

**THE LORD'S DAY – AUGUST 20, 2023**

**MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.**

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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: Isaiah 61:10-11

\*Opening Songs of Adoration: #170 *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* (v. 1-3, 6)  
*"Arise, My Soul, Arise"*

Standard of Righteousness: Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

\*Song of Thanksgiving: *"There is a Redeemer"*

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

Musical Offering: *"The Lord's Prayer"* - Brad and Judd Prouty

Scripture: Acts 4:23-31 (p. 1697)

Sermon: "The Church in Prayer and Proclamation"

\*Song of Response: #408 *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: #477 *"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"* (v. 1)

**Next Sundays Offering:** Mid America Reformed Seminary

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**EVENING WORSHIP – 6:30 P.M.**

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Introit: *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* - Kelsey and Kambrie Schmidt

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 86:1-2

**Pastor:** Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

**People:** Guard my life, for I am devoted to you. You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.

\*Call to Worship: Isaiah 12:2-3

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

Bible Reading: Psalm 23 (p. 862)

Prayer of the Lord's People

\*Song of Gratitude: *"Before the Throne of God Above"*

Confession of Faith: Belgic Confession, Article 30

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:8-14 (p. 1853)

Sermon: "Kept and Keeping"

\*Song of Response: #161 *"The LORD's My Shepherd"*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: *"Be Thou My Vision"* & *"Jesus Loves Me"* - Kinley Schmidt

\*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: #635 *"Gloria Patri"*

## SERMON NOTES – AUGUST 20, 2023

### THE CHURCH IN PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

Text: Acts 4:23-31

### KEPT AND KEEPING

Text: 2 Timothy 1:8-14

**REFORMATION MATTERS:** "The bodies of men, after death, return to dust, and see corruption: but their souls, which neither die nor sleep, having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them: the souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God, in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies." - Westminster Confession of Faith, 32:1

### THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

- Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship  
- CG #7 will gather for lunch after church at the City Park South Shelter  
6:30 pm - Evening Worship

### FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

- August 27 - Sunday school teachers meet (NE Conference Room)  
- Catechism teachers meet (Council Room)  
Septmeber 4 - SWC Pancake Breakfast  
September 6 - Kids of Grace Kickoff at the Rock River Park  
September 10 - Catechism teachers meet with their students in their assigned rooms after the AM service  
September 10 - Prayer Warriors  
September 12 - Growing Inward-Reaching Outward Conference  
September 13 - New (4<sup>th</sup> grade) Cadet orientation at Bethel at 6:30,  
- Edgerton Cadet Counselor planning meeting at 7:30  
September 17 - First day of Sunday school & Catechism  
September 27 - Cadet Season kickoff - Hotdogs and Game night at the Park.  
October 11 -First Regular Cadet Meeting at Bethel CRC Edgerton.

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We offer our prayers and sympathies to Virgil Schoolmeester and his family after the recent death of Eleanor Schoolmeester. May the Lord bless and keep the family in their grief, directing their hearts to the Lord Jesus, the One who is the resurrection and the life.

We grieve alongside Jamie Pap and his family as they mourn the recent death of his father, Wilmer (Wil) Pap. Our church family joins in praying that the Lord Jesus, the One who came to destroy death and bring life through the gospel, might meet the Pap family in their time of need.

We mourn together with LaVonne Van Essen after the recent death of her son, Steven Smith (Sheldon, IA). May the Lord, the God of all comfort, minister his tender mercies and sweet grace to LaVonne and her family at this time.

Virgil Schoolmeester and his family wish to thank Pastor Lee and Pastor Scott for their visits and comfort during Eleanor's illness and passing, as well as the elders for their visits and care shown during this difficult time. We also thank the congregation for their prayers, words of love and support, visits, cards, and food provided. Thank you to the wonderful group of people who gave their time in the kitchen for our family as well. Eleanor was truly blessed by a kind and loving church community.

### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The nominations process for Office Bearers is starting again. Nominations can be turned into your Care Group Elder or given to members of the Executive Committee (Ryan Blom, Ron Nykamp, Greg Talsma, Phil Feikema or Pastor Scott). Please pray for those whom the Lord is calling to lead His bride, the church through the offices of Elder and Deacon. A separate sheet related to nominations will be in your church mailboxes. The deadline for submitting nominations is Sunday, August 27th.

Tawni Pater will be stepping down from the Church Secretary role that she has had for 5 years. The Council wants to thank her for all of her hard work and for the effort that she has put into every job that was asked of her.

The Council is seeking an individual who desires to fill the Church Secretary position. This role includes but isn't limited to producing and printing the weekly bulletin, creating multiple quarterly schedules, setting up the weekly power points, ordering office supplies, editing the website, etc. Please contact Ryan Blom or Ron Nykamp if you are interested in filling this position.

The upcoming Classis Minnkota meeting will be taking place on September 14 in Volga, SD. Volga CRC is calling a new minister and he will be examined on that day. Please pray for Volga CRC, their candidate, and for the business of classis.

The board of the Legacy Thrift store invites all volunteers and their spouses to an appreciation dinner as thanks for all the hours you have worked. The dinner will be held in the ARC Center of the American Reformed Church at 1720 N. Burlington, Worthington, MN at 6 PM on August 29, 2023. We need to know how many will come. Sign up by August 24 at the store or call Joyce Aykens (507-372-2017) or Verla Wheeler (507-360-5811). Thank you.

### **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A Prayer-Walk will be held as SWC staff prepares for the upcoming school year. All are invited to join us on Monday, August 21 from 9-10am beginning at the Elementary Campus. This time is set aside for individuals from within the community to pray specifically for the staff and students while walking around both facilities. Walk and pray at your own pace. The school theme this year comes from Hebrews 12:1-3 "Run the Race". We'd love to have you join us.

Call Kendra Kuipers with any questions at 507.227.0488

Southwest MN Christian Schools will begin the 2023-2024 school year with its first day of classes on Thursday, August 24 for both the high school and elementary campuses. We will begin the day with chapel at 8:30am in the elementary gym and everyone is welcome! Preschool 3's will begin on Tuesday, September 5 and Preschool 4's will begin on Wednesday, September 6. Listed below are other important dates we'd like to highlight. Remember to check the calendar along with News & Announcements on our school website at [www.swcschools.org](http://www.swcschools.org) for additional information and events as they become available. The theme at SWC this school year will be "Run the Race", focusing on Hebrews 12:1-3. SWC is grateful and excited for the opportunity to teach PK-12 students on fixing our eyes on Jesus and to be guided by his Word! We ask for your prayerful support as SWC continues to challenge students to be rooted in Christ, to grow in wisdom, and to bear fruit to the glory of God.

LCSS Pork Loin Supper will be Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 from 5:30-7:30. Pork Loin or Hamburgers, tea rolls, cucumber salad, potato salad and ice cream will all be served! Sign up sheet for food and to order pork loins will be out soon on the Fellowship hall table!

The Annual SWC Tractor Ride will be held on Saturday, September 9. We'll be starting at the Jasper City Park. Rolls and coffee will be served beginning at 8:30am. We'll hit the road at 9:30am and as we get into Edgerton, we will parade around Edgebrook. A noon meal will be served at the SWC high school cafeteria. We will then continue our ride which will conclude at Terry Rodman's windmill collection where coffee and fresh ollie bollen will be served! This event is free will donation - a donation box will be available at each location. If you can only ride part of the ride, or you don't have a tractor but would like to join in the parade, take your pick-up or UTV. You are also welcome to just come for the noon meal and see the tractors, or just come to the windmill collection and have afternoon coffee. With questions or to pre-register, call Kendra Kuipers at 507-227-0488.

LCSS Golf Scrambler Fundraiser will be Saturday, September 9, 2023 at the Luverne Country Club. Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. It is a best ball tournament. Teams of 4 are needed with \$75.00 entry fee per player, golf cart not included. Please call the Luverne Country Club (507)-283-4383 to get your team registered. Contact Shawn Vis with any questions (507)-301-2885

### **COMMUNITY & MISC**

Community & Misc. announcements are on a separate sheet, located near the bulletins.

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

### TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Marshall & Tawni P, Kirk & Megan B, Judd P, Tage M  
PM – Brigitte P, Lori S, Clara T, Jayden B

Valet: Mark S

Ushers: Logan B, Tyson B, Lester S, Steve E

Sound: Mark B

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children's Worship: Alisha E, Blaire T

### NEXT WEEK – AUGUST 27:

Nursery: AM – Carrie T, Kim VH, Levi & Mara M, Carter B, Lucas B.  
PM – Jen B, Rosann VB, Grant B, Zackery B.

Valet: Mike L

Ushers: Logan B, Tyson B, Lester S, Steve E.

Sound: Cory S.

Video: Jacob M.

Projection: Kirk VH/Luis R.

Medical Assistant: Brenda K.

Children's Worship: Becky S., Vera P.

Praise Team: Kirk VH, Brad P, Mark B, Kurt T, Greg M.

Keyboard: Brittany F

## 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