



**THE LORD'S DAY**  
*May 7, 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 *"His Name Is Wonderful" (Verse 1)* Page 118  
 † *Please stand as you are able.*

† HYMN *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (Verses 1,2,4)* Page 581

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

HYMN *"I Need Thee Every Hour" (Verses 1,3,4)* Page 638

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

PASTORAL PRAYER  
 RESPONSORIAL *"Psalm 23" Psalter 23<sup>A</sup>*  
*(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**

SPECIAL MUSIC

**CONFESSION OF FAITH AND EXPOSITION OF THE WORD**

† THE NICENE CREED

THE SERMON: *"First Fruits and Temporary Funerals"*  
 Leviticus 23:15-16 • Matthew 27:52 • 1 Corinthians 15:12-23

† HYMN *"Come to the Table" (Verse 1)* Page 464

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
*(Please hold the Elements until all are served.)*

† PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† CLOSING HYMN *"Blessed Assurance" (Verses 1,3)* Page 572

† 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ YEAR A  
 Leviticus 23:15-16 • Psalm 2:1-12  
 Matthew 27:52 • 1 Corinthians 15:12-23

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: 102		<b>GIVING REPORT</b>	
		<i>Week Ending April 30, 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.	  	<b>\$1,664</b>	
		Sunday General Giving	1,348
		Online General Giving	291
		<b>Total General Gifts</b>	<b>1,639</b>
		Less 3% to Building	-49
		Less 10% to Missions	-164
		<b>Net General</b>	<b>1,425</b>
		Designated Giving	
		Building Maintenance	49
		Gals	25
Missions	164		
<b>Total Designated Giving</b>	<b>239</b>		
Net General	1,425		
Designated Giving	239		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,664</b>		

*Monthly Reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.*



A JOYOUS  
EASTERTIDE!  
*Enjoying the  
Means of Grace*

WHAT WE CALL THE LORD'S SUPPER is often referred to as an "ordinance" or a "sacrament." Jesus gave the Church two ordinances/sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The term sacrament is typically used by those who believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are a "means of grace." The means of grace are God's appointed instruments by which the Holy Spirit enables believers to receive Christ and the benefits of redemption. Although God the Father could have chosen to reveal Christ immediately and directly to His people, He has determined instead to do so through certain means. God assigned the Word, sacraments, and prayer to be the foremost means by which He communicates Christ and His benefits to believers.

Is the Lord's Supper a means of grace? Absolutely! But not in the way some religious groups present it. The physical bread and wine themselves are not a means of grace. Simply drinking the cup and eating the bread brings God's blessing to no one. Rather, grace is conveyed through the Gospel message presented by and with the elements when received by faith.

The Second London Confession of Faith – 1689 says: "Worthy receivers, outwardly partaking of the visible elements in this ordinance, do then also inwardly by faith, really and indeed, yet not carnally and corporally, but spiritually receive, and feed upon Christ crucified, and all the benefits of his death; the body and blood of Christ being then not corporally or carnally, but spiritually present to the faith of believers in that ordinance, as the elements themselves are to their outward senses."

When we properly receive the Lord's Supper, we are trusting the promises given to us in Jesus, drawing near to him by faith, and are blessed as we enter into a special fellowship with him. As the Apostle Paul says, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" (1 Corinthians 10:16) The point being made from this text is that bread and wine are signs which signify present participation or present communion in present-day benefits procured by Christ's body and blood." In this way we are sanctified through the sacrament.

Dr. James Boyce explains "These blessings are not stored up for us in heaven for the future. They are not blessings to be enjoyed once we get where Christ is. Instead, it is as if heaven has been and is being brought to our souls by the Holy Spirit (through the means of grace) due to the work of Christ in accordance with the Father's electing and predestinating purpose in the Gospel."



The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:



Don & Ginny Jennings  
in Celebration of their 63rd  
Wedding Anniversary.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-----MAY 2023-----  
Board Meeting.....Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



Hey You!  
Yes You!

Take this Bulletin home with you after Worship and share it with a friend, a neighbor, or maybe even a total stranger.  
  
Invite Someone To Church  
Next Week !

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 DIACONATE  
Jim Leitzke, Gary Hatrick

OUR MUSICIANS  
Ann Dantuma  
Pianist/Organist  
Donna Zenisek-Huber  
Flutist

SOUND BOOTH  
Joe Negron, Jonathan Kler

THE BOARD  
YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Board President.....John Vosteen.....  
Vice-President.....Cheryl Howard...  
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Music..... Rev. John Strauss  
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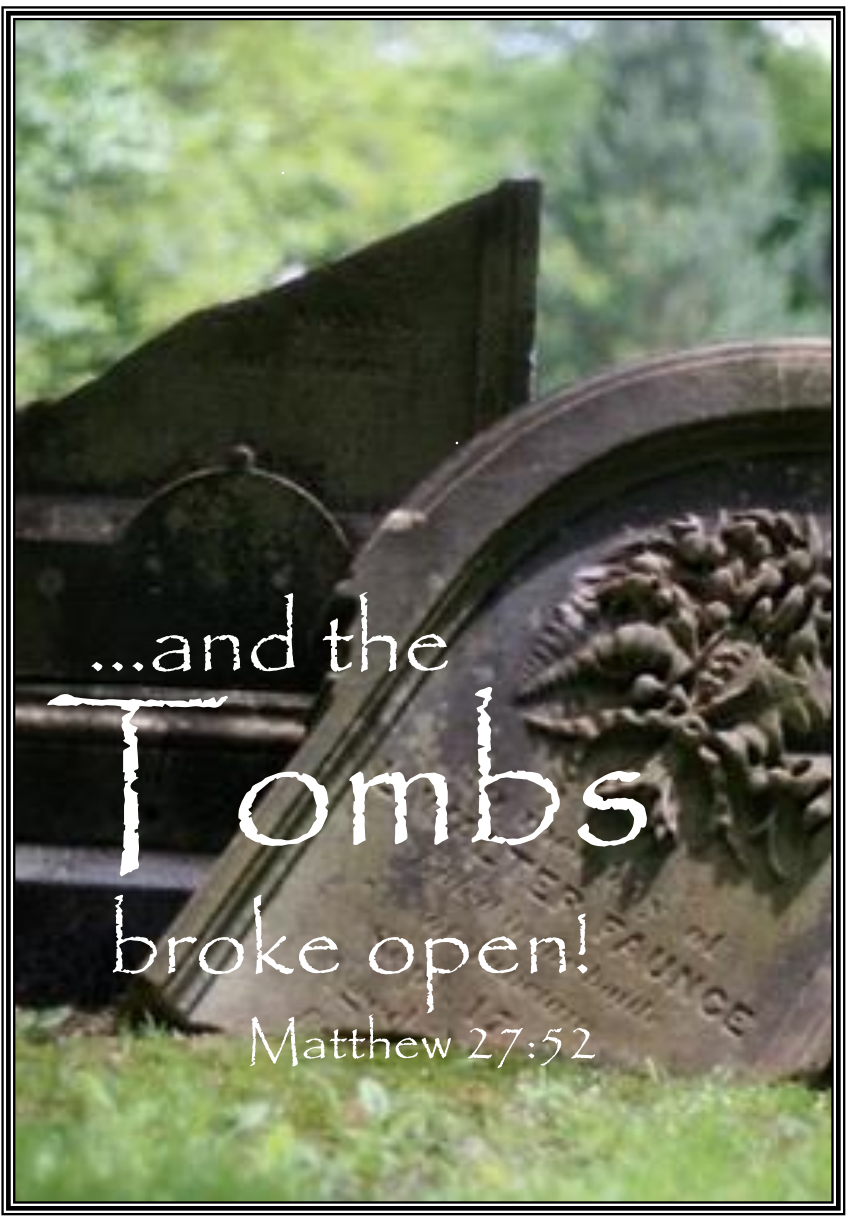
OUR VOLUNTEER STAFFED  
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:  
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FAIRVIEW

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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