



THE LORD'S DAY
July 16, 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 *"We Worship and Adore You" (Verse 1)* Page 194
† Please stand as you are able.

† HYMN *"Take My Life and Let It Be" (Verses 1,3,5)* Page 597

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† ANTHEM *"Gloria Patri"* Page 813

HYMN *"The Old Rugged Cross" (All Verses)* Page 327

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL *"Psalm 143" Psalter 143^C*
(Sung to the tune of "Fairest Lord Jesus")
(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 *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (All Verses)* Page 684

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON
The Danger of Sexual Immorality, Or, It's All Fun and Games till Someone Loses an Eye.
 Matthew 5:27-20

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN *"I Will Serve Thee" (Verses 1,3)* Page 660

† 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ YEAR A
 Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14 • Isaiah 55:10-13
 Romans 8:1-11 • 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: 96		GIVING REPORT	
		<i>Week Ending July 9, 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.	 	\$1,933	
		Sunday General Giving	1,075
		Online General Giving	403
		Total General Gifts	1,478
		Less 3% to Building	-44
		Less 10% to Missions	-148
		Net General	1,285
		Designated Giving	
		Building Maintenance	149
		Flowers	25
		Gals	25
		Missions	448
		Total Designated Giving	648
		Net General	1,285
		Designated Giving	648
Total Receipts	\$1,933		

Monthly Reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

THE PURPOSE OF SEX

It's not surprising that in a time of growing biblical illiteracy, few people have any idea what God thinks and says about sex. The world holds the Christian view of sex in contempt, considering it prudish, naïve, and repressive. But the Bible elevates sexuality as God's gift to us that is both sacred and mysterious - while the world's perspective degrades it to just something that "feels good." But, if the purpose and goal of sex is primarily pleasure, then other people are just objects to be used for sensual gratification. Since people are infinitely valuable because God made us in His image, that is a slap in the face whether we realize it or not. The Christian perspective is that the purpose of sex is relational, with pleasure as the by-product. The Bible teaches that sex binds two souls together. (Genesis 2:24; 1 Corinthians 6:15-16.) It is so powerful that it is only safe within a committed, covenant marriage relationship. It's like the difference between a raging river's wild energy and a dam's harnessed power. God knew what He was doing when He limited sex to within marriage!

SEX IS GOD'S INVENTION!

Sex is God's idea. He made it not only efficient for making more human beings but pleasurable and deeply satisfying. He designed men's and women's physical anatomy to complement each other. He created hormones to make everything work and make us want to be sexual. Unlike animals, whose mating behavior is purely instinctive, human sexuality has several beautiful purposes, all of which God means to be contained within marriage.

In a lifelong covenant of faithfulness between husband and wife, we can express and enjoy God's two primary purposes for sex: fruitfulness and intimacy. His first command to Adam and Eve was to "be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 1:28); one very foundational purpose of sex is to create new living beings. However, fruitfulness is not limited to having children. A mutually loving and serving sexual relationship between husband and wife can produce emotional intimacy and personal fruitfulness as well, even when a couple is beyond childbearing years. The Bible is clear for couples of any age: *"The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control."* 1 Corinthians 7:3-5 (ESV) Husbands and wives, don't help push your spouse over the edge into the temptation of adultery or pornography because you refuse them intimacy.

Sex builds oneness and a mystical union of two lives and souls into one life together - that is why the Bible so often depicts our relationship with Christ as a marriage between Jesus and his Bride (the Church). The one-flesh union of sex is a picture of how two souls are joined together in a shared life. Once they are joined, a strong bond helps men and women avoid temptation and keep marriages and families intact, which is God's intention for our lives. The bottom line is sex is only appropriate within the bonds of a Christian covenant of marriage, and then Christian married couples should have the most frequent sexual relations they are healthy enough to engage in.



The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:



Shirley Finefrock
in loving memory of
her husband Harry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-----AUGUST 2023-----

- Guy's Lunch.....Thursday August 3rd at 11:00 a.m.
- ~~~ Guy's Prayer Group..... Thursday, August 3rd at 10:30 a.m.
- GAL's Meeting.....Monday August 7th at 12:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting.....Tuesday August 8th at 6:00 p.m.

-----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.



Our Missions Committee has teamed up with **Chester Taylor** and **West Elementary Schools** to hold Our Annual **"Christmas in July."**

BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION. NEEDS LIST

- Backpacks • 3 Ring Binders • Black Dry Erase Markers
- Safety Scissors • Box of 24 Crayola Crayons
- Boxes of #2 Pencils • Large Pink Erasers
- Package of Loose Leaf Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
- Pencil Case • Red Ballpoint Pens
- Spiral Bound Notebooks • Yellow Highlighters

We will be collecting supplies

July 16th and 23rd

If you don't like to shop, cash donations can be made in lieu of supplies.

- THE ELDERS**
TEACHING & WORSHIP
- Rev. H. Joseph Kler
Senior Pastor / I.F.O.C. Chaplain
 - Rev. John O. Strauss
Worship Leader / Minister of Music
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- THE DIACONATE**
Jim Leitzke, Gary Hatrick
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- OUR MUSICIANS**
Ann Dantuma
Pianist/Organist
- Donna Zenisek-Huber
Flutist
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- SOUND BOOTH**
Joe Negron, Jonathan Kler

- THE BOARD**
YOUR REPRESENTATIVES
- Board President.....John Vosteen.....
 - Vice-President.....Cheryl Howard...
 - Treasurer.....Pam Lain.....
 - Education.....Linda Walchak...
 - Women's Fellowship.....Vickie Kler.....
 - Multi-Media.....Ric Romyn.....
 - Missions.....Barbara O'Brien..
 - Music..... Rev. John Strauss
 - Events/Hospitality.....Clara Vosteen....

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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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