



THE LORD'S DAY
June 26, 2022
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

† *Please stand as you are able.*

† INTROIT *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (Verse 1)* Page 391

† HYMN *"Praise Him! Praise Him!" (All Verses)* Page 12

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

HYMN *"Just as I Am" (All Verses)* Page 488

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

PASTORAL PRAYER
 PRAYER RESPONSE *"Learning To Lean" (Verse 1)* Page 534

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 *"Since Jesus Came into My Heart" (All Verses)* Page 503

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON
"Troublesome Times"
 The Rev. John O. Strauss

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN *"The Savior Is Waiting" (Verse 1,2)* Page 483

† BENEDICTION

† ANTHEM *"The Family of God"* Page 563

DEPART IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

MEET AND GREET COFFEE FELLOWSHIP.

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 OPPORTUNITY.



THE LESSONS FOR USE ON THE
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21 • Psalm 31:15
 Galatians 5:1,13-25 • Luke 9:51-62

- 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 guidelines for human sexuality: That marriage is the exclusive union of one man and one woman; and fidelity and holiness in marriage 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.

CAMPUS ATTENDANCE
 LAST SUNDAY: 82

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.



GIVING REPORT

Week Ending June 19, 2022

\$1,933

Sunday General Giving	1,488
Online General Giving	400
Total General Gifts	1,888
Less 10% to Missions	-189
Less 3% to Building	-57
Net General	1,643
Designated (Fund) Giving	
Building	101
Missions	189
Total Fund Giving	290
Net General	1,643
Designated Giving	290
Total Receipts	\$1,933

The Good Old Days, by Ken Collins

Do not say, why were the old days better than these? For it is not wise to ask such questions. —Ecclesiastes 7:10,

Life was easy in the fifties. Most of the shows on television were about cowboys. The good guys wore white hats and the bad guys wore black hats and it was easy to tell them apart. The good guys never did bad things, and the bad guys never did good things. The television shows that were not about cowboys were about happy, loving families, such as Leave it to Beaver and Ozzie and Harriet, or they were about superheroes, such as Superman, who was always on the side of right and his personal faults never tripped him up.

But those days were not really so good, you only remember them that way. What you forget as you reminisce about the fifties is the terror of that decade. We began with the hysteria of the red scare and ended it terrified of the bomb. On the weekend, we went to the local school to see the latest fallout shelters, which if we had enough money, we could bury in our backyards so that we could survive the nuclear holocaust. No matter what town it was, everyone in it knew that they were the number one target on the Russians' list. We stared up into the nighttime sky in fear and awe at Sputnik, the first artificial satellite ever to orbit the earth, and in our terror, we flocked to the theaters to watch movies about oppressive invaders from outer space.

Later we discovered that the actors who portrayed our domestic ideals on the television tube did not live them out in their daily lives. They suffered divorce and went through child custody battles; they had drug problems. Many of the he-men whose manliness we admired at the movies turned out to have been gay all along. Nothing turned out to be what it seemed at the time! Not only were our pleasures illusions, our terrors were as well, and as for the Communist Bloc we feared so much—it evaporated like a bad dream at the dawn of a new day.

The sixties weren't any better. We began that decade with the assassination of the president of the United States and ended it with the Viet Nam war and filled the middle with racial strife. The seventies contained the inglorious end to the Viet Nam war, the resignation of a president, and war veterans who were denied the respect we promised them.

I could go on and on, but my point is clear: the good old days aren't good, they are just old. And so Ecclesiastes tells us not to ask why the old days were better than these, because such a question arises, not from wisdom, but from amnesia.

So why do we forget the trials, tribulations, and troubles of former times and remember the "good old days" so fondly? We remember them as the good old days, because we know how they turned out. We have anxiety about the present age, because we do not know how things will turn out, and in being anxious, we reveal our lack of faith.

In response to this, Jesus says, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

We fear the present age, because we do not know how it will turn out. We fear, because we do not believe that Jesus has truly overcome the world, and we fear because we do not trust Him as we ought.

But if we truly believe that Jesus could die upon a cross and raise Himself up from the dead on the third day; if we truly believe that on the fortieth day He ascended into heaven where He sits, alive and well, at the right hand of God, who is His Father, then why do we fear the present age? What will it take to shake us from our anxieties? What will it take to get us to stop luxuriating in our fear?

Don't forget, these may be difficult times - but they are in God's Hands.



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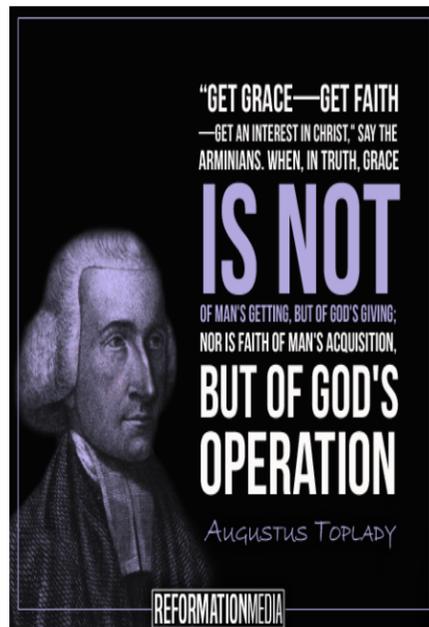


Shirley Finefrock
in loving memory of Harry's Birthday.
~~~~~And~~~~~  
Don Binkley in honor of Marilyn's 91st Birthday.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

G.A.L.S. Meeting.....No Meeting in July. Resumes August 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30  
Guy's Lunch Bunch.....No gathering in July. Resumes August 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00  
Next Diaconate Meeting.....Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
Next Council Meeting.....Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study.....Resumes June 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday School..... Resumes July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.



**ELDERS**  
TEACHING / WORSHIP  
Rev. H. Joseph Kler  
Senior Pastor / I.F.O.C. Chaplain  
•  
Rev. John O. Strauss  
Minister of Music / Choir Director

**MUSICIANS**  
Pianists: Dee Schultz, Ann Dantuma,  
Flutist: Donna Zenisek-Huber

**SOUND BOOTH TECHNICIANS**  
Joe Negron, Jonathan Kler

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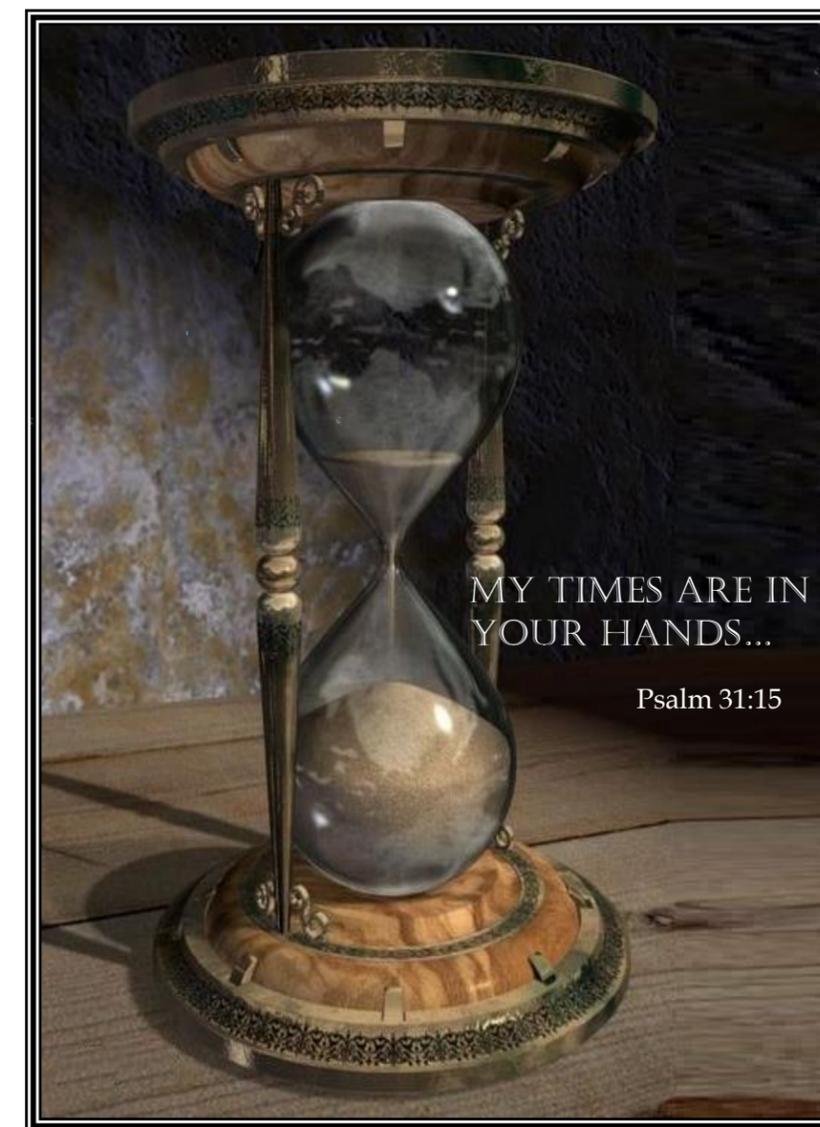
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Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but encourage one another as the Day of the Lord draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



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