

THE LORD'S DAY – OCTOBER 31, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude & Welcome

Opening Prayer & Silent Prayer

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *"Knowing You"*

"By Faith"

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Standard of Righteousness: Exodus 20:1-17

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, LD 23 (Q. 60)

*Song of Thanksgiving: #497 *"How Vast the Benefits Divine"*

At this time, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for a Bible lesson

located downstairs in the old nursery.

Musical Offering: *"Peace, Be Still"* - Vonda Talsma, with Anita Nykamp

Prayer of God's People

Scripture: Romans 4:1-8 (p. 1751)

Sermon: *"The Gift of Righteousness"*

*Song of Response: #462 *"Amazing Grace - How Sweet the Sound"*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: *"Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death"* - Kurt and Vonda Talsma, with Anita Nykamp

*Benediction

*Doxology: *"Grace Flows Down"*

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EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Mark Groen (Combined service at First Reformed Church)

SERMON NOTES – OCTOBER 31, 2021

THE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Text: Romans 4:1-8

Reformation Matters:

"Luther turned the medieval piety of achievement on its head. We do not do good works in order to become acceptable to God; rather, because God accepts us we do good works. Justification by grace alone through faith alone...changes the language of theology from an "if...then" structure to a "because...therefore" structure." - Carter Lindberg, "The European Reformations", 70

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

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| Today | 9:30 am | - Morning Worship |
| | 10:40 am | - Kids' Praise
- Catechism and Sunday school |
| | 11:00 am | - Choir |
| | 11:45 am | - Potluck |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening Worship (combined at First Reformed Church, Edgerton) |
| Mon. | 2:00 pm | - Mary Guild (lesson 3) |
| Tues. | 5:30 pm | - Soup Supper at High school campus (serving 5:30-7:30) |
| | 7:00 pm | - Council, elder, & deacon meetings |
| Wed. | 9:30 am | - Coffee Break & Story Hour |
| | 6:00 pm | - Kids of Grace (Runals) |
| | 8:00 pm | - Chimes |
| Thur. | 7:00 pm | - Friendship Class |

FUTURE DATES:

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| Nov. 13 | 7:00pm | - Reformation Conference (First CRC, Edgerton) |
| Nov. 18 | | - Youth Group Potato Supper & Annual Congregational Meeting |
| Nov. 21 | 10:45am | - Zoom Margaret Njuguna |
| Dec. 4 | 9:00am | - Word & Deed deacon event |

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Brett and Kelly Kroeze on the recent birth of their daughter, Remsyn Hope Kroeze (born 10/26). We rejoice together as a church family with the Kroeze family as they cherish and nurture this covenant child in the Lord.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are gathering together as fellow believers for a combined worship service this evening. The service will be held at First Reformed Church in Edgerton and will begin at 6:30 PM. Pastor Mark Groen of First Reformed will lead the Lord's people in worship.

Next Sundays Offering: Volunteers in Mercy

Stewardship Verse:

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2 Corinthians 9:12

As we continue to dwindle down the book supply from our old church library, more books are available for your perusal and possessing. The back narthex of church features devotionals, books on missions, James Dobson, Charles Stanley and some historical books. Other religious reading books on a variety of subjects are displayed on the table in the old library for you to take a look at. (The old library is located in North East part of the church just off the front of the sanctuary.). Please take a look because these books will be available for only a few more weeks. Thanks!

These are the names of the elder and deacon nominations. Elder: Duane Baker, Dave Brons, Wes DeKam, Rick Fey, Mike Hulstein, & Greg Talsma. Deacons: Kirk Bleyenbug, Levi Mouw, Marshall Pater, Nathan Stoel, Corey Vis. Three elders and three deacons are needed this year; please be in prayer for this process and that the Lord would call willing and Godly men to lead our church.

Reformation Conference: The authority and sufficiency of Scripture was a foundational belief of the Reformation and remains a central doctrine of Reformed thought. But is it still held in the same regard? Can this old and more traditional Reformed idea still speak to and inform the church's challenges today? Come to First Christian Reformed Church of Edgerton, MN on Saturday night, November 13, at 7:00 pm to find out. Dr. Cornelis Venema, a leading Reformed theologian and president of Mid-America Reformed Seminary, will be addressing this issue under the title, "Abiding in the Word of Christ: The Church's Present Challenge." Attendance is free and all are welcome for this time of teaching, reflection, and evaluation as we fellowship with one another.

It's time to think about Operation Christmas Child. Please consider packing a box for boys and girls around the world who may not get a Christmas gift at all this year. Collection dates are November 15th-21st. That gives you plenty of time to take the kids or grandkids shopping and let them help you make gift choices. Please donate the \$9.00 online or mail it to Samaritans Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607-9956. The boxes are here and ready to be filled! Thanks in advance.

Word & Deed is sponsoring a morning to impact, challenge, and encourage deacons in their important work and ministry. This morning will be especially helpful for all current and prospective deacons but we encourage everyone to attend so we know how to support and pray for our deacons. Our speaker, Rip Pratt, has trained deacons in three reformed denominations. This event will take place at First CRC of Edgerton on Saturday, December 4 at 9:00am.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Southwest Minnesota Christian High School circles invite you to their annual fall soup and dessert supper this Tuesday, November 2. Serving time is 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Menu: chili soup, cheesy vegetable soup, pea soup, chicken taco soup, BBQ and homemade desserts. Freewill donations are gratefully accepted.

COMMUNITY & MISC

Friendship Class was saddened to hear that our dear friend, Lynn Berghuis, had passed away. We are so happy with her that she is now living with her Savior in heaven. What joy! We just talked about how we can be happy, sad, and thankful all at the same time with Jesus and the Holy Spirit living in our hearts! Lynn was a long-time friend of Friendship having attended since Friendship first began!

Dear Hospice Friends and Family, grief visits each one of us at some time in our lives. It is less painful and easier to heal when the grief process is shared. Hospice of Murray County will hold a bereavement group for adults at the Hospice of Murray County office in Slayton. It is for 6 sessions, on Tuesdays, and the fall group will begin on Tuesday November 2nd and will continue through Tuesday, December 7th, 2021, from 4:00 – 5:30 PM. There is no cost for the bereavement support group as it is sponsored by Totzke Funeral Home of Fulda and Slayton, and Hospice of Murray County. Pre-registrations are appreciated so materials can be put together. You can pre-register by calling the Hospice office at 507-836-8114 by Monday, November 1st. This bereavement group is not just for those family members served by hospice, but all adults who have lost a loved one. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 507-836-8114.

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Hunger 2021: Special Dinner Opportunity - Have you signed up to host a Dinner for Good? Not sure what we are talking about? It's not too late! Visit worldrenew.net/world-hunger-dinner to learn more. We'll also take a collection next week that will go directly to World Renew's work with people like the ones you've met during your devotion time. Join us in the hunger for good!

Praise Prayers - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What are some words that you can use to describe God? When we tell God how wonderful we think he is, it helps us remember who he is and everything he has done for us. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Groundwork: Jonah: Running Away from God - What happens when we try to run away from God? Join Groundwork as we begin our study of Jonah. Together we'll discuss the resonance of Jonah 1 for our lives today and find assurance in God's persistent and relentless love for his

people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

At-home Faith Practice Reflection tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Gratitude: Today is “Reformation Sunday.” Read “Ten Ways My Reformed Identity Shapes My Life” (tinyurl.com/10WaysReformed) and ponder or discuss the following questions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject) If you identify with the Reformed tradition, what difference does holding this worldview make in your daily life? What parts of the Reformed worldview especially spark gratitude in you? How might you more fully experience God’s abundant grace so that you can live out of gratitude?

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: Megan Bleyenbug, Jen Brands, Blaire Talsma, Cami Vander Haar

Valet: Kirk Bleyenbug

Ushers: Greg Talsma, Arlyn Schmidt, Micah Schaap, Ben Hanson

Medical Assistant: Brenda Kooi

Children’s Worship: Alisha Ekkel, Kalli Blom

Praise Team: Kalli Blom, Jayden Brands, Ava Busker, Hannah Masselink, Brooklyn Talsma, Lydia Talsma, Victoria Prins

Keyboard: Kaitlyn Schelhaas

NEXT WEEK – NOVEMBER 7:

Nursery: AM – Beth Sas, Tanya Talsma, Nicole Sjaarda, Clara Talsma

PM – Daci Moss, Becky Schelhaas, Kaden Schmidt, Tyler Pap

Valet: Ryan Veldhuizen

Ushers: Ray Schelhaas, Jamie Pap, Justin Moss, Kurt Talsma

Medical Assistant: Gord Prins

Children’s Worship: Melissa, Hannah/Izzy Masselink

MISSIONARIES

Friendship Community Church
Christian Reformed Home Missions
Sergeant Bluff, Iowa

Sos and Kara Maletoungou
Christian Reformed World Missions
West Africa

Rev. William & Aletha Green
Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed
Churches, Costa Rica

Margaret Njuguna
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Cornerstone Prison Church
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