



THE LORD'S DAY
October 15, 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 *"Holy Ground" (Verse 1)* Page 217
† Please stand as you are able.

† HYMN *"Love Divine, All Love Excelling" (Verses 1,2,4)* Page 648

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† ANTHEM *"Gloria Patri"* Page 813

HYMN *"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" (Verses 1,3,4)* Page 606

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL *"Psalm 90" Psalter 90^B*
Sung To The Tune of: "Faith of Our Fathers" (Verses 6,7)

RESPONSIVE READING: *"The Westminster Shorter 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 *"Just As I Am" (Verses 1,3,4)* Page 488

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON
"I'm A Priest, You're A Priest, We're All Priests."
Advent of Reformation Series
 Matthew 7:7-11

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN *"Glory to His Name" (Verses 1,2,4)* Page 493

† 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
 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ YEAR A
 Isaiah 25:1-9 • Psalm 23
 Philippians 4:1-9 • Gospel Focus: Matthew

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: 105

GIVING REPORT

Week Ending October 8, 2023

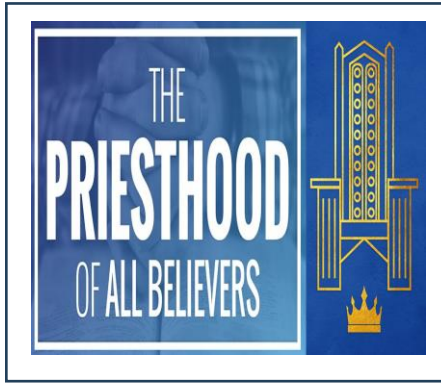
\$1,707	
Sunday General Giving	1,218
Online General Giving	239
Total General	1,457
Less 3% to Building	-44
Less 10% to Missions	-146
Net Revenue	1,268
Designated Giving	
Building Maintenance	44
Gals	75
Homecoming	70
Hospitality	45
T-Shirts	60
Missions	146
Total Designated Giving	439
Net Revenue	1,268
Designated Giving	439
Total Receipts	\$1,707

Monthly Reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

The ADVENT of REFORMATION



An essential biblical idea that has tremendous implications for our spirituality and public life in the Church and the world is that every believer is a priest, regardless of their full-time occupation. This notion was one of the top three ideas of the Protestant Reformation. The first two, Sola Scriptura – which asserts the sole authority of Scripture – and Sola Fide – which teaches justification by faith alone – have been widely taught. Still, the "priesthood of all believers" has been neglected. Martin Luther thought "the word priest should become as common as the word Christian" because all Christians are priests." Yet, for whatever reason, the priesthood of all believers has been much less understood, taught, and expounded upon.

When Luther referred to all believers' priesthood, he maintained that the plowboy and the milkmaid could do priestly work. In fact, their plowing and milking was priestly work. So, there was no distinction between the priesthood being a "vocation" and everyday work not. Both were tasks that God called his followers to do, each according to their gifts within His design for corporate and family life. It allows Christians to connect their beliefs to their ordinary actions, giving them purpose in their jobs and equipping them to serve others and improve society through their daily labor.

The priesthood of all believers is based on the clear teaching of Scripture. The Old Testament anticipated this idea when God told his people at Sinai, "You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Exodus 19:6.) The Prophet Isaiah says that a time will come when "You shall be called the priests of the Lord, they shall speak to you as the ministers of our God." (Isaiah 61:6) The New Testament points to the reality accomplished. 1 Peter 2:5 says to believers, "you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." The passage continues, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession that you may proclaim the excellences of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." Revelation says, "To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and has made us a kingdom, priest to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever."

Whoever you are, whatever you do, you are a priest to God. The great C. H. Spurgeon put it like this: *Thou art free to the throne of grace. It is the believer's privilege to have access at all times to the heavenly Father. Whatever our desires, difficulties, and our wants, we are at liberty to spread all before Him. It matters not how much we may have sinned; we may ask and expect pardon. It signifies nothing how poor we are; we may plead His promise that He will provide all things needful." We have permission to approach His throne in midnight's darkest hour or noontide's most burning heat. Exercise thy right, O believer, and live up to thy privilege. Thou art free to all that is treasured up in Christ - wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. It matters not what thy need is, for there is fulness of supply in Christ, and it is there for thee. Oh, what a "freedom" is thine! Freedom from condemnation, freedom to the promises, freedom to the throne of grace, and at last freedom to enter Heaven!*



The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:

Pastor John & Betty Strauss
in celebration of their 16th Anniversary



Betty Heater in memory of Bill
and in honor of their 71st Anniversary

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-----OCTOBER 2023-----
Reformation Sunday / 49th Annual Homecoming Celebration....October 29th

-----NOVEMBER 2023-----
Fall Back: Turn clocks back one hour on Saturday Night, November 4th
GAL's Meeting.....Monday, November 6th at 12:30
Guy's Lunch.....Thursday, November 9th at 11:00 a.m.
~~~ Guy's Prayer Group.....Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.  
Board Meeting.....Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.  
Church Thanksgiving Dinner.....Thursday, November 23, at 3:30 p.m.



"Your table will be ready shortly."

**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

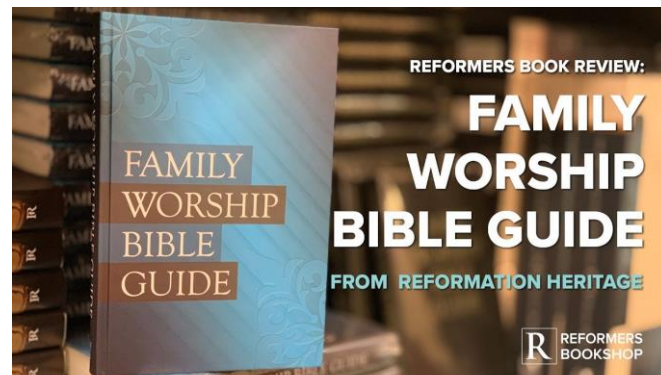
**OUR MUSICIANS**  
Ann Dantuma  
Pianist/Organist  
Donna Zenisek-Huber  
Flutist

**SOUND BOOTH**  
Ric Romyn, Joe Negron,  
Jonathan Kler

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**



Comprised of thoughts extracted from the "Reformation Heritage Study Bible," you can use this book to lead and nurture your family as you seek to glorify God and encourage spiritual growth in your home - this is both God's command and your privilege. One of the best and most effective ways to do this is through intentional, worshipful, daily family devotions where the truths of God's life-changing Word are openly discussed chapter by chapter. Used hand in hand with your Bible, this "Family Worship Bible Guide" presents rich devotional thoughts on all 1,189 chapters in the Bible, including searching questions to promote conversation.

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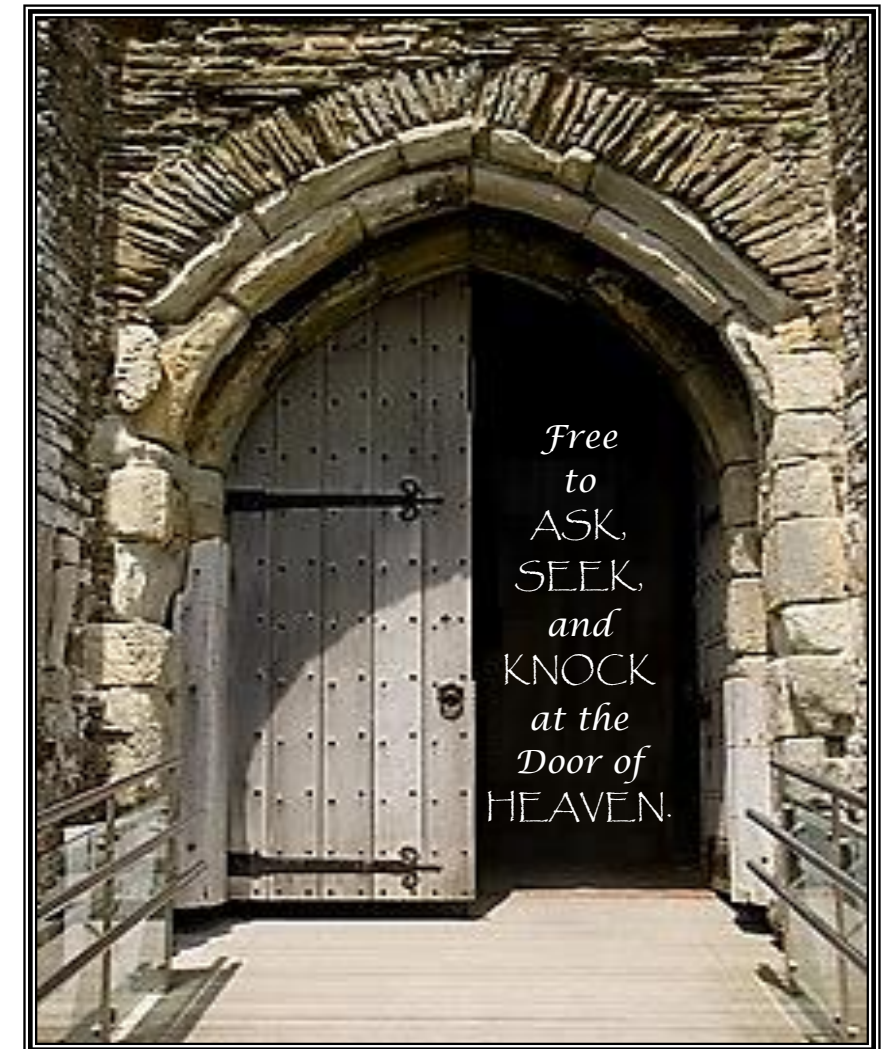
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# FAIRVIEW

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



Free to ASK, SEEK, and KNOCK at the Door of HEAVEN.

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