

THE LORD'S DAY WE LIFT OUR **VOICES IN PRAISE** January 14, 2024 WE GATHER TO WORSHIP Hymn "Grace Greater than Our Sin" Page 344 10:00 a.m. (Verses 1,2,4) Piano/Chancel Organ Prelude SPECIAL MUSIC CALL TO WORSHIP & **EXPOSITION OF THE WORD** The Carillon Bells STRIKING THE HOUR "Amazing Grace" AND CONFESSION OF FAITH THE SERMON WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS "A Calling in The Wind: "Which Came First?" **†** INTROIT "Every Day With Jesus" 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 *† Please stand as you are able.* (Verse 1) *†* THE APOSTLES' CREED "Crown Him With Many Crowns" † Hymn Page 45 *†* CLOSING HYMN *"Take The Name of Jesus With You"* Page 235 (Verses 1,3,4) (Verses 1,4) *†* BENEDICTION <sup>†</sup> PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER "Gloria Patri" **†** ANTHEM Page 813 "The Family of God" **†** ANTHEM Page 419 "Are You Washed In The Blood" Hymn Page 330 **DEPART IN PEACE TO** (All Verses 1,2,4) LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND If you are visiting with us today, we're glad you're here. **RECITE GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES** We are ordinary people on an extraordinary journey, learning to love and serve like Jesus. Come with Us! PASTORAL PRAYER In this constantly changing world, our Psalter 96<sup>A</sup> goal is to reflect and recapture the historic RESPONSORIAL "Psalm 96" Sung To The Tune of: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

RESPONSIVE READING: "The Westminster Catechism"

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

(Verses 7,10)

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS † DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER



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.

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**OUR MISSION** TO PRESENT CHRIST TO EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, AT EVERY AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.



## The Lessons for Use on the Seventh Day of Christmastide ~ Year B 1 Samuel 3:1-20 • Psalm 139:1-17 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

## 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: 137 Are you interested in Church Membership? We receive new mem- bers the last Sunday of each month. Please see Pastor Kler today.		GIVING REPORT	
		Week Ending January 7, 2024 \$5,601	
		Sunday General Giving Online General Giving	4,921 330
		Total General	5,251
		Less 3% to Building	-158
		Less 10% to Missions	-525
		Net Revenue	4,568
		Designated Giving	
		Building Maintenance	158
Our Church believes in financial transparency and so our Quarterly Reports are displayed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.		Flowers	50
		Gals	260
		Missions	565
		Total Designated Giving	1,033
		Net Revenue	4,568
		Designated Giving	1,033
		Total Receipts	\$5,601
		Monthly Reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.	

## Christian<sup>6</sup> Questions

IF GOD CALLED YOU, would you answer? Would you receive the message, or is your heart in perpetual "do not disturb" mode? These are all good questions to consider, but let's start with what precisely the call of God is anyway...... (Insert Dial Tone Here)....



For starters, the idea of the "effectual call of God" as related to salvation is most fully defined in Chapter Ten of the 1647 Westminster Confession of Faith, which declares in slightly archaic but still easily understandable language: "All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, He is pleased, in His appointed time, effectually to call. This call is by His Word and Spirit, out of the state of sin and death in which they are born by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ; enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God; taking away their heart of stone and giving them a heart of flesh; directing them to that which is good; and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ; yet with the result that they come most freely, being made willing by His grace." The Westminster Confession of Faith (10.1)

In plain English, the effectual call is God's sovereign communication drawing of a sinner to salvation. This personal call to someone outside of Christ overwhelms them with the love and beauty of Christ's willing sacrifice on their behalf so that they, in turn, willingly place their faith in Him. This idea runs all through Scripture. The apostle Paul refers to the effectual call when he writes, "It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose" (Philippians 2:13). The Bible goes on to explain that God must intervene on the natural state of humanity when he writes that those who oppose God "must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 2:25).

Our Lord Jesus emphasized the necessity of the effectual call in His words, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them" (John 6:44). "For many are called, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:14). In this statement, Jesus distinguishes between the general call everyone receives by hearing the Gospel and the effectual call that leads to salvation. The general call is for all of humanity, not just the elect. Every man or woman who has ever lived or whoever will live is invited to come to God. However, because we are born in sin, we need God's intervention to come. We are born addicted to sin, and we need a divine cure to break the addiction. Think of it like this: If a baby is born to a mother who is addicted to drugs, that baby will be addicted to the same drug and will naturally crave it and continue to crave it unless or until a qualified physician steps in with a cure. In the same way, because we are all descendants of Adam and Eve, we are all (every single person, including you and especially me) born addicted to the drug of sin. We need the great Physician Jesus to intervene - He does that in the Gospel. A Gospel that is available to everyone, but because of humanity's sinful nature and total depravity, no one will turn to God without God first giving them a reborn heart to see and hear the saving beauty of its message. The call has gone out; can you hear it...



The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:

Helen Dunn In Celebration of Her Twin Grandson's Birthdays.



MARK YOUR V CALENDAR

February 2024		
GAL's Meeting	Monday, February 5 <sup>th</sup> at 12:30	
Guy's Lunch	Thursday, February 8 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.	
~~~ Guy's Prayer Group	Thursday, February 8 <sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.	
Board Meeting	Tuesday, February 13th at 5:00 p.m.	
Bible Study Fellowship Dinner	Wednesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.	

-REGULAR SCHEDULE---

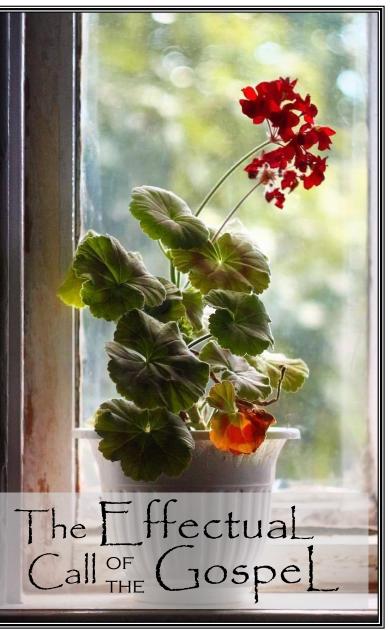
Wednesday Bible Study	Weekly at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday School	Weekly at 9:00 a.m.
Lord's Day Worship	Weekly at 10:00 a.m.







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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