



THE LORD'S DAY
September 10, 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 *"Blessed Be the Name of the Lord"* Page 64
 † *Please stand as you are able.* (Verse 1)

† HYMN *"At Calvary"* Page 492
 (Verses 1,3,4)

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
 † ANTHEM *"Gloria Patri"* Page 813

HYMN *"Amazing Grace"* Page 343
 (Verses 1,2,4,5)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL *"Psalm 34"* *Psalter 34^c*
 Sung To The Tune of: *"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"*
 (Verses 6,7)

RESPONSIVE READING: *"The Heidelberg 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 *"The Longer I Serve Him"* Page 520
 (All Verses)

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON
"A Quick Look at Fasting"
 Matthew 6:16-18

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN *"I'd Rather Have Jesus"* Page 506
 (Verses 1,3)

† BENEDECTION

† 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
 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ YEAR A
 Ezekiel 33:7-11 • Psalm 119:33-40
 Romans 13:8-14 • 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: 108		GIVING REPORT	
		<i>Week Ending September 3, 2023</i>	
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.		\$5,240	
		Sunday General Giving	4,398
		Online General Giving	263
		Total General Gifts	4,661
		Less 3% to Building	-140
		Less 10% to Missions	-466
		Net General	4,055
		Designated Giving	
		Building Maintenance	140
		Education	14
		Gals	25
		T-Shirts	440
Missions	566		
Total Designated Giving	1,185		
Net General	4,055		
Designated Giving	1,185		
Total Receipts	\$5,240		
<small>Monthly Reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.</small>			



Fasting is voluntarily going without food — or any other regularly enjoyed, good gift from God — for the sake of some spiritual purpose. It is markedly countercultural in our consumerist society. Chances are you are among the majority of Christians who rarely or never fast. It's not because we haven't read our Bibles, sat under faithful preaching, heard about the power of fasting, or even that we don't genuinely want to do it. We just never actually get around to putting down the fork. Part of it may be that we live in a society in which food is so ubiquitous that we eat not only when we don't need to but sometimes even when we don't want to. We eat to share a meal with others, to build or grow relationships (good reasons), or just as a distraction from responsibility. And, of course, our own cravings to be satiated keep us from the discomfort of fasting.

Fasting sounds so simple, yet the world, our flesh, and the devil conspire to introduce all sorts of complications that keep it from happening. Abstaining from food is not necessarily for everyone. Some health conditions keep even the most devout from the traditional course. However, fasting is not limited to abstaining from food. As Martyn Lloyd-Jones said, "Fasting should be made to include abstinence from anything legitimate in and of itself for the sake of some special spiritual purpose." If the better part of wisdom for you, in your health condition, is not to go without food, consider fasting from television, computer, social media, or some other regular enjoyment that would bend your heart toward a greater enjoyment of Jesus. Paul even talks about married couples fasting from sex "for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer" (1 Corinthians 7:5).

Fasting isn't merely an act of self-deprivation but a spiritual discipline for seeking more of God's fullness, which means we should have a plan for what positive pursuit to undertake in the time it usually takes to eat. We spend much of our day with food in front of us. One significant part of fasting is the time it creates for prayer and meditation on God's word or some act of love for others. Before diving headlong into a fast, craft a simple plan. Connect it to your purpose for the fast. Each fast should have a specific spiritual purpose. Identify what that is and design a focus to replace the time you would have spent eating. Without a purpose and plan, it's not Christian fasting; it's just going hungry.

Is Creation Science Credible? Must you leave your brain behind to be a creationist?

Creation vs. Evolution

This study will cover the fundamentals of creation science versus evolutionary science. We will discuss what the Bible says about creation and how it fits in or does not fit in with the current thoughts on the beginnings of the earth and the universe.

This class aims to give you the confidence to stand firm in a discussion of science with someone who rejects the authority of Scripture on the matter. This subject is like a rabbit warren with many trails to run down, and we will not avoid dealing with them, so it is difficult to say how long the study will continue.
All Members and Friends (even unbelieving friends) are welcome.

Date:
This Weekly Class
Starts Sunday
October 1

Time:
5:30-6:30 p.m.

**with Gary Hatrick
in the Fellowship Hall**

To help us better prepare for this course, please preregister below with your name and the number of people attending with you.

Name: _____ Number Attending _____



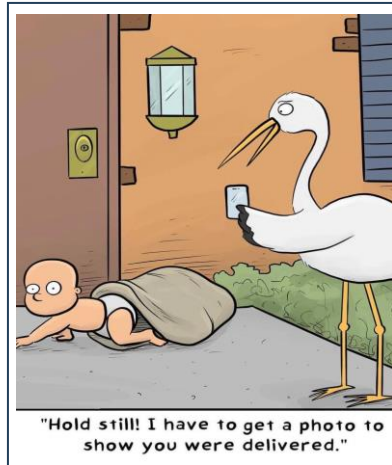
The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:

Bob Mitchell
and Linda Walchak
to the Glory of God.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- SEPTEMBER 2023-----
- GAL's Meeting.....Monday, September 11th at 12:30
 - Board Meeting.....Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m.
- OCTOBER 2023-----
- GAL's Meeting.....Monday, October 2nd at 12:30
 - Guy's Lunch.....Thursday, October 5th at 11:00 a.m.
 - ~~~ Guy's Prayer Group.....Thursday, October 5th at 10:30 a.m.
 - Board Meeting.....Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m.
 - Reformation Sunday / 49th Annual Homecoming Celebration....October 29th



Loose Change for LOCAL MISSIONS
in the JOASH CHEST supports the
THOMAS PROMISE FOUNDATION.



Their Mission is to provide Pasco County's most valuable resource - our school children - with the simplest things that most of our kids take for granted. Each week they pack more than 1,100 backpacks with safe, non-perishable, and nutritious food to see needy children through the weekend when school meals are not available.



<p>THE ELDER'S TEACHING & WORSHIP</p> <p>Rev. H. Joseph Kler Senior Pastor / L.F.O.C. Chaplain</p> <p>Rev. John O. Strauss Worship Leader / Minister of Music</p>	<p>THE BOARD YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND TRUSTEES</p> <p>Board President.....John Vosteen.....</p> <p>Vice-President.....Cheryl Howard...</p> <p>Treasurer.....Pam Lain.....</p> <p>Education.....Linda Walchak...</p> <p>Women's Fellowship.....Vickie Kler.....</p> <p>Multi-Media.....Ric Romyn.....</p> <p>Missions.....Barbara O'Brien..</p> <p>Music.....Rev. John Strauss</p> <p>Hospitality.....Clara Vosteen....</p>	<p>THE DIACONATE Jim Leitzke, Gary Hatrick</p>
<p>OUR MUSICIANS</p> <p>Ann Dantuma Pianist/Organist</p> <p>Donna Zenisek-Huber Flutist</p>	<p>SOUND BOOTH Joe Negron, Jonathan Kler</p>	

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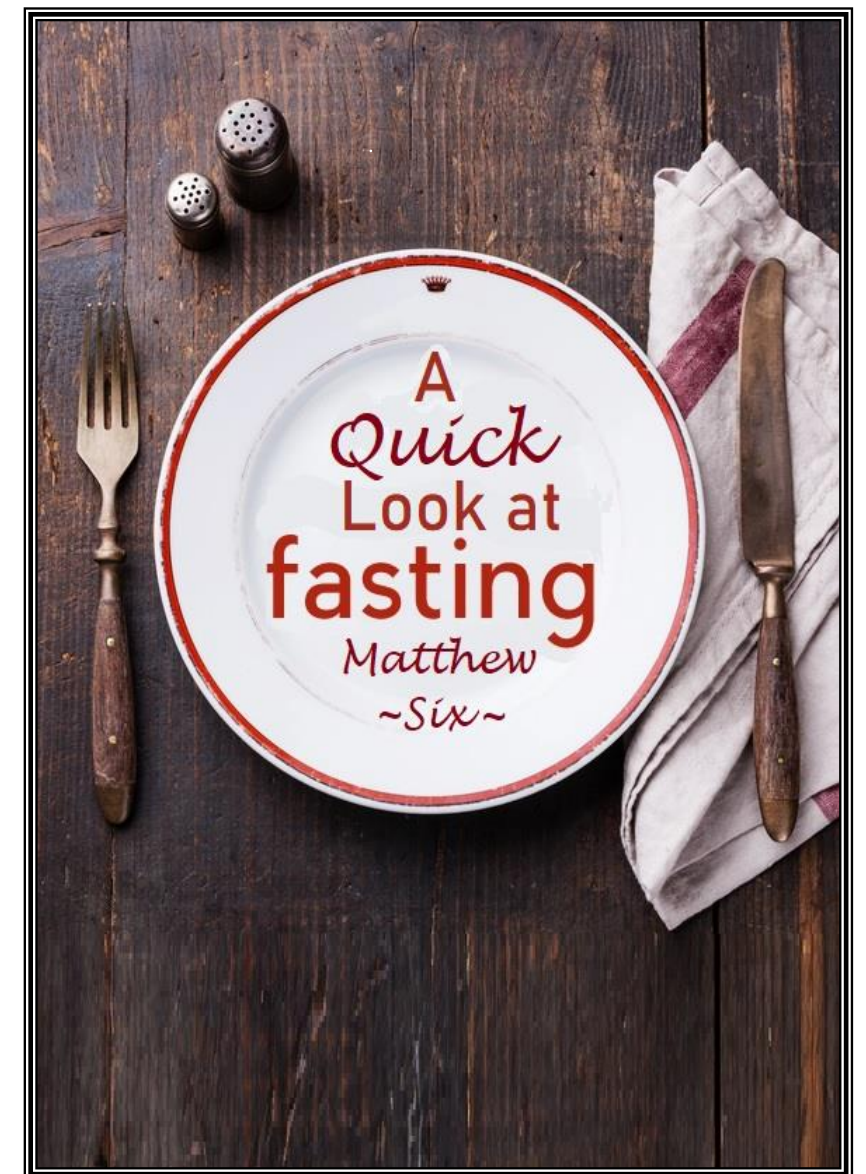
OUR VOLUNTEER STAFFED
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
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FAIRVIEW

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



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