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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

ACTS 4:5-12 • PSALM 23 •

1 JOHN 3:16-24 • JOHN 10:1-19

**We Welcome You into Our Fellowship. 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 sanctity at every stage of human life.
- The Biblical guidelines for human sexuality: marriage as the union of one man and one woman, fidelity and holiness in marriage and chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.
- That the mission of the Church is to spread the Good News of the Gospel of Salvation in every word and deed. We are sent by Christ into all the world to proclaim the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and to bring every person into a life of faith, discipleship and submission to the Lordship of Jesus.

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**FIRST**

**CONGREGATIONAL**  
**CHURCH of ZEPHYRHILLS**

*"Big Enough to Serve - Small Enough to Care!"*



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*April 22, 2018*

**LET US GLORIFY GOD IN ALL THAT WE DO TODAY**

PRELUDE

SOUNDING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

INTROIT *"The King is Coming"*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\*HYMN *"More About Jesus"* Page 560  
( Verses 1,2,4 )

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY, LORD'S PRAYER AND GLORIA PATRI

HYMN *"A New Name in Glory"* Page 521  
( Verses All )

**LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER**

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE *"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"* Page 340

**READING OF THE LAW**

RESPONSIVE READING: *The Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 3*

**LET US RETURN THANKS UNTO THE LORD**

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN *"Because He Lives"* Page 358  
( Verses All )

**LET US LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAISE**

SPECIAL MUSIC

**LET US EXAMINE GOD'S WORD TOGETHER**

SERMON *"Hearing Jesus, Our Good Shepherd"*  
John 10: 1-19

\*THE APOSTLES CREED

\*CLOSING HYMN *"In My Heart There Rings a Melody"* Page 502  
( Verses 1,3 )

\*BENEDICTION

\* ANTHEM *"The Family of God"* Page 419

**GREET EACH OTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE**

**AND DEPART IN PEACE**

*\*Please stand if able at this sign.*

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Senior Pastor	Rev. H. Joseph Kler
Minister of Music	Rev. John O. Strauss
Pianist	Mrs. Dee Schultz
Sound Booth	Mrs. Lynne Dulmaine, Mr. Mike Bowman
	Mr. Jim Lafrinere, Mr. John Vosteen
Pre-Production Design	Mrs. Vickie Sargent-Kler
Acolyte	Mr. Jonathan J. Kler
Church Bell	Miss Katherine Kler

## OUR MISSION

TO PRESENT CHRIST TO EVERYONE,  
EVERYWHERE, AT EVERY AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.

## OUR VISION

TO BE A LOVING, CARING CHURCH  
WHOSE ARMS EMBRACE ALL THAT COME.



**The Flowers on the  
Altar are placed by:**

**Rich & Barbara Miller in Memory  
of Rich's Mother and Father.**

We receive new members  
on the last Sunday  
of each month.  
If you are interested in  
joining our Family,  
please see  
Pastor Kler today.



As a Church Family our priority is to worship God according to His commands, not according to what may be popular in a particular culture, or time. Central to

our worship is the proclamation of the Word of God and a Biblical understanding of the Sacraments in the tradition of the Evangelical and Reformed faith and practice.

*If you are visiting with us today we invite you to join us after the service for coffee and treats in our Fellowship Hall!*

**APRIL 22, 2018  
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**



04/24.....Diaconate..... 6:30 PM  
04/25 .....Bible Study.....6:30 PM

**Deacon of the Month:** *Mr. Tom Cooper*

**Ushers:** *Betty Cooper, Mary Lafrinere  
Sam Allen, Jim Lafrinere*

**Offering Last Sunday:**..... \$3060.00

**Attendance Last Sunday:**.....171

## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Why is the benediction that we use at the end of the service always the same ~ and ~ just what is a benediction anyway?

A benediction (Latin: *bene*, well + *dicere*, to speak) is a short appeal for divine help, blessing and guidance, at the end of worship service. A common form of benediction in Protestant churches is for the worship leader to raise his hands and recite the words of the biblical Aaronic Priestly Blessing found in Numbers 6:23b-26 "*Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace*".

You hear pastors say it all the time. Some of you bow your head for it. Others hold out your hands. And others look up to the Lord or make the sign of the cross. But what does it mean to hear this blessing or to receive it? Why is it so special?

God's people treasure these words, but unfortunately, because they are so familiar, it is easy to miss their theological depth.

Structurally, there is much that can be said of the Aaronic blessing in the original Hebrew.

Firstly, that the LORD did not want his priests to use their own words to bless His people, but rather provides the exact formula for the blessing and commanded: *Thus you shall bless the people.*" This reveals that the blessing comes from the Lord and that His ministers are only transmitting God's gracious will.

Secondly, if we were to remove the three instances of "the LORD" (Yahweh) in the blessing, we would be left with twelve words in the original language, an intentional reference to the twelve tribes of Israel.

"The repetition of the name 'LORD' three times expresses the great mystery of the Godhead—three persons, and yet one God." It is also believed that the language in the separate clauses of the prayer correspond to the respective offices of the Trinity: the Father, to 'bless and keep us'; of the Son, to be 'gracious to us'; and of the Holy Spirit, to 'give us peace.' So our triune God is looking to bless his people.



Also Notice that the phrase, "*May the LORD lift up His countenance (His face) toward you...*" these words provide a beautiful picture of God holding you up in His arms, as a delighted father might hold up his young child in joy.... God "*lifts up His face*" to you as He holds you up in His Love!



*Thank You* to Everyone who helped make our **Annual Strawberry Jam** such a big success. Whether you sold tickets, helped with the set-up, prepared the strawberries, provided the music, or just came to eat – it was a fantastic time of food, fellowship and *Fun*

