

**THE LORD'S DAY – MAY 28, 2023**  
**MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.**  
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

**SERMON NOTES – MAY 28, 2023**

**FOLLOWING JESUS**

Text: Luke 18:35-43

Prelude: "There is a Fountain/My Jesus I Love Thee" & "Be Though My Vision" - Nicole Vis

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 50:14-15

\*Opening Song of Adoration: #249 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

Standard of Righteousness: Joel 2:12-13

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Professions of Faith: Jacob Masselink, Victoria Prins, & Aidan Schaap

\*Song of Thanksgiving: *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

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

Musical Offering: *"Lord, I Need You"* - Erica, Elizabeth, Kathryn, Victoria, & Sophia

Scripture: Luke 18:35-43 (p. 1630)

Sermon: "Following Jesus"

\*Song of Response: #466 *"Sing Praise to the Lord"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offertory: *"By Faith"* - Katie Feikema & Kathryn Prins

*"The Blessing"* - Erica, Elizabeth, Kathryn, Victoria, & Sophia

\*Benediction

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

Next Sundays Offering: Christian Education

**REFORMATION MATTERS:** "What is the chief end of man?" - "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever." - Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 1

### **THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:**

Today 9:30 am - Morning worship  
6:30 pm - Evening worship at Bethel CRC  
Mon. 7:30 am - SWC Pancake Breakfast

### **FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

June 5-8 - Royal Family Kids Camp  
June 12-16 - Edgerton VBS  
June 14 7:00 pm - SWC Society Meeting  
June 23 7:00 pm - Women's role in the church (Matt DeBoer, Protestant Reformed Church)

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

It is our joy this morning to witness the public professions of faith of Jacob Masselink, Victoria Prins, and Aidan Schaap. We rejoice with these three individuals as they profess their trust in the risen and exalted Lord Jesus.

We congratulate all of our graduates on the successful completion of their studies! May these young men and women continue to honor and love the Lord our God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Graduating from Southwest Christian High School are Makenna Moss, Zoe Nonginthirath, Kathryn Prins, Luis Rodriquez, Bennett Talsma, and Quentin Van Dam. Graduating from Dordt University is Sommer Schaap.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Willard Sankey after the recent death of his sister, Carolyn Peters. May the Lord Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life, minister his grace and mercy to Willard and his family during this time.

We express our grief and sympathy to Hennie DeKam after the recent death of her brother, Gene Bouw. May the Lord grant his sweet and comforting mercy to the family at this time.

The elders have approved Josh Klumper to make his public profession of faith at First CRC. This will take place during a worship service in the near future.

### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This evening, we will be having a combined worship service at Bethel CRC in Edgerton. This service will begin at 6:30. An offering for Talking Bibles will be taken.

We are grateful Margaret Njuguna was able to spend some time with us recently! Our deacons and missions committee wanted to clarify ways to financially support Margaret's Sustainability Project. For those who want to individually give, please write a check to First

CRC, Edgerton with "Sustainability Project" on the memo line. Our church will wire the funds to Margaret directly. We also want to remind you that the balance of the "Missions" account (on your white envelopes) will be evaluated in October to potentially distribute to special causes like this after our annual missionary commitments are fulfilled.

Host Homes needed!!! Costa Rican students are making plans to visit Edgerton this fall! Would you like to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience for them? If so, please mark your calendars for October 7-16, 2023. Around 18 students, along with three chaperones AND Bill and Aletha will be travelling to Edgerton to experience life in the Midwest. They will also be sharing what their culture is like while practicing their English! Plans are underway to have these students visit SWC and Dordt College, participate in a service opportunity, experience some typical fall activities here, and meet brothers and sisters in Christ! Ways you can be involved:

1. Host a pair of students or chaperones. (This would mean providing an evening meal, a place to sleep, and transportation to First CRC each morning.)
2. Provide a vehicle for transportation while they are here.
3. Help provide breakfast and sack lunches for each day.
4. Provide a vehicle for Bill and Aletha who will be making an extended home visit, visiting churches in the Tri-state area.

If you are interested in being involved in this great opportunity, please contact Shawna Sjaarda: 507-227-5970. We are the body of Christ and we are excited to build relationships with our brothers and sisters from Costa Rica!

### **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SWC Circle #11 invites you to their annual Memorial Day pancake breakfast on May 29 from 7:30 am - 10 am at the high school cafeteria. In addition to hot pancakes served right off the griddle, there will be sausages, juice, milk and coffee. Free will donations gratefully accepted.

Another school year for Southwest MN Christian Schools has come to a close, the faithfulness of our Heavenly Father is evident and promised. We celebrate God's goodness and the many ways He has provided for SWC this past year.

The SWC Annual Society Meeting will be held on June 14 at 7:00 pm at the Elementary Campus. The agenda and detailed information for the meeting can be found in the school's Spring Publication. We encourage all of our SWC family to come to the society meeting! If you are unable to attend but would like to vote, there will be absentee ballots available at both the Elementary and High School offices.

Thank you for your continued support through prayer and words of encouragement as we work to fulfill the missions of SWC: challenging and educating students to be rooted in Christ, grow in wisdom, and bearing fruit to the glory of God.

Southwest MN Christian High School will be conducting their annual Building Fund Drive through the end of May. The drive is conducted annually to help maintain and complete needed repairs. The need this year is to update the restrooms located by the high school gym. They are original to the building, both the boys' and girls' restrooms will be remodeled and updated with new tile, fixtures, and partitions and also meet compliance with ADA requirements for accessibility. The time has also come to where the mower/snowblower at the elementary campus needs to be replaced due to the number of hours and anticipated maintenance repairs on it. We pray you will be part of the Lord's plan to fulfill this need. We thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to SWC Building Drive.

Edgerton's annual Dutch Festival is July 6-8. The SWC Parents Club will again be providing a delicious array of locally-raised beef and pork, home-made ice cream, fresh baked pies, bakery buns, and more at prices families can afford. We consider it our opportunity to build camaraderie in our school, give back to our community, and raise funds for our Parents Club...who help provide some extra necessities to our teachers and students. Please mark your calendars and consider your church invited to join in the family-friendly festivities! See your church mailbox for more information.

#### **COMMUNITY & MISC**

Royal Family Kids Camp is right around the corner and we need just a few things! Our cooks would like kid-friendly muffins as a breakfast choice, and we'd also like to bless our young adult overnight helpers with some good late-night snacks for their debriefing sessions. If you would like to be a part of the RFK mission by making some muffins or snack items, please contact Erin Van Hulzen (507-227-7951) by Wednesday, May 31. We'd also appreciate your prayers for good weather, and especially for the precious campers that will come our way. Pray for their family situations and that their hearts will be open to Jesus' love in action at camp. Please also pray for the staff as we live out God's command to LOVE. Pray for energy, wisdom and abundant love.

Vacation Bible School - There is still time to get signed up! The registration tables have been taken down, but you can still register online until Wednesday, June 7. Follow us on Facebook at 'VBS - Edgerton, MN' and the online link is posted. You can bring the registration fee of \$10 along the first day of VBS. Reminder: NO walk-ins this year. We would love to have you join us! We can't wait for a STELLAR week of shining God's light!

May a woman be a preacher, an elder, or a deacon?" Why or why not? If not, what is her role in the church and is it really that meaningful? Come to Edgerton Protestant Reformed Church on Friday, June 23 at 7 Pm to hear Pastor Matt De Boer speak about the place a woman has in the church according to God's Word.

The PCMC Hospice program is looking for volunteers! Here are a few ways you could help: support patients and families with home visits, administrative support, be a friendly caller to those who need a calm, helpful telephone conversation, and visit or call bereaved families. To explore hospice volunteer opportunities at PCMC, please contact Jenna Schelhaas, MSW (507) 825-6024.

#### **CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Kids Corner: Understanding Pentecost - Check out the new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). The Spirit came in a powerful way and filled the people. That's because we serve a powerful God! The wind and fire are symbols for God's presence. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Bible story podcast "The Story of Pentecost."

Groundwork: Honor God By Using His Resources Wisely - The Bible teaches us we are stewards of God's resources. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Luke 12:13-21, Philippians 4:11-13, Leviticus 27:30, Numbers 18:25-28, and 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 to discuss stewardship, tithing, and what this means for how we handle the money and possessions we have in this life. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

### TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Jon & Kelsey Schmidt, Steven & Kala Talsma, Lucas Brands, Sawyer Stoel

PM – Vonda Talsma, Becky Schelhaas, Zackery Blom, Grant Busker

Valet: Nathan Blankers

Ushers: Rod Corbin, Bennett Talsma, Jacob Masselink, Nate Stoel

Sound: Ray

Video: Luis

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Gord Prins

Children's Worship: No lesson

### NEXT WEEK – JUNE 4:

Nursery: AM – Ben & Macy Hanson, Lori VanEssen, Ruth Corbin, Brooklyn Talsma, Kathryn Prins

PM – Corey Vis, Alex Nykamp, Jayden Brands, Clara Talsma

Valet: Darrin DeKam

Ushers: CJ Veldhuizen, Jim VanHofwegen, Quinin VanDam, Grant Busker

Sound: Jesse

Video: Nilson

Projection: Kirk/Luis

Medical Assistant: Carmen Fey

Children's Worship: Mindy Blankers, Josimar VanHulzen

Praise Team: Becky Schelhaas, Jody Schaap, Vonda Talsma, Lori Schelhaas, Zan VandenBerg

Keyboard: Brittany Forness

## MISSIONARIES

### **Margaret Njuguna**

En-Gedi Children's Home,  
Kenya

### **Sos and Kara Maletoungou**

Christian Reformed World Missions  
West Africa

### **Rev. William & Aletha Green**

Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed  
Churches, Costa Rica

### **K & K**

Global Serve International  
Central Asia

### **Cornerstone Prison Church**

Sioux Falls, South Dakota