



THE LORD'S DAY
July 23, 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"* Page 194
† Please stand as you are able. (Verse 1)

† HYMN *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* Page 215
 (Verses 1,2,4)

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

HYMN *"My Savior's Love"* Page 348
 (Verses 1,4)

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 *"Oh, Jesus Have Promised"* Page 676
 (Verses 1,3,4)

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON
"Jesus Teaching on Divorce Or, What's Love Got to Do with It?"
 Matthew 5:27-20

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN *"I'll Fly Away"* Page 779
 (All Verses)

† 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ YEAR A
 Isaiah 44:6-8 • Psalm 86:11-17
 Romans 8:12-25 • 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: 80		GIVING REPORT	
		<i>Week Ending July 16, 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.	 	\$2,524	
		Sunday General Giving	1,876
		Online General Giving	203
		Total General Gifts	2,079
		Less 3% to Building	-62
		Less 10% to Missions	-208
		Net General	1,808
		Designated Giving	
		Building Maintenance	337
		Flowers	25
Gals	45		
Missions	308		
Total Designated Giving	716		
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Designated Giving	716		
Total Receipts	\$2,524		
<small>Monthly Reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.</small>			

WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS ABOUT LOVE AND MARRIAGE.

I recently heard of a couple who, on their wedding day, promised to stay together: "...as long as love lasts." How sad. But that is what our culture has reduced marriage to. This world has turned 'holy matrimony' into a lease program. When the love-lease is over, you get to walk away. It has become too common in today's marriages. If it doesn't work, divorce. That's usually the solution, often forgetting why we got married in the first place. When two become one, it should mean exactly that- a union between two people who are in love and want to spend the rest of their lives together, for better or worse, sickness and health, good times and bad.

God's good plan for marriage is a lifelong, sacred commitment between a man and a woman (Gen. 1:27; 2:24; Mal. 2:14; Matt. 19:3-6). However, in two situations, the Bible seems to allow for the option of divorce. One situation is when a spouse is sexually unfaithful. Jesus taught that while divorce is a grievous violation of a sacred covenant relationship, it is permissible if one spouse is guilty of "sexual immorality" (Matt. 5:32; 19:9). The second situation in which divorce is legitimized is if one spouse deserts the marriage. In such an instance, the non-deserting spouse cannot fulfill their marital responsibilities (1 Cor. 7:12-15). While divorce may be permissible in such tragic circumstances, it must always be viewed only as a last resort because of the sacred nature of marriage. All efforts at reconciliation must be exhausted before divorce is pursued. However, divorce is permissible if such measures are unfruitful, and then the one who has been betrayed, either sexually or by desertion, may freely remarry with God's approval.

IMPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE AND SEXUAL MORALITY
Several implications arise from the Bible's teaching on marriage:

1. Marriage and sexuality are good gifts from God.

The fall distorted what marriage should be, but the institution itself was already in place. Marriage is good.

2. Marriage is between one man and one woman.

The reason for this is rooted in the very creation of man and woman. God created man and woman to bear his image together, each uniquely and in a complementary way representing God here on earth.

3. Sexual relations are sacred and designed to occur only within the bounds of the marriage covenant.

Once more, this is rooted in the creation account. The man and the woman are to be utterly faithful to one another because they have "become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). To break this bond through adultery or other kinds of sexual immorality is therefore not only a breach of faith with one's spouse but also, more deeply, a breach of faith with one's Creator.

4. Marriage reflects Christ's relationship with the church.

Ephesians chapter 5 clarifies that Christ's love for the church is the pattern for a husband's love for his wife. Likewise, the church's glad submission to Christ is the pattern for the wife's willing submission to her husband. As head of the wife, the husband gladly sanctifies her, loves her, and gives his life for her; the wife, in turn, gladly submits to and honors her husband.



The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:



Carol Beal in loving memory of her father Murrell Beherrel
Doris Turner in honor of her daughter Connie's Birthday
Shirley Finefrock in honor of her son Jonathan's Birthday

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-----AUGUST 2023-----
Guy's Lunch.....Thursday August 3rd at 11:00 a.m.
~~~ Guy's Prayer Group..... Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.  
GAL's Meeting.....Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting.....Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.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.

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| <p><b>THE ELDERS</b><br/>TEACHING &amp; WORSHIP</p> <p>Rev. H. Joseph Kler<br/>Senior Pastor / L.F.O.C. Chaplain</p> <p>Rev. John O. Strauss<br/>Worship Leader / Minister of Music</p> <hr/> <p>THE DIACONATE<br/>Jim Leitzke, Gary Hatrick</p> <hr/> <p>OUR MUSICIANS<br/>Ann Dantuma<br/>Pianist/Organist</p> <p>Donna Zenisek-Huber<br/>Flutist</p> <hr/> <p>SOUND BOOTH<br/>Joe Negron, Jonathan Kler</p> | <p><b>THE BOARD</b><br/>YOUR REPRESENTATIVES</p> <p>Board President.....John Vosteen.....</p> <p>Vice-President.....Cheryl Howard...</p> <p>Treasurer.....Pam Lain.....</p> <p>Education.....Linda Walchak...</p> <p>Women's Fellowship.....Vickie Kler.....</p> <p>Multi-Media.....Ric Romyn.....</p> <p>Missions.....Barbara O'Brien..</p> <p>Music..... Rev. John Strauss</p> <p>Events/Hospitality.....Clara Vosteen....</p> |
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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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