



THE LORD'S DAY
October 22, 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 *"It Took A Miracle" (All Verses)* Page 494

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† ANTHEM *"Gloria Patri"* Page 813

HYMN *"Little Is Much When God Is in It" (All Verses)* Page 661

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 *"No One Understands Like Jesus" (Verses 1,3,4)* Page 610

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON
"Living Your Story with Full Conviction."
Advent of Reformation Series
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN *"God Will Take Care of You" (Verses 1,3)* Page 692

† 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
 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ YEAR A
 Isaiah 45:1-7 • Psalm 96:1-13
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

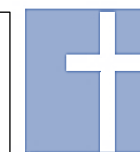
WE AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- 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 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?

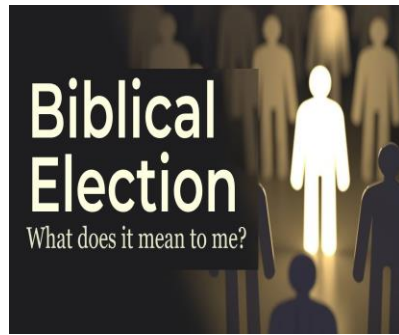
We receive new members the last Sunday of each month. If you are interested in joining our Church family, please see Pastor Kler today.



GIVING REPORT	
<i>Week Ending October 15, 2023</i>	
\$3,023	
Sunday General Giving	2,363
Online General Giving	339
Total General	2,702
Less 3% to Building	-81
Less 10% to Missions	-270
Net Revenue	2,351
Designated Giving	
Building Maintenance	81
Flowers	50
Gals	41
Homecoming	65
Hospitality	40
In Memory of Gilly	25
T-Shirts	100
Missions	270
Total Designated Giving	672
Net Revenue	2,351
Designated Giving	672
Total Receipts	\$3,023

Monthly Reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

The ADVENT of REFORMATION



When we hear the word election, we generally think of when people choose who they want to fill specific positions from President on down. An election is a choice. The biblical doctrine of election teaches that God chooses to save some, and, by necessity, if He does not choose everyone, then there are some who are passed over. Those whom He has chosen to save are referred to as "the elect" (see, e.g., Mark 13:20).

The Bible teaches that God chooses people based on His own purposes and His desire to show grace to undeserving sinners. Ephesians 1:4-6 says, "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves." He chose in love, in accordance with His pleasure and will, so that He would be glorified. God's election has nothing to do with what the elect would or would not do.

God did not choose everyone. If He had, then everyone would come to faith in Christ. He chose some, and He left others to their own desires. Left to ourselves, all of us would continue in our rebellion and reject Christ. God decided to pursue some, convict them of their need, and lead them to faith. Only because of God's choice does anyone come to faith in Christ. Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day" (John 6:44).

The biblical doctrine of election is a tough truth to get our minds around. We are tempted to think that we are more just and gracious than God and that He should have chosen everyone. We need to reject that temptation. We are in no place to judge God! It is not as though some are desperately crying out to Him for salvation, and He rejects them because He has not chosen them. Those whom God does not choose continue doing exactly what they want—they rebel against God and try to stay as far away from Him as possible. He simply allows them to continue on the path they have freely and willfully chosen. God has, however, determined to intervene in the lives of some and win them over. He does this so that He might show His love and kindness to people who are undeserving.

Some people think that God "chooses" based on the choices He knows that the elect will make: He knows who will and who will not receive Christ, and He makes His choice based on that. But that would make people the ultimate choosers, with God simply following our choice. Biblically, it is the other way around. God chooses some based on His own purposes, and then, in response to His work in their lives, they choose Him. His choice is first and foremost. Without God's election, no one would ever turn to Him.

Many Christians recoil at the doctrine of election the first time they hear it. But, upon further reflection, most believers will admit that God was at work in their lives, drawing them to Himself long before they were even aware of it. They will recognize that they would have continued in unbelief if He had not intervened.



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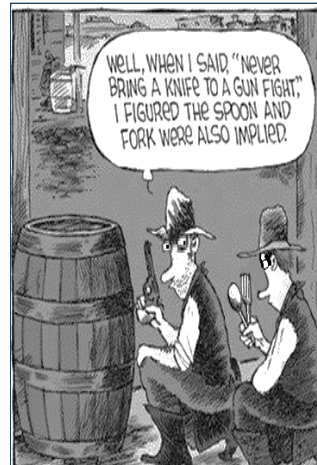
David Lain
in celebration of Pam's Birthday

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 9th at 10:30 a.m.
- Board Meeting.....Tuesday, November 14th at 5:00 p.m.
- Church Thanksgiving Dinner.....Thursday, November 23, at 3:30 p.m.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Hey Fellas! We have been kicking around the idea of a different time and place for our monthly men's get-together, and you get to make the ultimate choice. Please detach this bulletin section, mark your vote, and deposit it in the collection plate for tabulation. Majority wins.

Keep things as they have been: Village Inn, first Thursday of the Month at 11:00 a.m.

Switch To Golden Corral on the first Saturday of the Month at 10:00 a.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

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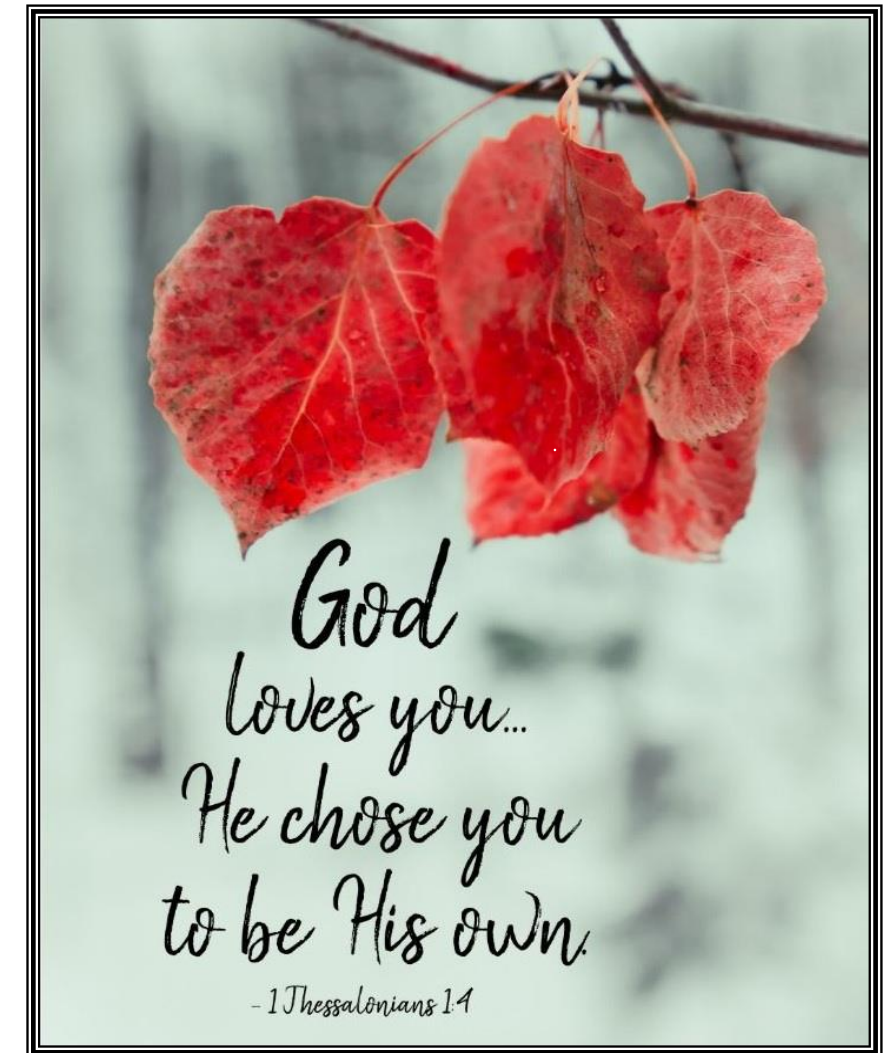
OUR VOLUNTEER STAFFED
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
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FAIRVIEW

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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