

THE LORD'S DAY – MAY 8, 2022
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude & Welcome

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 71:15-16

*Opening Songs of Adoration: #237 *"We Praise You, O God"*
"Behold Our God"

Standard of Righteousness: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"*

Musical Offering: First CRC Choir - *"Only God"*

"Then Sings My Soul"

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

Prayer of God's People

Scripture: Colossians 3:15-17

Sermon: "The Reign of the Lord Jesus in His Church"

*Song of Response: #412 *"Jesus Shall Reign"*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: First CRC Choir - *"God Almighty Is"*
"Soli Deo Gloria"

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #560 *"Like a River Glorious"* (v. 1)

THE LORD'S DAY – MAY 8, 2022
EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome

Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where does my help come?

People: Our help is in the Name of the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth.

*Call to Worship: Acts 17:24-25

*Opening Song of Praise: #465 *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

Bible Reading: Revelation 21:1-5 & 22:1-5

Prayer of God's People

*Song of Thanksgiving: #505 *"For All the Saints"* (v. 1, 4, 6, 7)

Scripture: Psalm 104 (p. 940)

Sermon: "The Creator, Who is Blessed Forever"

*Song of Response: #618 *"Jerusalem the Golden"*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #630 *"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"*

SERMON NOTES – MAY 8, 2022

THE REIGN OF THE LORD JESUS IN HIS CHURCH

Text: Colossians 3:15-17

THE CREATOR, WHO IS BLESSED FOREVER

Text: Psalm 104

REFORMATION MATTERS:

“Faith, as Luther is reported to have said, is "a busy little thing"! Faith, we may say, is a "restless resting" - a resting in Christ that is restless to do his will. Because we do nothing for our salvation, we are to be intent on doing everything for our Savior - despite the struggles and difficulties, small and great, and the opposition often encountered." - Richard Gaffin, Jr. in *"Poured Out Like a Drink Offering"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning worship
10:40 am - Prayer Warriors
6:30 pm - Evening worship
Wed. 6:00 pm - Kids of Grace

FUTURE DATES:

May 22 - Meet our new missionaries immediately following the service
June 6-9 - Royal Family Kids Camp & Vacation Bible School (June 6-10)
June 10-16 - Synod

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for Jim Sluis (CG#3). He fell last week and has partial hip replacement. He is recovering at Prairie Rehab Avera in Sioux Falls.

Gifts were received for the Building Addition Fund and the Radio Fund in memorial of Clares Christians.

At his request, the elders have transferred the membership of Luke Brands to the First Presbyterian Church, Edgerton. May the Lord bless Luke in his new church family in the years to come.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in our congregation! We wish you the best on this day and hope you find encouragement and rest as you worship the Lord with his gathered people.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning the choir will be singing for the final service of this season. The choir members have voted on their four favorite songs out of the 17 songs that we have shared with you throughout the season. Thank you for your encouragement and support of our church choir! Soli Deo Gloria! To God Alone Be the Glory!

Prayer warriors please meet after the service today for our LAST organized meeting before summer. Please pray together and also make a plan to keep in touch through June & July.

NEXT SUNDAYS OFFERING: Bible League (Local Chapter)

STEWARDSHIP VERSE:

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." Proverbs 3:9-10

Notes from the Council

- This year, the Council has been reading and discussing selected articles prior to our meetings. April's reading was *Why You Shouldn't Buy the Big Issue* by Carl Trueman and *The Care of Souls: the Heart of the Reformation* by Ray Van Neste. May's reading included *Why Christians Need Confessions* by Carl Trueman. If you are interested in reading any of these articles please contact Ryan Blom or Greg Talsma.
- Radon mitigation equipment has been installed in the basement of the parsonage.
- The carpet in the Fellowship Hall and Foyer will be cleaned on June 27th.
- Our new missionary couple will be in church on May 22 to discuss their upcoming missionary work after the morning worship service.
- The Mission Committee noted that Global Serve International (the sending organization supporting our new missionaries) is hosting an event on May 18 at Centerpoint church in Sioux Center, IA from 6:30 - 8 PM to discuss the organization's story of planting churches overseas as well as a panel sharing different ways to be involved in missions.
- For those who are unable to attend worship on Sundays, the Elders and Deacons are seeking to help you access the livestream. If you need assistance in overcoming technical issues or just someone to get it running for you on Sundays, please contact your Care Group Elder or Deacon.
- The Volunteers in Mercy (VIM) has requested that a Deacon from First become a member of the VIM board. The Council approved this as an ongoing duty for the VIM Deacon contact.

Plans are forming for the next Church Pantry Shower. We do not want to miss any brides/grooms, so if you have a son or daughter getting married this year, or who was married this past year and was not included in the last Pantry Shower, please contact Linda DeWeerd.

Mrs. C. Oliver Buus will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 23. Rev. and Mrs. Buus served our congregation from 1960 to 1966. A photo will be included in the Mother's Day tribute. Her address is: Sheila Buss, 201 N. Jessica Ave. #330, Tucson, AZ 85710.

Dear Friends at First CRC, Thank you for your recent contribution towards our ministry of Christian education in West & Central Africa! We just completed a 2-week ministry trip to Central African Republic, where we provided coaching for the 30+ Christian schools there as they took the important first steps towards forming an association of Christian schools. This association will provide a much needed platform for mutual encouragement and support, as well as training and professional development for teachers rooted in Biblical worldview. Thank you for praying for us and them! Together in Christ, Sosthene and Kara Maletougou

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.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The music department at Southwest Christian High School is excited to invite you to our annual Spring Concert on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm. The Spring Concert will include a fun variety of praise, movie, musical theater and pop music. The band will be featuring some fun classics like "You've Got a Friend in Me" from Toy Story and a fun energetic rendition of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy". The choir looks forward to sharing a classic men's number in "Stand By Me" and the women will be sharing "The Sky and the Dawn and the Sun" which was originally written for the group Celtic Women. The combined choirs will close with a thoughtful rendition of a new piece called "North". In addition to great music, we have the opportunity to award the John Phillip Sousa Award for Band, The National Choral Awards for Choir, and Eagle Awards. We look forward to celebrating a great year with all of you!

COMMUNITY & MISC

The Cadets would like to thank everyone who came and supported us at our recently held Pancake Supper. Our profit was just over \$2500.00. Thank You!!

COMMISSIONING SERVICE—The Rev. Mark & JinHee Klompfen family has been called to serve with Resonate Global in Nepal. Join us for a service of The Word and prayer with leaders from Classis Heartland, Lakota, Minnkota and Resonate. The service takes place at Hawarden CRC on Sunday, May 15th at 2:00 pm. We celebrate remembering— "The gospel...will be preached to the ends of the earth...then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14)

VBS Registration is now open for Edgerton VBS! Edgerton VBS will run June 6-10 from 9:00am-11:30am for 4 year olds – 5th graders. There are two ways to register; you can register by filling out a paper form located at the registration table and handing it in (with your \$10) to Andrea Larson or Erica Prins' church mailbox. You may also register by visiting <https://vbspro.events/p/e342e9>. We are in need of many volunteers yet – the signup sheets for those wanting to volunteer are also located near the registration table. We are excited and ready for a GRAND week of singing and praising God! If you have questions, please contact Andrea Larson or Erica Prins.

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!

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Marshall & Tawni Pater, Jen Brands, Nilson Van Hulzen, Parker Bleyenbergh
PM – Becky Schelhaas, Lori Schelhaas, Makenna Moss, Nicole Sjaarda

Valet: Dan Huisken

Ushers: Ross Brands, Rod Corbin, CJ Veldhuizen, Nate Stoel

Medical Assistant: Gord Prins

Children's Worship: Kelsey Schmidt, Sawyer Stoel

NEXT WEEK – MAY 15:

Nursery: AM – Nick & Shawna Sjaarda, Dana Huisken, Clint Schelhaas, Levi Van Hofwegen
PM – Lois Schmidt, Shannon Nykamp, Jonathan Sjaarda, Tyler Pap

Valet: Nathan Blankers

Ushers: Ross Brands, Rod Corbin, CJ Veldhuizen, Nate Stoel

Medical Assistant: Carmen Fey

Children's Worship: Shannon Nykamp, Jayden/Lucas Brands

Praise Team: Kirk VanHulzen, Brad Prouty, Mark Boeve, Kurt Talsma, Greg Masselink

Keyboard: Brittany 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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