

THE LORD'S DAY – MARCH 19, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 24:1-3

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *"Living Hope"*

"His Robes for Mine"

Standard of Righteousness: Matthew 15:18-19

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: #383 *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

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

Scripture: Acts 1:9-14 (p. 1691)

Sermon: "Good News of Great Joy"

*Song of Response: #407 *"Christ the Lord Ascends to Reign"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering (Volunteers in Mercy)

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"You Are My All in All"* (vv. 1, 2)

THE LORD'S DAY – MARCH 19, 2023
EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude: Judd Prouty

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence

Pastor: I lift 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: Revelation 15:3-4

*Opening Song of Adoration: #146 *"Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah!"*

Bible Reading: Daniel 2:44-45; 7:13-14 (p. 1373)

Prayer of the Lord's People

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

Confession of Faith: Belgic Confession, Article 27 (selected portion)

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20 (p. 1524)

Sermon: "Preserved Until the End"

*Song of Response: #503 *"Built on the Rock"*

Prayer for the Offering (Volunteers in Mercy)

Offertory: *"This is My Father's World"* – Nicole Sjaarda

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #510 *"I Love Your Church, O Lord"* (vv. 1, 3)

Next Sundays Offering: Margaret Njuguna (En-Gedi Children's Home)

SERMON NOTES – MARCH 19, 2023

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

Text: Acts 1:9-14

PRESERVED UNTIL THE END

Text: Matthew 16:13-20

REFORMATION MATTERS: "Taking up one's cross (Matt 16:24) is willingly taking on and bearing the hatred of the devil, the world, the flesh, sin, death, etc., for the sake of the Word and faith. Here there is no need to choose the cross. Just begin with the first part of this life and deny yourself, that is, denounce the righteousness of your works and confess the righteousness of faith, and the second part will straightaway be present, that is, the cross, which you are then to accept, just as Christ accepted His own." - Martin Luther, in "Luther: Day by Day"

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

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| Today | 9:30 am | - Morning worship |
| | 10:40 am | - Profession of Faith class, Kid's praise, Catechism and Sunday school |
| | 11:00 am | - Choir |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening worship |
| Mon | 2:00 pm | - Mary Guild |
| Tue. | 7:00 pm | - Consistory meeting |
| | 7:30 pm | - Cadet Counselor meeting (Sioux Falls 1 st CRC) |
| Wed. | 9:30 am | - Coffee Break & Story Hour |
| | 6:00 pm | - Kids of Grace |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening Coffee Break |
| | | - GEMS/Cadets |
| | 7:45 pm | - Chimes |
| Thur. | 9:30 am | - Christian Fellowship (lesson 6) |
| | 7:00 pm | - Friendship |

FUTURE DATES:

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| March 26 | - Final day of 9 th -12 th grade catechism |
| April 1 | - Sister's Tea |
| April 2 | - Final day of Sunday school & 3 rd -8 th grade catechism |
| April 9 | - Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast (7:00am) |
| June 5-8 | - Royal Family Kids Camp |
| June 12-16 | - Edgerton VBS |

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lord willing, next Sunday we will have the joy of witnessing the covenant baptisms of Logan Kay Fey, daughter of Orey and Carmen, as well as the baptism of Jett Robert Hilarides, son of Colton and Jennifer. We look forward to rejoicing with both the Fey and Hilarides families on this lovely occasion in the life of our church family!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Profession of Faith class will meet again today after worship in Pastor Scott's study.

The 11th and 12th grade apologetics class with Pastor Scott will resume next Sunday, March 26. If you are a student in this class, the questions to be discussed next week are in your mailboxes.

Easter sunrise service breakfast: There is a sign-up sheet for people to make egg bakes and cinnamon rolls for our Easter sunrise service and breakfast. The sign-up sheet will be in the back of the sanctuary, and in the fellowship hall. Any help would be much appreciated!

The council is trying to schedule a date for Active Shooter Training. The whole Council will be taking part in this training, and we would welcome as many as desire to participate. However, we need a head count of those who would like to participate, so please text or email Ryan Blom so we can plan appropriately (507-220-2161 or ryan.d.blom@gmail.com). We are looking at Saturday mornings in the last half of March or early April.

SAVE THE DATE - we're having a Tea Party! All women (0-99+) are invited for tea and fellowship on Saturday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. Sister's Tea will be celebrating our sisterhood in Christ as we encourage and build each other up. Tea, refreshments, and light lunch are provided. Floppy hats optional! There will also be a free will donation box and silent auction to benefit Royal Family Kids Camp. So gather your sisters in Christ and join us for a fun morning of fellowship and encouragement! If you have any question or would like to reserve seat(s) or a table, please contact Ashley Stoel (507-227-6446), Courtney Vis (507-920-2831), or Kelsey Schmidt (507-227-8570). Please RSVP by Monday, March 27.

Our church is hosting an Easter Sunrise service (April 9) beginning at 7:00 a.m. We welcome our First CRC church families and the area church congregations along with visiting family and friends to join us as we remember Christ's finished work on the cross and his resurrection on that glorious Easter morning! Please join us for this joyous celebration as we greet Easter morning reflecting on God's word, with songs from the congregation and special numbers, and a message by Pastor Gearhart. Following the service, a breakfast will be served in the church's fellowship hall. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWC annual Spring Soup and Dessert Supper on Tuesday, March 28. Serving time is from 5:30-7:30 PM. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea, chicken rice soups, BBQ's and desserts. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2:30 pm: Please join us for our Annual Easter Music Festival at First CRC of Edgerton. Southwest's Choirs, area churches, and choral groups will present individual numbers during this afternoon of praise. Members of the audience will be invited to join the mass choir the Hallelujah Chorus. An offering will be taken for Southwest Christian High School (sponsored as a fundraiser by Circle #12).

SWC Spring Donation Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 14 at 6:30pm at the SWC Elementary Campus. Wish to donate an item, experience, or basket to the sale? Drop off any non-perishable

items to the High School or Elementary Campus either campus by March 27th!

COMMUNITY & MISC

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, March 27 from 12:30 until 6:30. 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.A. needs blood. Anyone 17 years or older and in good health is able to donate.

WHAT: Benefit fundraiser to help our dad, Milo Van Dyke, with our mom's (Nancy's) medical bills

WHEN: Tuesday evening, April 4th, 5pm-7pm

WHERE: Southwest MN Christian High School, 550 Elizabeth St. Edgerton, MN

Join us for a hamburger feed, fellowship, and live music!

If you are unable to attend and wish to give, you may send a check or cash to:

Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church

11745 110th St., PO Box 277, Leota, MN 56153

***Please write Milo Van Dyke in the memo of your check. If sending cash, please indicate that your donation is for Milo Van Dyke.

ATLAS is hosting a Community Impact Pizza Ranch night on Wednesday, March 29 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Pipestone Pizza Ranch. A portion of your purchase and all the tips raised will directly benefit the work of ATLAS in Pipestone. (Please keep in mind with the new computer system at Pizza Ranch, tips may only be given with a separate check or cash in the tip jar.) Thank you in advance for your prayers for this fundraiser and attendance for this event!

The 13th Annual Minnikota Youth Jr High (6th-8th) Retreat is April 21, 22, 23 at Inspiration Hills. There are a few spots still open but registration will close on April 1st or as soon as the spots are filled. If you have not received a registration form and would like one contact Lee De Groot at degrootlee@gmail.com or text her at 712 470 4244. Hope to see you there!

First Reformed Church of Edgerton is hosting a Maundy Thursday coffee on April 6th. They are hosting Angela Kennecke as the speaker. Angela will speak on the death of her daughter to opioids and how she has made it her mission to stop the stigma surrounding addiction and find solutions to the opioid epidemic. A free will offering will go to Emily's Hope.

Pipestone County Hospice will be holding a six-week adult grief support group from April 13th to May 18th at the Pipestone County Hospice House. Friedf support groups allow individuals mourning the loss of a loved one the chance to come together in a safe environment to discuss their experiences. Mourners are given a space to share his/her thoughts and emotions. The group will discover coping skills, discuss identity changes, and find support. Meetings will be on Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:00 pm at the Pipestone County Hospice House. For more information or to register please call (507) 825-6024.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Justin & Daci Moss, Beth Sas, Lori VanEssen, Grant Busker, Parker Bleyenbergh
PM – Karen Fey, Rebecca Vis, Makenzie Pap, Makenna Moss

Valet: Nathan Blankers

Ushers: Brett Kroeze, Rod Corbin, Luis Rodriguez, Clayton Blankers

Sound: Dean

Video: Luis

Projection: Lorelei/Blair

Medical Assistant: Kim Veldhuizen

Children's Worship: Alisha Ekkel, Vera Prouty

Praise Team: Brad & Judd Prouty, Howard & Aiden Schaap, Brian & Grant Busker

NEXT WEEK – MARCH 26:

Nursery: AM – Shannon Nykamp, Ben & Macy Hanson, Nicole Vis, Clayton Blankers, Kevin VanHulzen
PM – Mindy Blankers, Vonda Talsma, Tyler Sjaarda, Zachary Moss

Valet: Darrin DeKam

Ushers: Brett Kroeze, Rod Corbin, Luis Rodriguez, Aidan Schaap

Sound: Cory

Video: Nilson

Projection: Orey/Jody

Medical Assistant: Gord Prins

Children's Worship: Kelsey Schmidt, Kinley Schmidt

MISSIONARIES

Margaret Njuguna

En-Gedi Children's Home,
Kenya

Sos and Kara Maletougou

Christian Reformed World Missions
West Africa

Rev. William & Aletha Green

Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed
Churches, Costa Rica

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Global Serve International
Central Asia

Cornerstone Prison Church

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