

THE LORD'S DAY WE LIFT OUR Current Series: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 VOICES IN PRAISE February 18, 2024 WE GATHER TO WORSHIP WE AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING: Hymn "Living for Jesus" Page 605 10:00 a.m. • The Holy Trinity of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Verses 1,2,4) • God has revealed Himself fully and decisively in Holy Scripture. We Piano/Chancel Organ Prelude SPECIAL MUSIC 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. CALL TO WORSHIP & **EXPOSITION OF THE WORD** The Carillon Bells STRIKING THE HOUR "Amazing Grace" AND CONFESSION OF FAITH • There is only one way to Salvation - through Jesus Christ. THE SERMON WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The sanctity of human life based on our creation in the image of God "Wisdom From Above for We Here Below." and our election by God for service in His Kingdom. This leads us to 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 respectfully affirm the sanctity of life at every stage, from conception to **†** INTROIT "Come Thou Almighty King" Page 8 ordinary death. *† Please stand as you are able.* (Verse 1,4) **†** THE APOSTLES' CREED The Biblical principles of immutable gender and sexuality: The exclu-"To God Be The Glory" **†** CLOSING HYMN Page 56 sive union of one man and one woman in marriage; and fidelity to its "O Worship the King" Page 104 (Verses 1,3) vows. And, chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom. (Verses 1,2,5) *†* BENEDICTION • God made all people from one man and although people can be distin-<sup>†</sup> PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER guished by different ethnicities and nationalities, we are all one human **†**ANTHEM "The Family of God" Page 419 "Gloria Patri" **†** ANTHEM Page 813 race and absolute equals before God in creation, the need for repentance, and the offer of redemption. **DEPART IN PEACE TO** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" Page 591 LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD That the mission of the Church is to spread the Good News of the Gos-(All Verses) pel in every word and deed. Proclaiming to the world the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and seeking to bring every person into *If you are visiting with us today, we're glad you're here.* WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND We are ordinary people on an extraordinary journey, a life of faith, discipleship, and submission to Him.

learning to love and serve like Jesus. Come with Us!

# **RECITE GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES**

PASTORAL PRAYER

† Hymn

Hymn

RESPONSORIAL "Psalm **30**" Sung To The Tune of: "O Jesus I Have Promised" (Verses 1,2)

Psalter **30**<sup>A</sup>

**RESPONSIVE READING:** "The Westminster Catechism"

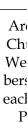
### WE RETURN OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE UNTO THE LORD

**RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS** *†* DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

# Nelcome orship

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.



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## THE LESSONS FOR USE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT ~ YEAR B Genesis 9:8-17 • Psalm 25:1-9

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re you interested in nurch Membership? e receive new mem- rs the last Sunday of ch month. Please see Pastor Kler today.		Sunday General Giving	4,785
		Online General Giving	987
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		Less 10% to Missions	-577
	$\cdot$	Net Revenue	5,022
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		Building Maintenance	173
		Flowers	25
		Good News Club	242
ar Church believes in hancial transparency and so our Quarterly eports are displayed the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.		Hospitality	60
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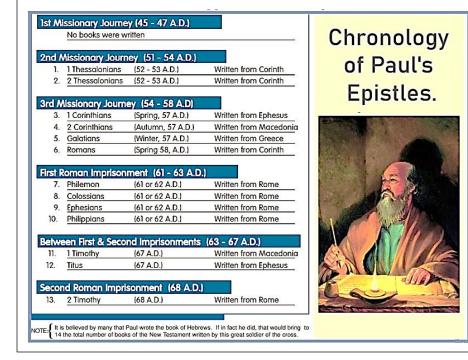
THE EPISTLES OF PAUL were letters written to the early Church by the apostle Paul. Epistle is simply a word that means a "written message" or a "letter." These ancient letters provide valuable insight into modern-day Christian living and a snapshot of the early Christian Church. In studying them carefully, we can find answers to many questions we still wrestle with today. Paul wrote these letters between about A.D. 52 and 68. The estimates of the dates these letters were written will vary slightly from authority to authority. However, they remain within this general time frame of about 15 to 20 years.

The Pauline Epistles don't appear in the Bible in the same order they were written. Not all Bible authorities agree on the correct order of Paul's letters, but context clues within the letters and extrabiblical evidence allow us to make a reasonably accurate guess ( see chart below ). When Paul wasn't writing letters to congregations of the early Church, he was either visiting them in person or journeying through the Roman Empire to spread the gospel message. Those journeys are recorded in the book of Acts, giving us extra insight into the Pauline Epistles and the general time frame when Paul would have written those epistles.

Much of the content of the Pauline Epistles was aimed at correcting false teachings and lax behavior that had crept into congregations of the early Church. It didn't take long before heresy, false doctrine, and spiritual compromises started to sneak into the early Church. But Paul was also an encourager. Many of his letters are filled with hope, always returning to "the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). Paul was filled with a "deep concern for all the churches" (2 Corinthians 11:28). He wanted nothing more than to see God's people remain faithful to their calling and join him in claiming "the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing' (2 Timothy 4:8).

Here are just a few of the topics that Paul addresses in these letters:

- Divorce and remarriage. •
- Speaking in tongues. •
- Christian conscience.
- Works and grace. •
- Spiritual gifts. •
- The resurrection •
- A woman's role in the Church
- Conduct at church services.
- Parenting.
- Identifying and appointing Church leaders.
- God's Law in relation to salvation.





The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by: Ric and Emmy Romyn in honor of Ric's Moms Birthday and in memory of Ric's Aunt Romayne who passed away on February 12th



## MARK YOUR V CALENDAR

March 2024		
GAL's Meeting	Monday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> at 12:30	
Guy's Lunch	Thursday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.	
~~~ Guy's Prayer Group	Thursday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.	
Board Meeting	Tuesday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.	
Bible Study Fellowship Dinner	Wednesday, March 13 <sup>th</sup> at 3:00 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		





Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but Encourage one another as the Day of the Gord draws near. Hebrews 10:25



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