

THE LORD'S DAY – MARCH 27, 2022
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude & Welcome

Silent Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Call to Worship: Psalm 47:7-9

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *"There Is a Redeemer"*

#543 *"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Standard of Righteousness: Romans 13:8-10

*Song of Thanksgiving: ##385 *"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"*

At this time, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for a Bible lesson,
located downstairs in Room 4.

Musical Offering: *"Yes, My Jesus Loves Me"* - First CRC Choir

Prayer of God's People

Scripture: Colossians 2:16-19 (p. 1834)

Sermon: *"Holding Fast to the Lord Jesus"*

*Song of Response: *"Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground"* (Trinity Hymnal #518)

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #620 *"By the Sea of Crystal"* (v. 3)

THE LORD'S DAY – MARCH 27, 2022
EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude & Welcome

Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Proverbs 3:5-6

Pastor: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

People: in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your path straight."

*Call to Worship: Revelation 5:13

*Opening Song of Praise: #621 *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

Responsive Bible Reading: Psalm 50:1-15 (p. 888)

Prayer of God's People

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"In Christ Alone"*

Scripture: Revelation 1:4-5 (p. 1913)

Sermon: *"The Triune God"*

*Song of Response: #460 *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: *"The Wonderful Cross"* - Clara Talsma

*Confession of the Faith: Athanasian Creed (selected portion)

Whoever desires to be saved should above all hold to the catholic faith. Anyone who does not keep it whole and unbroken will doubtless perish eternally. Now this is the catholic faith: That we worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence. For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another. But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #635 *"Gloria Patri"*

SERMON NOTES – MARCH 27, 2022

HOLDING FAST TO THE LORD JESUS

Text: Colossians 2:16-19

THE TRIUNE GOD

Text: Revelation 1:4-5

REFORMATION MATTERS:

"Although true believers are not under the law as a covenant of works by which they are justified or condemned, nevertheless the law is of great use to them as well as to others. By informing them, as a rule of life, both of the will of God and of their duty, it directs and binds them to walk accordingly. It also reveals to them the sinful pollutions of their nature, hearts, and lives. Therefore, when they examine themselves in the light of the law, they may come to further conviction of, humiliation for, and hatred of their sin, together with a clearer view of their need of Christ and the perfection of his obedience." - Westminster Confession of Faith, 19.6

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning worship
10:40 am - Kids' Praise
11:00 am - Choir & 5th-8th grade bells practice
6:30 pm - Evening worship
Mon. 7:00 pm - Men's Society (Lesson 10)
7:00 pm - Mama Bear Apologetics book study (Chapter 10)
Wed. 9:30 am - Coffee Break & Story Hour
6:00 pm - Kids of Grace and Youth Group Easter party (Church Fellowship Hall)
Thur. 7:00 pm - Friendship

FUTURE DATES:

April 3 12:00 pm - Care Group #1 potluck
April 4 - Cornerstone Prison Church Fundraiser Banquet
April 10 - 25th Annual Easter Music Festival (First CRC)
June 6-9 - Royal Family Kids Camp & Vacation Bible School (June 6-10)
June 10-16 - Synod

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Gifts were received in memorial of Darwin Schelhaas for our church and Cornerstone prison ministry.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The consistories of Bethel and First met together this past week. This was an encouraging meeting as two like-minded churches who love one another and who are seeking to sharpen each other discussed the recent meeting of Classis Minnkota, our mutual concerns regarding the denomination, as well as our approach to the upcoming Synod of the Christian Reformed Church. If you'd like a copy of the minutes of this joint meeting, please contact our Council Clerk, Greg Talsma.

The profession of faith class will take place following the morning worship services on April 3 and on April 10. For those participating, please plan on meeting in Pastor Scott's study following the service on those two Sunday mornings.

NEXT SUNDAYS OFFERING: Sos & Kara Maletougou – CRWM West Africa

STEWARDSHIP VERSE:

"All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do." Galatians 2:10

We are having an informal congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service this morning. The purpose of this meeting is to give a brief update on the work of Classis Minnkota and to hear from the congregation about any related questions, comments, or concerns you have.

Children after church today during the meeting:

- Nursery is available for toddlers.
- Kid's Praise will meet right after church as normal. After kids praise, 3/4 year-olds may join nursery. 5 year-olds
- 2nd grade may join the older kids outside with supervision of kickball and other activities.
- 3rd - 4th grade students can grab a cookie first and then go out for kickball or other activities.
- 5th - 8th graders, grab a cookie through the line in the fellowship hall. When you are finished, those that want to play bells, meet Priscilla in the balcony for practice at 11:00.

Church education classes will meet for two more lessons, April 3 and April 10

The Youth Group and Kids of Grace will meet on Wednesday, March 30 at 6:00 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall for Easter fellowship/party!

Ukraine Prayer Service - A huge "THANK YOU" to everyone who joined the prayer service on March 15 and gave money to help with feeding and sheltering Ukrainians who have fled their homes due to the Russian Invasion. \$8,737 was raised and sent directly to Vasya and Maranda Heytsi for their continuing work there. Please continue to pray for them! If you would still like to give to this cause, please send a check to First CRC or Bethel CRC of Edgerton and put "Ukraine" in the memo. -First CRC deacons

Men aspiring to ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church, and who are members of Classis Minnkota, are invited to apply for financial aid from the Classical Student Fund Committee before July 15, 2020. Please contact Rev. Harold Westra, 742-6th Ave SW Pipestone, MN 56164, 507 820 1604 or harold.westra@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY & MISC

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton tomorrow, Monday, March 28, 2022, 12:30pm-6:30pm. Please Call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Every 2 seconds someone/somewhere in the U.S. needs blood. Anyone 17 years or older and in good health is able to donate.

Walk Along Side Mentoring Workshop: We all have a dear friend or family member who is dealing with hard choices or circumstances, and we struggle how best to help. During this workshop we will discuss how to deal with issues such as anger, shame, guilt, addictions and the like. We will learn how to encourage, pray with, and bolster those we seek to help. Looking forward to hearing from you. This free workshop will meet Saturday, March 26, 2022, at ATLAS Community Room,

from 1:00 to 4:30. Call 562-5777 for more information. Some Topics We Will Discuss: How to Walk Alongside Another, How to Build Bridges in Relationships, How to Set Boundaries and Confidentiality, How to Deal with Difficulties, Letting Your Friend/Family Member Do All He Can Do Himself, How to Listen, Encourage, Challenge and Care Without Being Controlling.

Food Shelf Update – If you know of anyone in need and who would benefit from the Food Shelf, please contact Shar (507-820-0225) or Brenda (507-227-5174). The Food Shelf will be providing hams or turkeys to their recipients for Easter.

Spirit Life Encounter Weekend # 2 is coming up! Don't miss this opportunity to explore "Your Identity in Christ". It will be held at ATLAS in Pipestone on April 1 & 2 (Friday evening 6-9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.). You can register for this free event on-line at: www.eventbrite.com/e/spirit-life-encounter-weekend-1-tickets-234605079107 or by calling ATLAS to reserve your spot: 507-562-5777. *Lunch will be provided on Saturday

S.W. MN Chapter of MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) will be hosting their annual Pro-Life Rally on Monday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. This will be held at the S.W. Christian High School gymnasium in Edgerton, MN. Guest speaker will be Laurie Westerbur from Ihlen, Mn. MCCL's main purpose is to educate and inform citizens of S.W. Mn. about pro-life causes.

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to the 14th Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 4, 2022 (doors open at 6:00pm). The Banquet will take place at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA. *Save your spot by Sunday, March 27* by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website www.cornerstonepcsd.org. Join us for an evening of praise to God for his work through Cornerstone Prison Church inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary! A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. We look forward to seeing you! If you are unable to attend, you can send your donations to: Cornerstone Prison Church, c/o Dave Vande Kamp, PO Box 88708, Sioux Falls, SD 57109. Or donate on line at www.cornerstonepcsd.org

Royal Family Kids Camp is a mission field right in our back yard! We need volunteers with a heart for kids. Camp will be held locally from June 6-9 and we need loads of helpers to love on the kids and sow seeds of Jesus' love throughout the camp days. Volunteer applications are located in the back of church, or check our Facebook page: Royal Family Kids Camp SW MN for a printable form OR apply online directly from our Facebook page. All volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and for legal purposes, we need an application on file and we'll facilitate a background check for volunteers 18 and older. Please consider joining our team. Talk to Erin Van Hulzen if you have questions. Change a life and BE CHANGED!

Socks needed for VBS! Please collect all your unwanted adult socks for VBS and put them in the box located in the narthex (next to the food shelf collection). Please no holes, but singles and mismatched are just fine!

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Alisha Ekkel, Lois Schmidt, Clayton Blankers, Tyson Bleyenber
PM – Shannon Nykamp, Ann Marie Busker, Tabitha Sjaarda, Makenzie Pap

Valet: Ryan Veldhuizen

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

Medical Assistant: Kim Veldhuizen

Children's Worship: Andrea Larson, Carter/Parker Bleyenber

NEXT WEEK – APRIL 3:

Nursery: AM – Ben Hanson, Macy Hanson, Christa Blom, Judd Prouty, JT Van Hulzen
PM – Kaitlyn Schelhaas, Brigette Pap, Ava Busker, Jessica Sjaarda

Valet: Nathan Stoel

Ushers: Jim Van Hofwegen, Brian Schelhaas, Brett Kroeze, Duane Vandenberg

Medical Assistant: Gord Prins

Children's Worship: Alisha Ekkel, Jayden/Lucas Brands

Praise Team: Mark & Lori Boeve, Kurt & Vonda Talsma, Tadd & Erica Prins

Keyboard: Brittani Forness

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
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