

Joy is prayer

Joy is strength

Joy is love

Joy is a net of love

by which you can catch souls. Mother Teresa



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Saturday Worship & Praise: 5 pm
(Communion 1st Saturday of month)

Sunday Worship: 8 & 11 am
(Communion: 1st & 3rd Sun. @ 8 am
2nd & 4th Sun. @ 11 am)

Sunday School &
Adult Bible Classes: 9:30 am

Our Mission Statement

The love of Christ compels us to reach out and make disciples who seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and serve those in need, while giving glory to God.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY

May 11, 2014 – 8am & 11am

The Pre-service Music

The Chimes

Welcome, Recognition for Mother's Day, Announcements, Prayer

Opening Hymn

"Mother's Day Hymn"

(Melody: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell")

Lord Jesus, Son of God above,
Thou who hast known a mother's love.
Most blessed mother on the earth
Who gave our Lord and Savior birth.

Today, with homage in each heart,
We pray Thee, graciously impart
Thy boundless love and every good
Unto all loyal motherhood.

To mothers weary and distressed
Send comfort; to the toll-worn rest.
The mother's sick restore to health;
Give needy mothers of thy wealth.

Guide mother's footsteps, for they show
The way that youthful feet will go.
Teach mothers; may they seek from Thee
The wisdom given at their knee.

Thank God for mothers, young and old,
Who live today within Thy fold;
Who pattern, as in days of yore,
The godly mothers gone before.

Responsive Prayer for Mothers (Please rise)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

*Pastor: A woman of noble character, who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.
(Proverbs 31:10)*

People: Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you. (Exodus 20:12)

*Pastor: Her husband has full confidence in her, for she brings him good all the days of her life.
(Proverbs 31:11-12)*

People: Let the name of the Lord be praised for mothers of their children. (Psalm 113:9)

*Pastor: She provides for her family; she sets about her work with diligence.
(Proverbs 31:15, 17)*

People: Her children arise and call her blessed, for a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. (Proverbs 31: 28, 31)

Pastor: We thank You, O Lord, for Eve.

People: The mother of all living. (Genesis 3:20)

Pastor: For Sarah, the mother of many peoples.

People: Who signifies for us the gracious promises of God. (Genesis 21:19)

Pastor: For Jochebed, the mother of Moses, Aaron and Miriam.

People: Through whom You led the people of Israel into the promised land with a mighty hand and outstretched arm. (Exodus 2:1-11, Numbers 26:59)

Pastor: For Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

People: Whose heart exceedingly rejoiced at the birth of her child. (1 Kings 2:1)

Pastor: For Ruth who, married to Boaz, bore a son named Obed, the grandfather of David.

People: Thus ensuring the throne through which the Savior would be born. (Ruth)

Pastor: For Mary, the mother of Your Son, Jesus.

People: Who as the servant of God brought into this world the atoning sacrifice for our salvation. (Matthew 1:21)

Pastor: For the unnamed widow of Nain, who in her grief over her deceased child,

People: Rejoiced in her day in the One who overcame the sting of the grave for her and her son. (Luke 7:11)

Pastor: For Eunice, the mother of Timothy,

People: Who brought up her child in the way of the Lord. (2 Timothy 1:5)

Pastor: Yes, blessed are You, O Lord, for being our Provider, our trusted Friend, our Healer.

People: For being our Source of life, our Shoulder, our compassionate Touch.

Pastor: Yes, Lord, thank you for godly mothers.

People: The crown of our life in You. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

✠ Please be seated

The First New Testament Reading

Acts 2:42-47(Bible page 1,159)

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken).

The Second New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25 (Bible page 1,295)

¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken).

✠ *In honor of Christ who rose from the dead, we rise to sing*

All Sing:

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”

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He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav’n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan’s arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer!
Christ victorious,
Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!

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The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10 (Bible page 1,140)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter

People: Glory to You O Lord. (spoken)

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ. (spoken)

Hymn

“We Believe in God”

(Melody: “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”)

We believe in God, the Father
Maker of heaven and earth;
In His image He has formed us,
Calls us by our name from birth.
He, the Alpha and Omega,
No beginning; without end.
Great Defender from all evil;
Guides us with His loving hand.

We believe in Christ, Messiah,
Son of God and Son of Man;
Took upon Himself our nature,
Died our death by God’s great plan;

Suffered, crucified, and buried;
On the third day He did rise.
Now with God the Father glorious
Reigns eternally on high.

We believe in God, the Spirit,
Comforter in times of strife;
Calls us by the Holy Gospel.
Counselor who gives us life;
Sanctifies and keeps us faithful
Even in the Savior's love.
To the Father, Son, and Spirit;
Praise the Trinity above!

The Greeting "Happy Mother's Day"

✠ *Please be seated*

The Sermon Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" **895**
(rise for the last verse)

The Sermon "A Woman Who Fears the Lord" **Proverbs 31:10-31**
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The Offerings As the offerings are brought forward, we rise to sing

The Offertory "Make Songs of Joy" **484 v 1, 6**
1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Alleluia!
He lives again who once was dead! Alleluia!
6 For this be praised the Son who rose, Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

The Prayers (The Pastor will end each petition with "*Lord, in your mercy ...*" and the congregation will respond with "**hear our prayer.**")

The Lord's Prayer

8:00 am service concludes on page 8

11:00 am service continues

✠THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord. (spoken)

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise. (spoken)

Pastor: It is indeed right and helpful that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we sing your unending hymn:

The Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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The Words of Institution

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

The Agnus Dei

“Lamb of God”

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An appropriate personal prayer before receiving the Sacrament can be found on the page opposite the inside cover of the hymnal.

“White grape juice is available; as well as gluten-free wafers”

The Distribution (please be seated)

- ✠ Faith’s statement of faith regarding communion is printed on the reverse side of the Fellowship Card.
- ✠ Those who desire to commune are invited to follow the ushers’ instructions.
- ✠ Anyone having difficulty walking to the front of the church may sit in the front pew on the lectern side.
- ✠ Receive the bread from the elder either on the tongue or in the hand. Receive the wine either in the individual or the common cup. If you prefer the individual cup, take one from the proffered tray, place the empty cup in the basin as you return. If you prefer the common cup or chalice, please assist the serving pastor by guiding the cup to control the flow. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.
- ✠ Non-confirmed children will be received at the altar rail for a special blessing.

The Distribution Hymn

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

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✠ Please rise

Post-Communion Cantic *"Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

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Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavn'ly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this helpful gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

8:00 am & 11:00 am worship concludes with

The Benediction

The Proclamation

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Closing Hymn (all rise)

"Oh, Blest the House"

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TO OUR GUESTS: Please sign our guest book in Narthex I and fill out a fellowship card and place it in the offering plate.

THE LORD'S SUPPER: We invite all adults who know Jesus as their Savior and Lord, and who understand the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ are present in the Lord's Supper to come to Communion with us. Children are encouraged to come with the adults and receive a hand blessing. If you are unable to come to the front for Communion, please notify the Duty Elder, sit in one of the two front rows on the left side, and Communion will be brought to you.

Stewardship Sentence: EASTER SAYS IT ALL! "Christ died and rose again." Think about what your gift to God on Sunday tells about your faith.

This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Sunday, May 11	8:00 am	Worship
	8:45 am	Faith Family Fellowship
	9:30 am	Blood Pressure checks in the Library
	9:30 am	SS / Youth / Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, May 12	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	2:00 pm	Board of Finance meeting
	7:00 pm	Executive Council meeting
Tuesday, May 13	9:00 am	Willing Workers
Wednesday, May 14	9:00 am	Food Pantry
Thursday, May 15	6:30 pm	NA meeting is GSH
Friday, May 16	9:00 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, May 17	3:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Worship & Praise

A Measure of Our Devotion

May 3 & 4, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	43/48/66
Worship Attendance 2013 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	43/51/76
Saturday/Sunday Communion 2014	35/45
Saturday/Sunday Communion 2013	43/43
SS/Youth/Confirmation	15/3/3
Adult Sunday School/Mid-week Studies	27/0
Receipts for May 3 & 4, 2014	\$5,977.60

ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.

- **FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE** – Sunday May 11th is the last day to submit a pastor’s name you would like to have the call committee consider. Forms are in Narthex 2. Complete and put in Rose Ann Verheyen or Jerry Brock mail box. The names need to go to Pastor Walton, President of the FL/GA District.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be June 16th – 20th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Make plans for your children to attend. We encourage everyone to use the VBS envelope in their offering box in order to support our VBS effort.
- **“HEAVEN IS FOR REAL”** This Adult Bible Study continues at 9:30 am in the front of the church. Video conversation starters featuring Todd, Sonja and Colton Burpo, along with readings for deeper study of the Scriptures are presented each week.
- **FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP** is today, May 11th (Mother’s Day) at 8:45 am, hosted by the Board of Christian Education. Please join us for our last Family Fellowship until September. Stop by and enjoy hot and cold beverages and something sweet to eat. All ages are welcome and it’s free! See you again in the fall.

➤ **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**

Members that are celebrating birthdays this week are:

(11) Don Wyher (14) Kathleen Downs (15) Jan Anderson; Marie Struss
 (17) Gene Dempsey; Audrey Gould

Members that are celebrating anniversaries this week are:

(12) Fred & Nancy Mieser (15) Nick & Ruth Bell (17) Larry & Ruth Bolduc

- **BLOOD PRESURE CHECKS** are available in the Library today between services.
- **THANK YOU:** I want to thank the family of Faith for their flowers and prayers during my recent illness. God has answered the prayers and healed me. Love and blessings, Bea Schurkus.

**Our Summer Schedule will begin on May 25th.
Combined Sunday Services are at 10:00 am.**

Food Pantry Item for the
month of May

Large boxes of cereal

Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

	8 am service	11 am service
Assisting Elder		Jack Greenlee
Duty Elder	Larry Roach	Lamar Miller
Acolyte	Cassy Perkins	Austin Logan
Altar Care	Pam Arndt & Mary Joyce Donovan	Jeannette Brown & Marti Curran
Lay Reader	Renell Book	Jo Lidbom
Audio Assistant	Jonathan Tinker	Bob Behnke
Video Assistant	Mike Muetzel	John Schaerffer
Ushers	Bob & Mickie Ferguson, and John & Mel Reinstetle	Mary Cazal, Ray LaVallee, Sue Leader & Jeff Musgrave
Flower Angels	Melodi Kasberg	Melodi Kasberg
Fellowship Cards	George & Eleanor Goeth	George & Eleanor Goeth
Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rich & Sandi Leenhouts in memory of their Mothers: Thelma Leenhouts and Edna Gardner. ➤ Steve & Sandy Thompson in memory of their Mothers: Joan Krieg and Mary Thompson. ➤ Jack Greenlee in honor of his Mother Clarine Greenlee 	