

THE LORD'S DAY

August 10, 2025

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 "Yes Lord Yes" Page 601

† Please stand as you are able. (Verse 1)

† HYMN "Glory to His Name" Page 493

(Verses 1,2,4)

† Prayer of the Day and The Lord's Prayer

† ANTHEM "Gloria Patri" Page 813

HYMN "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms" Page 575

(All Verses)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL "Psalm 51" Psalter 51^A

(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 "Rock of Ages" (All Verses)

Page 342

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON
"Saved or Self-Deceived?"
Acts 8:1-24

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN "What A Day That Will Be" Page 762

(Verses 1,2)

† 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.

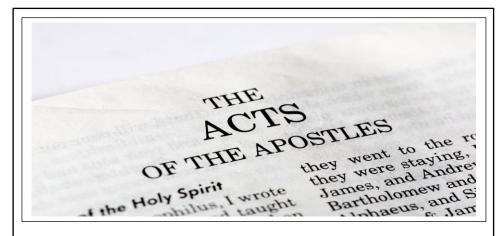


The Lessons for Use on the Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 • Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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 unchangeable 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.

GIVING REPORT Week Ending August 3, 2025 **ATTENDANCE** \$2,511 LAST SUNDAY: 87 Sunday General Giving 2,169 Online General Giving 241 Interest Income (6/30) 6 Are you interested in 2,416 **Total General** Less 3% to Building Maintenance -72 Church Membership? Less 10% to Missions -242 2,102 Net Revenue We receive new mem-Designated Giving bers the last Sunday of **Building Maintenance** 97 each month. If you are Flowers 70 interested in joining 242 Missions our Church family, **Total Designated Giving** 409 2,102 please see Net Revenue Designated Giving 409 Pastor Kler today. \$2,511 **Total Receipts**



The story of Simon the Sorcerer, also known as Simon Magus, in Acts 8:9-24 is a fascinating and instructive narrative that provides several profound lessons for Christians. Simon was a man who practiced sorcery in Samaria and had amazed the people with his magic. When Philip, one of the early Christian evangelists, came to Samaria preaching the good news of the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, many people believed and were baptized, including Simon himself. However, Simon's subsequent actions reveal much about the nature of true faith, the dangers of spiritual pride, and the proper understanding of the Holy Spirit.

The Superficiality of Simon's Faith

One of the first lessons we learn from Simon the Sorcerer is the difference between superficial belief and genuine faith. Acts 8:13 tells us that Simon himself believed and was baptized. However, his later behavior suggests that his belief was not rooted in a true understanding of the gospel. When he saw that the Holy Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:18-19, ESV).

Simon's request reveals that his faith was more about the external, miraculous signs rather than a deep, transformative relationship with Jesus Christ. He was enamored with the power and prestige that came with the miracles, not with the message of salvation and repentance. This serves as a warning to us today: it is possible to be attracted to the outward manifestations of Christianity, without ever truly submitting one's heart to Christ.



The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:



Catherine Davis in loving memory of her husband Dick *On their 73rd Anniversary*

MARK YOUR **CALENDAR**

-----SEPTEMBER 2025-----G.A.L.S.....September 8th at noon. Men's Prayer Group.....September 4th at 10:30 a.m. Board Meeting.....September 9th at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study...... Weekly at 4:00 p.m. Lord's Day Worship.......Weekly at 10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group......First and Third Thursday at 4:30 p.m.



THE ELDERS

Rev. H. Joseph Kler

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Marshall Whitcomb

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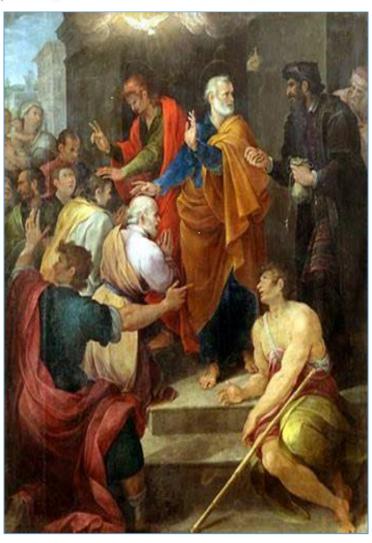
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Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but Encourage one another as the Day of the Lord draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



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