



THE LORD'S DAY
September 24, 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 *"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"* Page 586
 (All Verses)

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

HYMN *"All for Jesus"* Page 588
 (Verses 1,2,4)

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 *"In Times like These"* Page 577
 (All Verses)

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON
"Mammon Or Messiah, You Can't Have Both."
 Matthew 6:22-24

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN *"I Surrender All"* Page 596
 (Verses 1,4)

† 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.



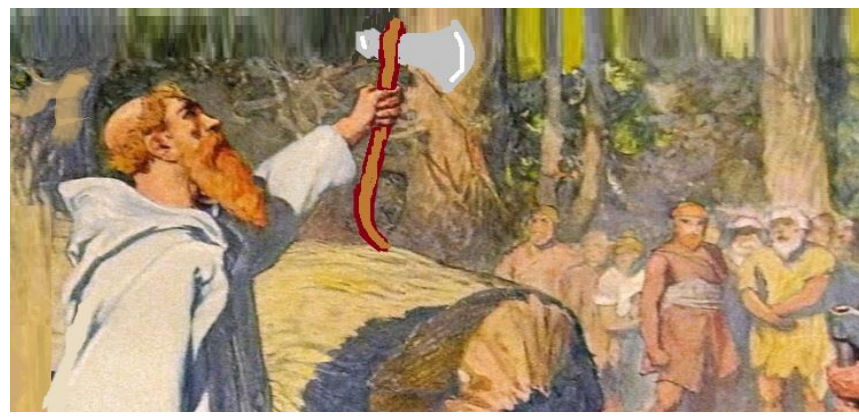
THE LESSONS FOR USE ON THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ YEAR A
 Exodus 16:2-15 • Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
 Philippians 1:21-30 • Gospel Focus: Matthew

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: 89		GIVING REPORT	
		<i>Week Ending September 17, 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.	 	\$2,915	
		Sunday General Giving	2,241
		Online General Giving	340
		Total General Gifts	2,581
		Less 3% to Building	-77
		Less 10% to Missions	-258
		Net General	2,246
		Designated Giving	
		Building Maintenance	167
		Education	13
		Flowers	50
		Gals	78
		Joash	43
		T-Shirts	60
		Missions	258
Total Designated Giving	670		
Net General	2,246		
Designated Giving	670		
Total Receipts	\$2,915		

Monthly Reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.



In The Year 716, an ambitious Saxon monk named Boniface was called to preach the victory of Jesus Christ to the ferocious Germanic pagans in Frisia. After presenting the gospel and slowly gaining converts among the Germanics, Boniface traveled to the great pagan shrine in Geismar in Hesse. There at Donar's Oak, the pagan priests offered sacrifices to their demon-god, Donar, better known to us as Thor, the same ancient storm demon named Jupiter among the Romans, Zeus among the Greeks, and Baal among the Canaanites. It was believed that if anyone profaned Thor's oak by touching it, the deity would strike that man down with a bolt of lightning from his hammer. When Boniface arrived at the tree, he told the pagan priests that he would return at the same time tomorrow, and not only would he touch this tree, but he would cut it down. Word traveled quickly throughout the neighboring villages and towns. A great multitude arrived the next day, brimming with excitement to see their god fry this foolish and blasphemous Christian. Boniface reared back with his ax and took one single swing, barely bruising the bark of the mighty tree when a powerful wind came out of the heavens and blew the tree over. Astonished to see the impotence of their demon-god, everyone present forsook their unrestrained paganism and was baptized into Jesus Christ. Do we dare to hope the same could happen in modern-day America?

Regardless of the particular historical circumstances, whether in ancient Rome, revolutionary Europe, early industrial America, or our technological, globalist society, unfettered liberty has always been a utopian ideal. However, it has always been dystopian in practice because it is in direct rebellion against the way God has created humanity. Any and all boundaries that God has made immutable are the object of the idolator's fury. This is true of all the idols of the ancients and even more so of the more sophisticated ones of today. But this is the fundamental deceit of this repugnant age: we believe that we are so much better than ancient men and women, but the truth is we are less different than we think. The idolatries of the ancient world and the modern age are the same in that they both seek to invoke the power of their demon gods to transgress the immutable boundaries God has set. Compare, for instance, a dark-age pagan to the indoctrinated denizen of any U.S. city. Imagine an ancient Germanic woman offering her firstborn to Odin for a good harvest and the prospect of a healthy family. Compare this to a twenty-first-century American woman offering her firstborn to Mammon (via Planned Parenthood) so she can keep sending emails and filling spreadsheets for her corporate overlords, only to go home to the lonely comforts of two cats, Netflix episodes, and margaritas. The only difference between the two is that the latter gives up her soul for far less in return. Modern-day pagans and "mammonites" (men as well as women) will do heinous, unspeakable things because they cannot bear the fact that God has made the world the way that He has made it; He has set us within impassable boundaries in His Word and the deceitful "gods of this age" are still promising a way over them. That is the nature of the world whose shrines Boniface chopped down, and that is the nature of the current repellant age. Are we willing to start felling some pagan shrines, or will we continue to capitulate ourselves into deeper and deeper slavery to demonic forces?

Andrew Isker, "The Boniface Option: A Strategy for Christian Counteroffensive in a Post-Christian Nation"



The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-----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

-----REGULAR SCHEDULE-----

- Wednesday Bible Study..... Weekly at 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday School.....Weekly at 9:00 a.m.
- Lord's Day Worship.....Weekly at 10:00 a.m.



Loose Change for Local Kids.

Deposit your spare change in our Joash Chest, located on the table beside the Sound Booth to support the:

Thomas Promise Foundation

Every Friday afternoon The Thomas Promise Foundation provides local kids with bags full of food, which include six meals and snacks for Pasco County students over the weekend when they might otherwise go without.

Twenty-seven Pasco schools and more than 1,400 children benefit from this program every week of the school year. The foundation continues its mission over the summer by providing food for local summer feeding programs.

The foundation has not missed one weekend of deliveries since its inception.

Although its primary mission is to provide food for kids over the weekend, The Thomas Promise Foundation also assists with field trips, school clothes, and sports expenses at the school's request. Donations and volunteers are always welcome.

THE ELDERS
TEACHING & WORSHIP

Rev. H. Joseph Kler
Senior Pastor / I.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

To contact Board President John Vosteen, please call:
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To contact the Pastor, please call:
813-323-0802

COMMUNITY NEWS

If you or someone you love has a Non-Emergency Fall and just need help getting back up, you can now dial (727) 834-3211 and ask for a "Lift Assist" instead of calling 911. When the paramedics arrive, you ask them to lift the person up and place them wherever you want (recliner, wheelchair, bed, etc.)

You may be asked if you want or need transport to the local hospital, but you can decline further medical care if you wish.

NON-EMERGENCY
"Lift Assist"

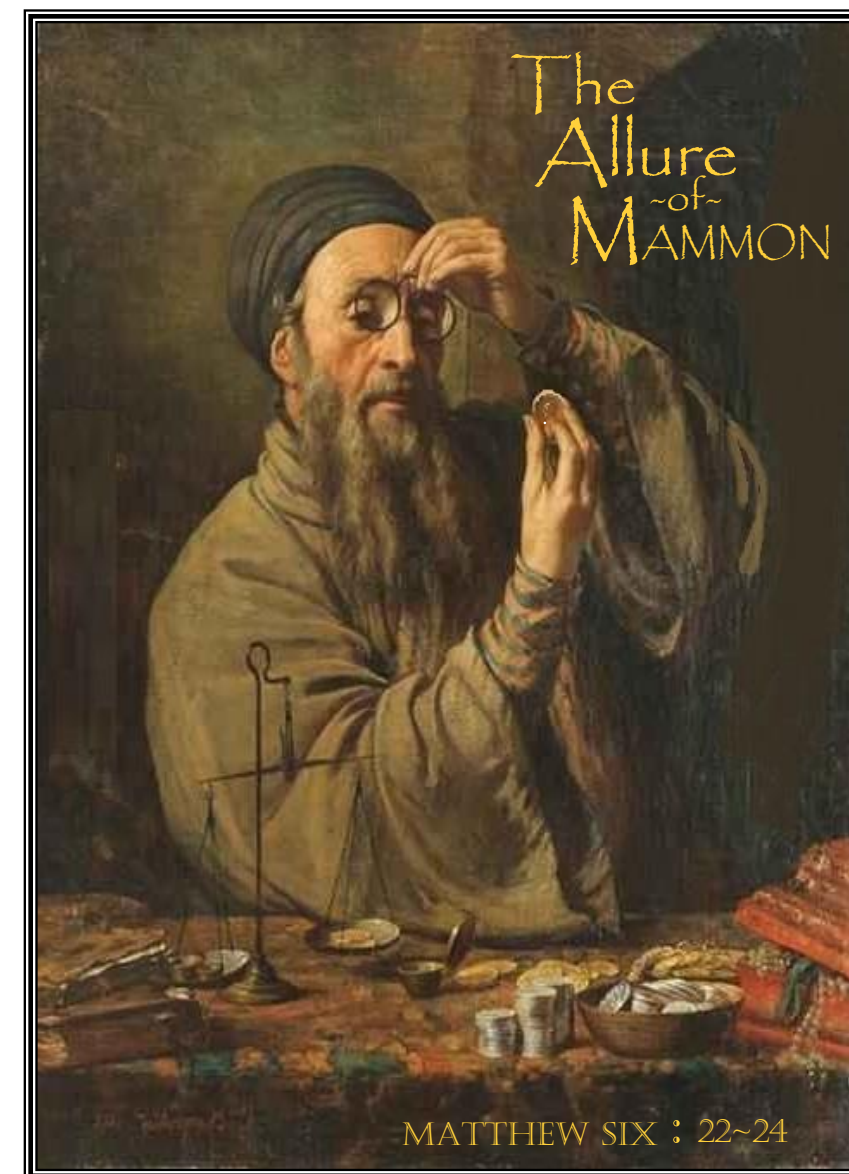
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OUR VOLUNTEER STAFFED
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FAIRVIEW
COMMUNITY CHURCH of ZEPHYRHILLS
...a Christ-centered, Reformed faith fellowship.

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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