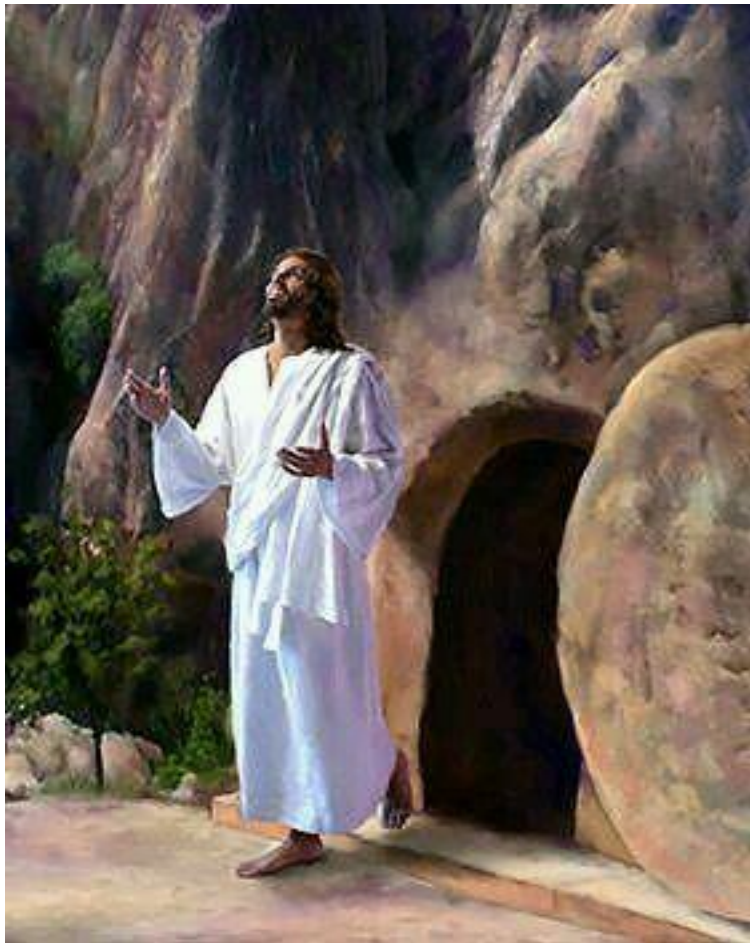




**JESUS IS RISEN!**



# WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

## GATHERING

### Prelude

*Worship and Praise*

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

### THE CELEBRATION OF LIGHT

MATTHEW 28.1-6

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

### HYMN

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

*ELW 365*



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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P Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Together we pray,

C **Faithful and just God, we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of † Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

C **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Ⓑ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-tor-y for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-tor-y for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## THE GREETING

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**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**P** Together we pray,

**C** O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## WORD

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### FIRST READING

*ACTS 10:34–43*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING:

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of God.

Thanks be to God.

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL**

*Mark 16:1-8*

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

L The Gospel of our Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

*Christ is Risen, Alleluia!*

*Purifoy*

**SERMON**

Pastor Armen

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**HYMN**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

*ELW 392*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by  
the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was  
buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion  
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and  
the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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**P** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us  
pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.  
*each petition concludes...*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we  
pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected  
and living Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

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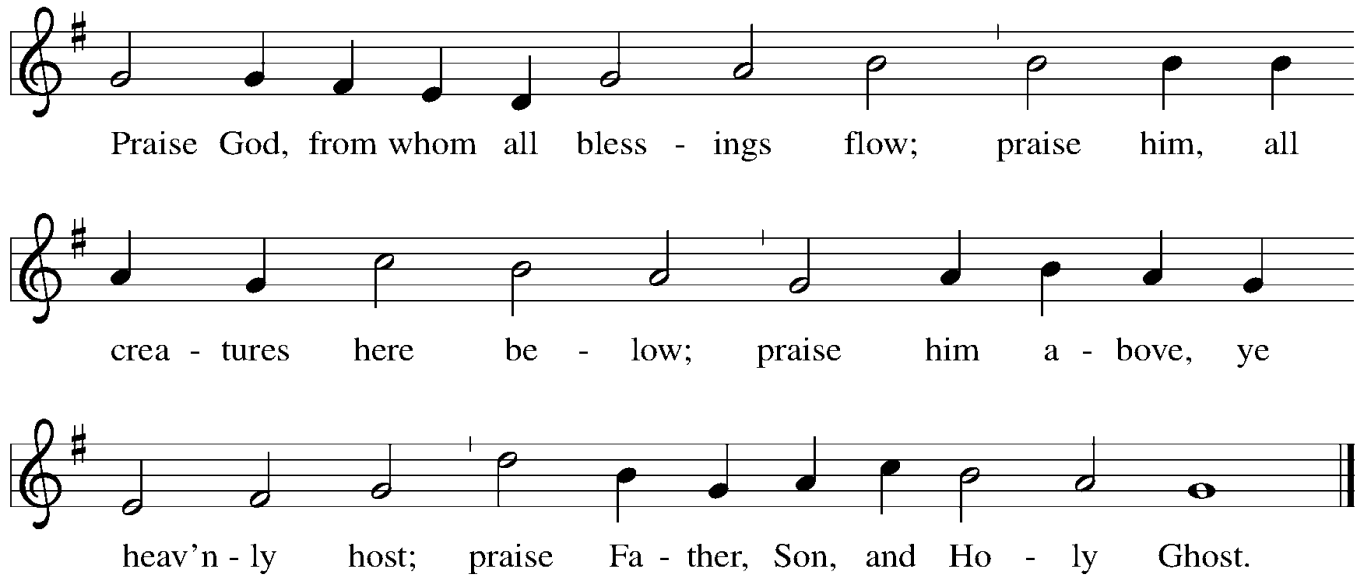
*In thanksgiving for God's blessing, we respond with our tithe and offering*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

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Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## OFFERING PRAYER

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**P** Together we pray,

**C** **Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Together we pray,

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION

As we celebrate the meal of our Lord, all are invited. If you are a guest and regularly commune at your church, you are welcome to commune here. For those not communing, please keep your hands folded and you will receive a blessing. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available at communion. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, notify the server. If you are unable to come to the altar rail and would like to receive communion in your seat, please notify an usher.

*after all have communed*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C Amen.

P Together we pray,  
C **Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

P The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. C Amen.

HYMN

*Thine is the Glory*

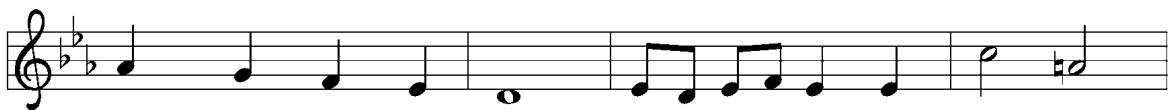
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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

## DISMISSAL

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P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Go in peace. Serve the Risen One!

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

***Faith's Weekly Announcements***  
*Welcome to all of you attending this morning!*

**NOTE:** *We return to one service (at 9:30 am) next Sunday.*

**Choir Note**

No choir practice next Sunday.

**Sunday School**

Sunday School resumes April 14 after worship (10:30). Meet in the doublewide to study the book Just Like Jesus by Max Lucado.

**Happy Easter**

Alan Thoren made some pocket crosses, and the Lutheran Chicks made pretty little envelopes to hold them. There is a limited number of them in the narthex. You are welcome to take one as their gift.

**Men's Breakfast**

Guys, you are invited to breakfast on Tuesday morning, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 at Stefano's Restaurant. No need to sign up ahead, just join us for some good food and great fellowship. And if you have time, we would love to have you join the work crew here at church afterwards.

**April Ladies Luncheon**

The April Ladies Luncheon will be held at 11:30 am, Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>, at Ken & Barb's Grove City Grill. The restaurant is located just off Placida Road at the bridge near the high school. We will order off the menu with separate checks. Come for the enjoyment of fellowship and laughter! Deadline to sign up is next Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you need more information, see or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

## Food Pantry

This week the food bank especially needs pasta and sauce. All donations should be placed in the bin in the narthex.

## WE PRAY FOR...

Verna Newlon

Lou Taylor

Shirley Rice

Tom Jackling

John Schleede

Nancy Smith

Bruce Grosvenor

Terry Flincheaueh

Sandy Cox

Toni Newton

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

**Every week day morning**

6:30 am

AA meets at church

**Monday**

8:00 pm

AA meets at church

**Office Closed**

**Tuesday**

7:30 am

Men's Breakfast

8:30 am

Work Crew

9:00 am

Lutheran Chicks

11:30 am

Chimes

5:00 pm

Girl Scouts

**Attendance Last Week: 69 (early) + 60 (late)**

## Serving Today

**Altar Guild:** Mary Lou Fitzgerald

**Sonrise**

**Lector/ Worship Assistant:** Kathryn Gallagher

**Usher:**

**First Service:**

**Lector/ Worship Assistant:** Brian Lindhurst

**Usher:** Mary Lou Fitzgerald

**Second Service:**

**Lector/ Worship Assistant:** Jim Taylor

**Ushers:** Brian Lindhurst, Debby Porter, Jeff & Julie Petersen

## **Easter Lilies Provided by:**

### **Name:**

Jack & Kathy Myers  
Bill & Rosie Buccine  
Rich & Connie Essay

Chris & Ann Banting  
Mary Lou Fitzgerald  
Bobby Neilson  
Joyce Schultz  
Brian & Ellen Lindhurst

Jim & Lou Taylor  
Tom & Adrienne Bakker  
Doug & Sue Schuemann  
John & Kay Culver  
Bruce & Linda Grosvenor  
Kendra Evans  
Larry & Linda Bennett  
Janet Graham

### **Dedication (if any):**

In celebration of family  
Buccine & Egan families  
In memory of Dot & Lee  
Nugent

The love of Jesus

The love of Jesus

In celebration of family

In celebration of family

In memory of parents &  
brothers

Parents

In memory of our parents

In memory of family members

Family & Jesus

In memory of Scott

In celebration of family

Brother-in-law, Frank

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Secretary: Barbra Davis

Organist: Candace Montesi     Custodian: Cyndy Hoops

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**Secretary Office Hours: 9:00 Am – Noon (M-F)**

**PASTOR'S OFFICE: 10:00 – 1:00 (M-TH) AND BY APPOINTMENT**

*Our Guiding Principle: GOD'S GRACE WINS....*

*As we WORSHIP Jesus as our Lord and Savior*

*As we LOVE one another, welcoming everyone*

*As we SERVE, inspired by the Holy Spirit*

*As a deep FAITH is taught and caught*

*As we make WITNESS and MISSION our life*