

THE LORD'S DAY – NOVEMBER 12, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Jeremiah 9:23-24

*Opening Song of Adoration: *"There is a Redeemer"*

Standard of Righteousness: Ephesians 4:1-2

Prayer of Confession

Profession of Faith of Lexi Gunnink

Covenant Baptism of Emmy Gunnink

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"My Heart is Full of Thankfulness"*

Musical Offering: "Thanks Be to God" - Kid's Praise

Children's Message

At this time, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for a Bible lesson,

located downstairs in Room 4.

Scripture: Acts 9:32-43 (p. 1708)

Sermon: "Generous Christianity"

*Song of Response: #572 *"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"* (v. 1-3)

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"Give Thanks"*

Next Sunday's Offering: Union Gospel Mission

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EVENING WORSHIP – 6:30 P.M.
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Prelude

Introit: *“What Child is This?”* - Kambrie Schmidt

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” - Kaden Schmidt

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: 2 Corinthians 1:9-10

Pastor: Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

People: He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us.

*Call to Worship: Exodus 15:13

*Opening Song of Honor: *“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”*

Bible Reading: Romans 9:1-8 (p. 1758)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: *“Before the Throne of God Above”*

Confession of Faith: The Belgic Confession, Article 34 (selected portion)

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-27 (p. 22)

Sermon: *“Baptism—Part Two”*

*Song of Response: #557 *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: *“Be Unto Your Name”* - Kinley Schmidt

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #632 *“To God Be the Glory”*

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Jon & Kelsey S, Ann Marie B, Jody S, Carter B, Parker B
PM – Vonda T, Nicole V, Raelyn S, Shelbi K

Valet: Mike L

Ushers: Randy F, Del VE, Corey V, Owen T

Sound: Dean E

Video: Grant B

Projection: Orey F/Jody DK

Medical Assistant: Kim V

Children's Worship: Mindy B, Kinley S

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

Keyboard: Kaitlyn S

NEXT WEEK – NOVEMBER 19

Nursery: AM – Evon VH, Beth S, Justin & Daci M, Kaitlyn S, Jayden B
PM – Becky S, Ashley S, Isaac S, Tage M

Valet: Jonathan S

Ushers: Randy F, Del VE, Corey V, Owen T

Sound: Cory S

Video: Nilson VH

Projection: Jan S/Jonathan S

Medical Assistant: Gord P

Children's Worship: Mara M, Vera P

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

or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Anyone 16 years or older and in good health is able to donate.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (May 31 - June 11, 2024): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Kids Corner: Talking About God When We're Scared - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. It can be scary to step out of your comfort zone and tell someone about God. This week's devotion is all about not letting your fear hold you back. God will be with you just like he was with Moses (Exodus 3:12). And he has promised you that you can do all things with his help (Philippians 4:13). Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "Paul in Athens."

Groundwork: In His Mercy, God Chose You - When someone we love doesn't share our belief in Jesus, we often experience grief and heartache. Join Groundwork as we study Paul's lament for his fellow Jews in Romans 9-11. Together we'll learn about God's sovereign choice and our free will and we'll discover comfort in the truth that God, in his mercy, has chosen us. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

SERMON NOTES – NOVEMBER 12, 2023

GENEROUS CHRISTIANITY

Text: Acts 9:32-43

BAPTISM – PART TWO

Text: Genesis 17:1-27

REFORMATION MATTERS: "What does God require of you in this commandment ["You shall not steal"]? - "That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need."
- Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 111

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Mon.	7:00 pm	- Men's Society
Wed.	9:30 am	- Coffee Break
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace
	6:30 pm	- Evening Coffee Break
	7:00 pm	- Friendship
Thur.	5:00 pm	- Youth Group Potato Supper
	7:00 pm	- Congregational Meeting

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We rejoice this morning as Lexi Gunnink makes her public profession of faith, as the Gunnink family is welcomed as new members at First, and as Emmy Gunnink is baptized. We celebrate with the Gunnink family as we welcome them into the life of our family here at First!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Warriors: Please meet your prayer partner today in the sanctuary immediately after the morning service. If your prayer partner is not here please come to the front pews so we can match you up with someone else for prayer before heading to catechism. Thanks!

These are the names of the elder and deacon nominations. We are searching for 3 Elders, and 3 Deacons. Please be in prayer that the Lord would call willing and godly men to lead our church.

- Elder Nominations - seeking 3 nominees.

Duane Baker, Dave Brons, Ray Schelhaas, Arlyn Schmidt, Kirk VanHulzen

- Deacon Nominees - seeking 3 nominees

Ross Brands, Brett Kroeze, CJ Veldhuizen, Corey Vis

Potato Supper & Congregational meeting: Come support our youth! The annual Youth Group Potato Supper is before the congregational meeting on November 16 from 5pm to 7pm (Congregational meeting to begin at 7:00pm). Love dessert? Please sign up to bring some. A sign up sheet is in the back of the church.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes need to be returned to church by Friday, November 17. As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift, remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. Please donate the \$10.00 online or by check using the postage paid envelope in the box. Thank you in advance for your gifts.

Christmas program practice for 3rd-8th grade will be starting November 19 after catechism.

The Council has decided that, if the process of disaffiliation from the CRC were to move forward, the first of the two congregational votes in that process would not happen until *after* Synod 2024. This change would allow First to see how Synod goes before any action is taken by the congregation. This is a change to the tentative timeline that was handed out a couple weeks ago, so please take note of that. Please feel free to speak to Pastor Scott or any member of Council if you have questions.

Missionary Christmas Cards – Please remember our missionary families this Christmas season with a card or letter to let them know that you are praying for them. There are boxes in the foyer for you to place your Christmas cards in. Please have your cards in by Sunday, Dec. 3 so we can get them send off. – Thank you, the Mission Committee

A portion of the Classis Minnkota ministry share for Christian Higher Education received during the previous year is awarded in February to Christian college students in the form of scholarship grants. Any current student attending a CRC-endorsed Christian college who completes an application form by the December 24 deadline is eligible. Contact Pastor Scott for an application or provide him with the student's email address and a form will be emailed directly to the applicant.

COMMUNITY & MISC

Cornerstone Prison Church: A reminder that the donations for the Christmas Sacks for the inmates in the prison system are due on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Thank you for your support of this ministry inside the walls of the SDSP.

The Minnkota Deacons Association is seeking applicants for the Volunteers in Mercy Coordinator position effective January 1, 2024. Responsibilities include coordinating referrals from SW MN and SE SD agencies with diaconal outreach, initiating bi-monthly MDA/VIM board meetings, and submitting Classis reports and yearly newsletters. Please contact Ray Talsma at 507-227-1660.

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton on Tuesday, November 28 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416