

THE LORD'S DAY – OCTOBER 1, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Opening Prayer & Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Exodus 33:18-19

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

#578 *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"* (v. 1, 3)

Standard of Righteousness: Psalm 51:1-9 (p. 889)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Gratitude: #463 *"O Love of God, How Strong and True"* (v. 1, 5-7)

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

Scripture: Acts 7:51-60 (p. 1704)

Sermon: "Full of Faith and Grace"

*Song of Response: *"By Faith"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #249 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* (v. 4)

THE LORD'S DAY – OCTOBER 1, 2023
EVENING WORSHIP – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Adam Ramirez

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 121:1-2

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?

People: My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

*Call to Worship: From Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16.

*Opening Song of Praise: #695 LUYH *"And Can It Be?"*

Bible Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

Prayer of God's People

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"*

Scripture: Colossians 1:24-29

Sermon: "Completing Our Ministry through Christ Alone"

*Song of Response: #682 LUYH *"Before the Throne of God Above"*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: *"Thy Word"* – Clara Talsma

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #938 LUYH *"My Friends May You Grow in Grace"*

Next Sundays Offering: Westminster Seminary

SERMON NOTES – OCTOBER 1, 2023

FULL OF FAITH AND GRACE

Text: Acts 7:51-60

COMPLETING OUR MINISTRY THROUGH CHRIST ALONE

Text: Colossians 1:24-29

REFORMATION MATTERS: The poor beggar looks to his benefactor for relief and help, because he is benevolent, and especially because he has promised him all needed supplies. The believing soul, sensible of its own weakness, looks to Jesus for all needed help and strength. It relies simply on his word of promise, knowing that what he hath said he will most certainly perform." - Archibald Alexander (1772-1851), "Looking unto Jesus" in *"Practical Truths"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:40 am	- Kids praise, Sunday school, catechism
	11:00 am	- Choir
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Tues.	7:00 pm	- Council, Deacon, and Elder meetings
Wed.	9:30 am	- Coffee Break
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace
		- No Evening Coffee Break
		- NO Adult Bells

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

October 8	- Prayer Warriors
October 11	- First Regular Cadet Meeting at Bethel CRC Edgerton
	- Youth Group (Heartland Country Corn Maze)
October 15	- Mission Emphasis Sunday

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We offer our prayers and sympathies to Ryan Blom and his family after the recent death of his grandmother, Geraldine Blom. May the God of all comfort, who raises the dead, stand by and strengthen the Blom family at this time.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our evening service tonight will be led by Adam Ramirez. This is in fulfillment of the requirements for Adam to become a commissioned pastor in Classis Minnkota. Please take some time before or after the service tonight to meet and encourage Adam.

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.

NO bells or evening Coffee Break Bible study Wednesday because of the short school day.

Council Nominations - The Council has determined that the full consistory (11 elders) will oversee the nominations process for new elders and deacons in our church. Prior to the early 2000s, nominations were overseen by the full Council (elders and deacons). When our church transitioned to drawing names of approved office bearers from the bag, the nomination process shifted to the Executive Committee. The Council believes this task is most appropriately given to the Consistory.

As a Council, we covet your prayers as we humbly seek and trust God's plan to provide men to love, teach, serve, and shepherd his church.

Prayer Warriors: Our next prayer warriors meeting after church will be Sunday, October 8. Please let your prayer warrior know ahead of time if you will not be able to be at church next weekend with the Heartland school break so you can connect another time. (Note this is a change from the original schedule since we have the joy of celebrating Mission Emphasis Sunday after church on October 15.)

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Coffee Break Ministry is looking for volunteers to help out in the nursery. Would you be willing to help and give young mothers the opportunity to study God's word? Coffee Break meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at First CRC in Edgerton. We could use a volunteer on the first and 3rd Wednesday of the month and substitutes. Please contact Thea Nykamp (507-227-9513).

Youth Group- mark your calendars for fall fun at the Heartland Country Corn Maze October 11! We will meet at 6pm in the church parking lot and return around 9:30pm. This event will include Bethel youth group and the Costa Rica students. It will be a great way to welcome them to Edgerton! Limited snacks will be available for purchase at the maze (pop, candy, chips, ice cream) so bring money if you're interested in concessions. Hope to see you there!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWC K-12 GRANDPARENTS DAY OCTOBER 4!

We are all looking forward to this special event for Grandparents/Special Friends of our students on October 4! **This year's Grandparents/Special Friends Day is different from years past! Be sure to read the following:**

*K-12 Grandparents will begin their morning **at the HIGH SCHOOL** where you can enjoy coffee, juice and a snack beginning at 8:15.

*From 9:00 - 10:15 there will be a Grandparents Day concert performance **at the HIGH SCHOOL** involving ALL K-12 students. We are hoping the concert can be live streamed.

*Beginning at 10:30, Grandparents may begin visiting **HIGH SCHOOL classrooms**.

*Beginning at 10:40, Grandparents may begin visiting **ELEMENTARY classrooms** and the **5th Grade Wax Museum**. Special activities are planned in the classroom for students and their Grandparents to enjoy!

*Between 10:40 and Noon, Grandparents may sign out their grandchildren from the classrooms and since no hot lunch will be served, they can be taken home for lunch or out to lunch to enjoy some time together.

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Southwest MN Christian Schools presents their K-12 Fall Music Concert at 6:45 pm on Monday, October 9, at the high school gym. The concert celebrates our school theme for the year, "Run The Race," based on Hebrews 12:1-3 where we are called to a faith in Jesus that endures! Treat yourself to a night of beautiful, meaningful music performed by the joy-filled voices and instruments of our K-12 students! The concert will be live streamed as well. (This is also the concert performance on Grandparents Day, October 4)

COMMUNITY & MISC

Save the Date - Word & Deed Dinner - Come and hear how the Lord is working in Egypt and the Middle East through our partner El-Soora Ministries. A Word & Deed Dinner will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, November 11, at The Lunch House in Rock Valley. Our speaker for the evening will be Dr. Sherif Fahim, Director of El-Soora and Chairman of the New Testament Department at the Alexandria School of Theology. More details to come.

Come to the 13th annual Gospel Jubilee on Sunday, October 29, 3 PM at American Reformed Church Luverne, featuring The Baker Family. The Baker Family is a high energy bluegrass and gospel band from south central Missouri. Freewill offering.

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kids Corner: God's Peace Gives Us Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Can you feel God's peace even when your life doesn't look peaceful? This week's devotion is all about how you can put your hope and trust in God, knowing that he will walk alongside no matter what is going on. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "Jesus Anointed with Perfume."

Groundwork: A Lesson in Accountability and Consequences - "Every action has a reaction." "Cause and effect." "Actions have consequences." There is truth in these common phrases, but, it is easily forgotten in the moment. Join Groundwork as we study the story of the writing on the wall in Daniel 5 to learn about the relationship between accountability, consequences, and our faith. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Steven & Kala T, Shannon N, Ashley S, Jonathan S, Nilson VH

PM – Cindy S, Kaitlyn Sche, Clayton B, Ryan P

Valet: Coleton H

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

Video: Jacob M

Sound: Ray S

Projection: Orey F/Jody DK

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children's Worship: Andrea L & Hartley B

NEXT WEEK – OCTOBER 8:

Nursery: AM – Mindy B, Ben & Macy H, Dana H, Cami VH, Mara B

PM – Thea N, Tanya T, Isaac S, Carson V

Valet: Dale M

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

Sound: Cory S

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Orey F/Jody DK

Medical Assistant: Kim V

Children's Worship: School Break – no C.W.

Praise Team: Mark & Lori B, Tadd & Erica P, Kurt & Vonda T

Keyboard: Kaitlyn S

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