

# AMERICA'S STRENGTH



# CELEBRATE LABOR DAY



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**WORSHIP WITH US:**

## SATURDAYS:

Contemporary Worship at 5 pm  
Holy Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

## SUNDAYS:

Worship at 8:00 am  
Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Confirmation: 9:30 am  
Worship at 11:00 am  
Holy Communion: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

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## ***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.

# ***Labor Day Sunday***

*August 31, 2014 – 10:00 am*

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## **The Pre-service Music**

### **The Chimes**

## **The Welcome, Guest Recognition, Announcements, Prayer**

### **Opening Hymn**

*“With the Lord Begin Your Task”*

**869**

### **The Invocation** (Please rise)

*Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,*

**People: Amen.**

*Pastor: Deep into the clay He digs His hands. God, the Almighty works the miracle of life – folding, caressing, shaping, breathing. God labored for six days, and on the seventh day, God rested.*

**People: Let all who labor, labor in the Lord!**

*Pastor: Created in God’s image, we too, labor!*

**People: With the Lord, begin thy task.**

*Pastor: Deep into our earth God plants His seed. Born in a lowly stable, preaching to the poor and dispossessed, healing the sick, encouraging the downtrodden, suffering, dying, rising – Jesus Christ labored, purchasing for us life, eternal, free!*

**People: Let all who labor, labor in the Lord!**

*Pastor: Children of God’s own saving, we, too, spread the message of salvation!*

**People: With the Lord, begin thy task.**

*Pastor: Deep into our heart God deigns to dwell. Filling our lives with hope and light, planting in us seeds of faith and commitment, pressing us toward our goal of life eternal – the Spirit of God continues to work on us, in us, with us!*

**People: Let all who labor, labor in the Lord!**

*Pastor: Temples of the Holy Spirit – servants, saints, priests – we work for God.*

**People: With the Lord, begin thy task.**

## The Confession and Absolution

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*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.*

## The Kyrie (spoken)

*“Lord Have Mercy”*

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## Hymn of Praise (please be seated)

*“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”*

827

## Old Testament Reading

**Jeremiah 15:15-21**(Bible Page 817)

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

## New Testament Reading

**Romans 12:9-21** (Bible Page 1,205)

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

<sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

✠ *In honor of Christ who ascended into Heaven, we rise to sing*

**All Sing:** "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" **465 v. 3**

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## The Holy Gospel

**Matthew 16:21-28** (Bible Page 1,044)

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

*Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**The Greeting** (please turn to someone next to you, or in front, or behind you)

**The Children's Talk** As the children go to the CLC, the congregation sings:

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

**The Sermon Hymn**

*"On Galilee's High Mountain"*

**835**

**The Sermon:**

***"Labor for the Lord"***

***1st Corinthians 15:58***(Bible page 1,223)

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**The Nicene Creed** (Please rise)

*(back of hymnal)*

**The Gathering of the Offerings** *(Please be seated)*

✠ *As the offerings are brought forward the congregation will rise to sing:*

✠ **The Offertory**

*"We give Thee but Thine Own"*

**781 v 1, 2**

1 We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our firstfruits give!

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

**Lord's Prayer**

✠ **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"**

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## **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 Hymns**

*"Fight the Good Fight"*

**664**

*"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"*

**633**

✠ *Please rise*

## **Post-Communion Canticle**

*"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"*

**806**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for  
us. (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

## **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.**

## **The Benediction**

## **The Proclamation**

Pastor: *Go in Peace*

People: **Serve the Lord with Gladness!**

**The Closing Hymn**

*“Onward Christian Soldiers”*

**662**

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**Those Serving Today:**  
**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

Assisting Elder	Bob Brown
Duty Elder	Larry Roach
Acolyte	Austin Logan
Altar Care	Mary Oles & June Svensson
Lay Reader	Edie Knudsen
Audio Assistant	Jonathan Tinker
Video Assistant	John Schaerffer
Ushers	Ray LaVallee, Marian Malmgren and Ruth Bolduc
Altar flowers	Given to the Glory of God by Cathy Hurff in memory of loved ones.  Also by Bob & Bea Schurkus “in thankfulness for all God has given us in Miracles and Grace as we celebrate our 65th anniversary, Sept. 3rd.”
Flower Angels	Bob & Mickie Ferguson
Fellowship Cards	Nancy Brendel & Carole Veleber



**Stewardship Sentence:** Consider your offering to God in relationship to His gifts to you. In faith, we give to God from a heart of gratitude.

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

Sunday, Aug. 31	9:30 am	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 am	Worship
Monday, Sept. 1		Office Closed in observance of Labor Day
	7:00 pm	Board of Christian Education
Wednesday, Sept. 3	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
Thursday, Sept. 4	6:30 pm	Board of Outreach
	6:30 pm	NA meeting in the GSH
Friday, Sept. 5	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
Saturday, Sept. 6	3:00 pm	W & P Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Worship & Praise with Holy Communion
Sunday, Sept. 7	8:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Sunday School & Confirmation Class
	11:00 am	Worship

**A Measure of Our Devotion**

August 24, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014	159
Worship Attendance 2013 (Sat. & Sun. worship)	184
SS/Confirmation/Youth	7/3/2
Receipts for August 24, 2014	\$3,184.0

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.**

- **THANK YOU:** What a wonderful Promotion Sunday we had last Sunday! Our thanks to all who helped make this day very special for our children. Our special thanks to our cooks who made us a wonderful pancake breakfast and all Sunday School staff members who helped and donated food for this event.

- **COMING IN SEPTEMBER: "IMPROVING YOUR SERVE"** is the title of the sermon series by Pastor Kuehn in the month of September. You are encouraged to read the whole book of Mark during the month. Copies of that book of the Bible are in your mail boxes. Also consider memorizing the central verse of Mark,

*"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."* Mark 10:45

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECTS FOR 2014-2015:** Beginning on Sunday, September 7th, our Sunday School will be kicking off our 2014-2015 Mission Projects. Our first project is Special Olympics - Pasco. All of the Sunday School offering collected on the first Sunday of each month will be given to them. If you would like to make a donation at anytime to this Mission Project, please mark on your envelope Special Olympics - Pasco. Our second Mission Project is the S.P.C.A. We will be collecting any kind of pet supplies and filling "Fido's Dog House" in the Christian Life Center. Each time that an item is donated, the donor can put their name on a paw print. We are challenging our congregation to circle the Christian Life Center with paw prints. Join in on the fun and support our local pet shelter. We are also accepting clean bedding and towels which are always needed. If you have any questions, please see Sharon Rubia in our SS office.

- **HANDS AND FEET:** Today is the deadline for donating items for "Grandparents Day". The Sunday School staff and the Board of Outreach would like to thank all who donated to make this special day very special for our seniors in need. All donated items will be taken to Madison Pointe Nursing Home this week just in time for Grandparents Day on September 7th. Again, our many thanks.

- **CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Confirmation classes will be on Sunday mornings only from 9:30 am until 10:30 am in classrooms 7 & 8 beginning on September 7th. Pastor Kuehn will be teaching this class. There will be no mid-week classes until we get a permanent Pastor.

- **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**Members that are celebrating birthdays this week are:**

(3) Kristen Wegner (4) Cathy Hurff; Marilyn Scovill (5) Fred Mieser  
(7) John Reinstetle

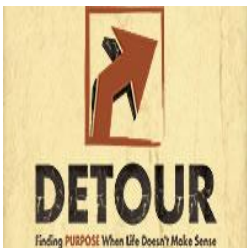
**Members that are celebrating anniversaries this week are:**

(3) Bob ♥ Bea Schurkus

- **FAITH LADIES GUILD** is excited to welcome back all our women as we look forward to another exciting year serving our Lord in all we do!
- Our first meeting will take place this coming Wednesday, **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We are privileged to have Dr. Monda McCullough, Urogynecologist, who will be giving us a presentation entitled: *"It's not just 'normal aging': Lady Problems Ladies don't discuss."* Mark it on your calendar now, and bring a friend!
- Refreshments are served at **1:00 pm** followed by our program with business meeting afterwards.
- **REMINDER:** LWML Convention will be on **Sept. 26-28<sup>th</sup>** at Jacksonville, FL. We are privileged to have Beth Butler as our youth representative. Please, come and join us on this weekend...there will transportation provided. For details, call Edie Knudsen soon: (727) 843-0380.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**
- **Health/Unspoken:** Gary Ahl, Azina Katerina Alvarez-Pioszak, Robbie Baumgartner, Emma Beck, Joanne Bellone, Sydney Birmingham, Lynn Bish, Richard Brown, Mary Crane, Robert Engle, Bob Gould, Clarine Greenlee, Jack Greenlee, James Ketner, Jimmy Keogh, Stew Mallinson, Peter Mohler, Sharon Mountcastle, Pat Noll, Dory Nussbacher, Joyce Pankner, Peter Pinaud, Michael Prater, Allen Price, Connie Roach, Francisco Sabo, Pat Steinbach, Tom Springer, John Stevenson, Jean Terkowski, Mike Terkowski, Chris Van Ess, Harry Van Ess, Pat Van Ess, Debbie Wright, Karen Young.
- **Military:** Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Andrew Murphy, Richard Phernetton, Steve Roy, Jr., Andrew Springer, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew St. John, Alan Stackpoole, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson, all veterans, and all servicemen and women in VA hospitals.
- **Homebound:** Irene Berlin, Richard Brown, Florine Catt, Marilyn Eggert, Fran Fuller, Bobbie Hain, Pat Hartwell, Selta Heintz, Baxter Holland, Maria Hulyk, James Ketner, Mona Krupicka, Mildred Jeffers, Marge LaVallee, Dottie Maslowski, Evelyn Miller, Kathleen Moore, Dave Noll, John & Lucille Noveck, Ginny Pohlman, Carl Schoebel, Brenda Serena, Hank & Jan Whitt.

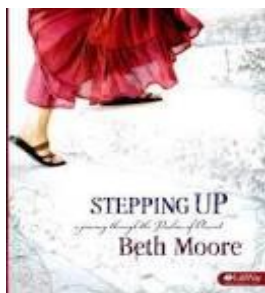
Food Pantry Item for the month of September	11 <b><i>Canned Corn and Canned Green Beans</i></b>
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**FALL ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES** – This is a list of your opportunities to participate in spiritual education this fall season. If you have questions on any of these offerings please contact Phyllis Miller, John Schaerffer, or Melodi Kasberg.



Beginning Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am in the Conference Room John Schaerffer will lead a study titled Detour: Finding PURPOSE When Life Doesn't Make Sense. You thought you knew God's will. Then life went in an opposite direction. What do you do? Learn to read between the lines of your life as we explore the life of Joseph.

Beginning Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm in the CLC Melodi Kasberg will facilitate a group studying the book "AHA" by Kyle Idleman. This course discusses those times when an AHA moment spiritually leads to honesty and action. Sign-ups are required so that materials can be ordered in time. Please look for the sign-up sheet in Narthex II.



Beginning Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> Stepping Up - A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent by Beth Moore will begin. This course is video driven and requires homework although Beth says in the introduction that those who only want to watch the video are welcome. [She may be mellowing in her old age (45?)] Phyllis Miller will facilitate. Sign- ups are needed so we may order supplies. The workbooks for this course are \$13.00.

**THERE IS A PLACE  
FOR EVERYONE TO  
GET PLUGGED IN.  
SEE YOU IN CLASS!**