

THE LORD'S DAY

July 30, 2023 **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

10:00 a.m.

Piano/Chancel Organ PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP &

"Amazing Grace" The Carillon Bells STRIKING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† INTROIT "We Worship and Adore You" Page 194 (Verse 1)

† Please stand as you are able.

† HYMN "Rock of Ages" Page 342

(All Verses)

† Prayer of the Day and The Lord's Prayer

"Gloria Patri" † ANTHEM Page 813

"I Need Thee Every Hour" Page 638 HYMN

(Verses 1,3,4)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

"Psalm 143" Psalter 143^C RESPONSORIAL

(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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS † Doxology and Offertory Prayer



WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

HYMN "No One Understands Like Jesus" Page 610 (Verses 1,3,4)

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON "Jesus Teaching on Oaths Or, Swearing on A Stack of Bibles?!" Matthew 5:33-37

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN "Send the Light" Page 437

(Verses 1,4)

† 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 ~ YEAR A 1 Kings 3:5-12 • Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 • 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.



	GIVING REPORT July 23, 2023 \$2,386	
	Sunday General Giving	1,521
	Online General Giving	466
	Interest Income	374
	Total General Gifts	2,361
	Less 3% to Building	-71
	Less 10% to Missions	-236
	Net General	2,053
	Designated Giving	
Vin Vin	Building Maintenance	71
	Gals	25
	Missions	236
	Missions: School Supplies	50
	Total Designated Giving	333
	Net General	2,053
	Designated Giving	333
	Total Receipts	\$2,386



10 THINGS GOD'S WORD SAYS ABOUT OUR WORDS.

Having the gift of gab may be a valuable trait, but sometimes talkativeness can be too much of a good thing. In fact, the Bible has a lot to say about the use and timing of our words.

1. TALKING TOO MUCH LEADS TO SIN.

• Proverbs 10:19 says bluntly: Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut.

2. TALKING TOO MUCH CAN BE VERY INCONSIDERATE.

• We show consideration and wisdom when we seek to understand others. Proverbs 18:2 advises: A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.

3. TALKING TOO MUCH LEADS TO RUIN.

• So says Proverbs 13:3: Those who guard their lips preserve their lives, but those who speak rashly will come to ruin.

4. WE CAN AVOID TALKING TOO MUCH BY THINKING FIRST.

• James 1:19 offers this advice: Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

5. TALKING TOO MUCH SHOWS A LACK OF SELF-CONTROL.

• James 1:26 continues: If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless.

6. TALKING TOO MUCH LEADS TO DISTRACTIONS.

• We can't mind our own business when we talk too much! Therefore, 1 Thessalonians 4:11 commands: Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business...

7. TALKING TOO MUCH LEADS TO TROUBLE.

• That is why Proverbs 21:23 declares: He who guards his mouth and his tongue, Guards his soul from troubles.

AND FINALLY, 8, 9, 10. Talking too much leads to carelessness, gossip, rumors, and deceit.

- Proverbs 11:13 A gossip goes around telling secrets, but those who are trustworthy can keep a confidence.
- Psalm 34:13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.
- Matthew 12:36 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak.

Consider monitoring your listening-to-speaking ratio. If you talk more than you listen, then you are likely talking too much.



The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:

Marshall and Sue Whitcomb in celebration of their 1st Wedding Anniversary



MARK YOUR **V** CALENDAR

AUGUS	5T 2023
Guy's Lunch	Thursday August 3 rd at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 3 rd at 10:30 a.m. Monday August 7 th at 12:00 Noon.
Wednesday Bible Study	
1. READ DIRECTIONS ON BOX 2. THROW BOX AWAY 3. PULL BOX OUT OF TRASH 15 SECONDS LATER PERSONAL ATTER 1. READ DIRECTIONS ON BOX 2. THROW BOX AWAY 3. PULL BOX OUT OF TRASH 15 SECONDS LATER	~ THANK YOU ~ for your generosity; whether but donated school supplies, helped eparate them, or volunteered by deliver them, our annual hristmas in July school supply rive was A SUCCESS.
THE FLDERS TEACHING & WORSHIP Rev. H. Joseph Kler Senior Pastor / I.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 AND TRUSTEES Board President

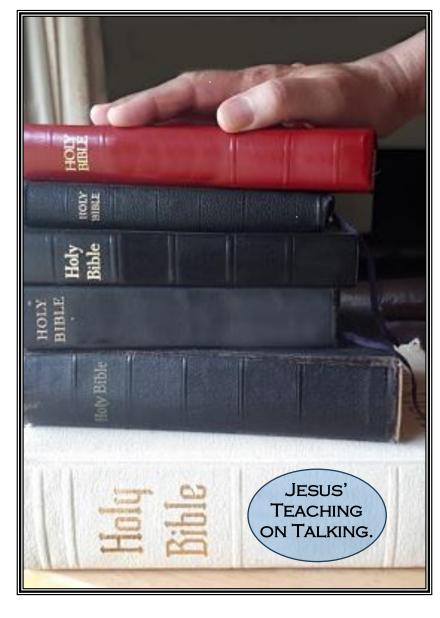
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Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but Encourage one another as the Day of the Lord, draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



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