

THE LORD'S DAY

August 20, 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 "Every Day With Jesus" Page 22

† Please stand as you are able. (Verse 1)

† HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story" Page 444

(Verses 1,2,4)

† Prayer of the Day and The Lord's Prayer

† ANTHEM "Gloria Patri" Page 813

HYMN "One Day" Page 294

(Verses 1,2,4,5)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL "Psalm 23" Psalter 23^A

(Verses 1,3)

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 "Peace Like a River" (All Verses)

Page 750

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON
"The Lord's Prayer,
Don't Just Repeat It!"
Matthew 6:5-13

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN "My Savior's Love" Page 348

(Verses 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 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 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ YEAR A Isaiah 56:1,6-8 • Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2, 29-32 • 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: 92

Are you interested in

Church Membership?

We receive new mem-

bers the last Sunday of

each month. If you are

interested in joining

our Church family,

please see

Pastor Kler today.





Martin Luther on the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's $\operatorname{\mathfrak{P}rayer}$ is perhaps the most recited prayer in all human history. Many churches, like ours, recite it every week in their liturgy. Catechisms often devote a question and answer to each line of the prayer as we have seen in the Heidelberg Catechism. Pastors preach sermon on it, as I will be doing today. And countless families and individual Christians pray it regularly, even daily.

Martin Luther captures both the benefit of regularly using the Lord's Prayer and the danger of repeating it with a disengaged spirit. He

To this day I suckle at the Lord's Prayer like a child, and as an old man eat and drink from it and never get my fill. It is the very best prayer, even better than the Psalter, which is so very dear to me. It is the very best prayer, because the true master of prayer, Jesus, composed it and taught it to us. What a horrible tragedy of tragedies that our Master's prayer should be blabbered and prattled so irreverently all over the world! How many pray the Lord's Prayer several thousand times in the course of a year, and if they were to keep on doing so for a thousand years they would not have tasted nor prayed one iota, one dot, of it! In a word, the Lord's Prayer is the greatest martyr on earth (as are the name and Word of God). Everybody tortures and abuses it; few take comfort and joy in its proper use.

Luther also expounded on how to pray the Lord's Prayer in a letter of instructions to his friend and barber, Peter Beskendorf, who had asked him how the ordinary person should pray to God. In the letter he wrote:

You should know that I do not want you to merely recite all these words in your prayer. That would make it nothing but idle chatter and prattle. Rather do I want your soul to be stirred and guided concerning the thoughts which ought to be comprehended in the Lord's Prayer. These thoughts may be expressed, if your heart is rightly warmed and inclined toward prayer, in many different ways and with more words or fewer if prayed from the heart.

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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.



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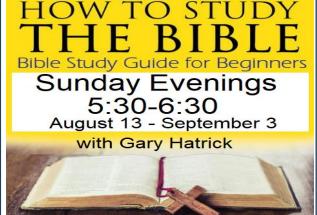
Bob Mitchell and Linda Walchak in honor and memory of All Our Loved~Ones Lost This Year.



MARK YOUR **Y** CALENDAR

--SEPTEMBER 2023-Guy's Lunch.....Thursday September 7th at 11:00 a.m. ~~~ Guy's Prayer Group...... Thursday, September 7th at 10:30 a.m. GAL's Meeting......Monday, September 11th at 12:30 Board Meeting.....Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. ------REGULAR SCHEDULE------Wednesday Bible Study...... Weekly at 4:00 p.m. Lord's Day Worship......Weekly at 10:00 a.m.





THE ELDERS Rev. H. Joseph Kler

Rev. John O. Strauss

THE DIACONATE Jim Leitzke, Gary Hatrick

OUR MUSICIANS Ann Dantuma Donna Zenisek-Huber

SOUND BOOTH Joe Negron, Jonathan Kler

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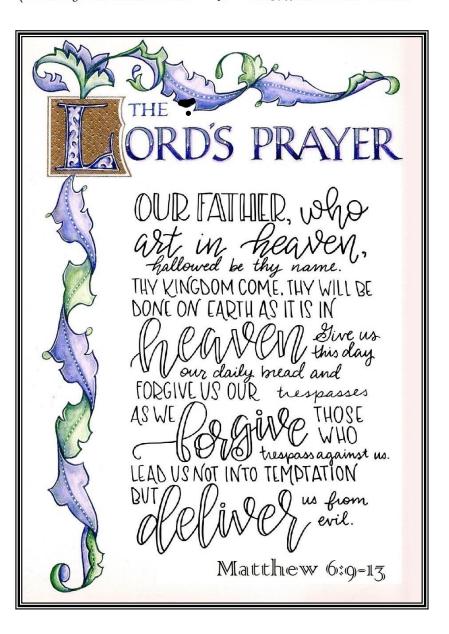
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> **OUR VOLUNTEER STAFFED CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

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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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