler Senior Pastor <u>/ I.F.O.C.</u> Chaplain

Rev. John O. Strauss Minister of Music / Choir Director

OUR MUSICIANS Pianists: Dee Schultz, Ann Dantuma, Flutist: Donna Zenisek-Huber

SOUND BOOTH TECHNICIANS Joe Negron, Jonathan Kler

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Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but Encourage one another as the  $\textit{Day}^{\textit{of}}$  the Lord, draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



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