

**THE LORD'S DAY – OCTOBER 8, 2023**

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

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude & Welcome

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: Psalm 86:1-4

\*Opening Songs of Honor: *"My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness"*

*"My Life is in You, Lord"*

Standard of Righteousness: Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

\*Song of Thanksgiving: #385 *"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"*

Musical Offering: *"He's So Great/My God is So Great"* - Kids' Praise

Children's Message

Scripture: Acts 8:4-25 (p. 1704)

Sermon: *"Great Joy Comes to a Despised People"*

\*Song of Response: #462 *"Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Westminster Seminary, California

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: *"Grace Flows Down"*

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**EVENING WORSHIP – 6:30 P.M.**

Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Introit: *"The B-I-B-L-E"* – Luke Busker

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 121:1-2

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

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

Call to Worship – Psalm 104:31-34

\*The Lord's Greeting

\*Opening Song of Praise: #147 *"Sing Praise to Our Creator"*

Confessional Reading: Canons of Dort, I, Art. 6: God's Eternal Decision (hymnal, p. 927-928)

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Thanksgiving: #279 *"O Word of God Incarnate"*

Scripture: Job 27-28 (27:1-6; 28:1-28)

Sermon: *"Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?"*

\*Song of Response: #434 *"God Moves in A Mysterious Way"*

Offertory Prayer (Westminster Seminary, California)

Offering and Offertory: *"In Christ Alone"* – Mara Busker

\*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: #104 *"Your Spirit, O Lord, Makes Life to Abound"* (v. 10, 13)

**Next Sundays Offering:** Westminster Seminary

**SERMON NOTES – OCTOBER 8, 2023**

**GREAT JOY COMES TO A  
DESPISED PEOPLE**

Text: Acts 8:4-25

**WHERE SHALL WISDOM BE  
FOUND?**

Text: Job 27-28 (27:1-6; 28:1-28)

**REFORMATION MATTERS:** "When God converts a sinner and brings him into the state of grace, he frees him from his natural bondage to sin, and by his grace alone he enables him freely to will and to do what is spiritually good. Yet, because of his remaining corruption, he does not perfectly nor only will what is good, but also wills what is evil." - Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 9.4

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:**

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship  
10:40 am - Prayer Warriors, Kids praise, Sunday school, catechism  
11:00 am - Choir  
6:30 pm - Evening Worship  
Mon. 6:45 pm - K-12 Fall Music Concert  
Wed. 9:30 am - Coffee Break  
6:00 pm - Kids of Grace  
- Youth Group (Heartland Country Corn Maze)  
6:30 pm - Evening Coffee Break  
- GEMS/Cadets  
7:45 pm - Adult Bells  
Thur. 9:30 am - Christian Fellowship at Edgebrook Independent Apartments (lesson #1)  
7:00 pm - Friendship

**FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

October 15 - Mission Emphasis Sunday

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

The elders have received and approved the membership transfers of Logan and Morgan Schoonhoven. Please take time to welcome and encourage Logan and Morgan this morning when you see them! Welcome to First, Logan and Morgan!

Next Sunday, Lord willing, we will have the joy of witnessing the covenant baptism of Cooper Schoonhoven, son of Logan and Morgan. We rejoice with their family over this wonderful picture of the covenant promises and excellencies of Christ, our Redeemer and King.

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Prayer Warriors: Please meet your partner in the pews immediately after morning church today, October 5. Our time together will begin unannounced and if you can't find your prayer partner please come to the front pews so we can still have someone else pray over you.

Next Sunday, October 15, Bill & Aletha Green, Daniel Lobo, and 17 of their Costa Rican high school students will be joining us for Mission Emphasis Sunday. We will hear updates from them and enjoy a presentation from the students after the morning worship service in the fellowship hall. There will be no Catechism or Sunday School so that students can hear from our missionaries.

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.

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.

**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- be ready 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**

Southwest MN Christian Schools presents their K-12 Fall Music Concert at 6:45pm 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)

Circle #14 will be having a BBQ and homemade pumpkin or apple pie supper on October 10. SWC volleyball team has a home game against RTR this evening. Come out to watch a volleyball game and get a delicious meal with it! They will be serving from 5:00-7:00pm in high school cafeteria.

The Southwest MN Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual FALL SOUP and DESSERT SUPPER on Tuesday, Nov. 7th. Serving time is 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea, and chicken rice soups, BBQ's and desserts. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.

### **COMMUNITY & MISC**

Justice for All invites you to our annual auction and meeting event on Thursday October 26, 2023. It will be held at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley, IA. Dinner starts at 5p, short business meeting at 6:15p, live auction at 6:30p. Come out to support Justice for All ministry, hear about highlights from the past fiscal year and what God has been doing through JFA in 2023! There will be an online portion of the auction as well. We hope to see you there.

Come to the 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

### **CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kids Corner: God's Presence Gives Us Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Sometimes, life isn't easy. This week's devotion is all about how wonderful it is to know that God is there in good times and bad times. He is with you and he loves you. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Kids in Action video "Wherever You Go."

Revelation: A Comfort for Believers - Groundwork has a new Bible study ebook and podcast, called "Revelation: A Comfort for Believers." It's a six-episode series that answers some of our biggest questions about the book of Revelation. It's great for personal or group study. Get it when you subscribe to Groundwork at [groundworkonline.com/revelation](http://groundworkonline.com/revelation).

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

### TODAY:

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

### NEXT WEEK – OCTOBER 15:

Nursery: AM – Jackie W, Alisha E, Lori VE, Brigette P, Blaire T, Lilyana M

PM – Kim V, Lori S, Judd P, Lucas B

Valet: Dan H

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

Sound: Jesse VH

Video: Nilson VH

Projection: Kirk VH/Blair W

Medical Assistant: Gord P

Children's Worship: Carmen F, Zackery B

## 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