

THE LORD'S DAY – NOVEMBER 19, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Prelude:

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 149:1-2

*God's Greeting

*Opening Song: #149 *"Sing Praise to the Lord"*

Preparatory Form p. 978

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: #538 *"Come, You Disconsolate"*

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

Choir: *"Wonderful Words of Life"*

Scripture: Job 30

Sermon: *"Job's Final Lament"*

Prayer of Application

*Hymn: *"Lord, My Petition Heed"* (v. 1,2,5,7)

Congregational Prayer and Prayer for the Offering (Union Gospel Mission)

Offering

Offertory: *"Now Thank We All Our God"* – as recorded by Archie Nibbelink

*Benediction

*Doxology: #638 *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Drawing names for new elders and deacons

Next Sunday's Offering: Global Mission Fund

THE LORD'S DAY – NOVEMBER 19, 2023
EVENING WORSHIP – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Introit: *"Doxology"* - Carli Schaap

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Lamentations 3:22-24

Pastor: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his
compassions never fail. They are new every morning.

People: Great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."

*Call to Worship: 1 Timothy 6:15b-16

*Opening Song of Adoration: *"By Faith"*

Bible Reading: Romans 8:16-27 (p. 1757)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: *"In Christ Alone"*

Scripture: Psalm 61 (p. 897)

Sermon: *"Hope for the Overwhelmed Heart"*

*Song of Response: #475 *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

Prayer for the Offering (Union Gospel Mission)

Offertory: Lydia Talsma

*Confession of the Faith: The Nicene Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #638 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

SERMON NOTES – NOVEMBER 19, 2023

JOB'S FINAL LAMENT

Text: Job 30

**HOPE FOR THE OVERWHELMED
HEART**

Text: Psalm 61

REFORMATION MATTERS: "There's no room for prejudices against anyone. God is seeking all kinds of people to come to himself. Whom do you struggle to accept? People who are different from you? The unpleasant people who live with you? The gospel teaches everybody to love, even if they are not loved in return. Jesus says, 'I'm going to teach you how to love the self-righteous, the unwashed, your enemy.' The power is for us to change, and then for us to go to others." - Jack Miller, in *"Saving Grace: Daily Devotions from Jack Miller"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Tue.	7:00 pm	- Consistory meeting
Wed.	9:30 am	- No Coffee Break
	6:00 pm	- No Kids of Grace
	6:30 pm	- No Evening Coffee Break
Thurs.	9:30 am	- Thanksgiving Service

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas program practice: 3rd-8th grade Christmas practice starts today at 11:30 on the sanctuary front steps. After practice, the 5-8th graders interested in playing bells will meet briefly to sightread a piece for the program.

We warmly invite you to our Thanksgiving Day worship service here at First. Please join us for a worship service of thanksgiving and gratitude on Thursday, November 23 at 9:30 A.M. There is a form in your bulletin this morning you can fill out and bring to the Thanksgiving service and Pastor Scott will include these items in the morning prayer.

The Deaconate would like to point your attention to the Thanksgiving Envelopes (White) placed in your mailboxes today. The causes listed on your envelope are worthy of your prayerful consideration. The building debt remains around \$400,000 with the goal of having it paid off in 2025. The Christian Ed fund covers 25% of the tuition of our 102 SWC Students. The Global Missions Fund directly supports our 4 full time Missionaries sharing the Gospel to the corners of the world. And Classical Ministry shares go to support our regional missions like VIM.

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 sent off. – Thank you, the Mission Committee

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together as a church family. We look forward to this time in the life of our church! Please take some time this coming week to give thanks for the finished work of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus.

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.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first SWC double header home game of the season is Friday, December 1!
SWC Circle #10 will be serving burgers and hot dogs from 5-7:30pm. Meals include burger/hot dog, chips, bar, and beverage. Come on out for a delicious meal and enjoy some exciting basketball as the girls and boys take on Luverne!

COMMUNITY & MISC

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 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.

Angel Tree: During this Holiday season, we would love to bless some families in our local community. There is an Angel Tree set up in the entryway of First Reformed Church. Please grab an ornament tag, and spread some joy to a local food shelf family. Donations can be dropped off in the tote by the tree. Donations will be accepted from November 19 - December 13. Thank you!

Hebrews 13:16: "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for this with such sacrifices God is pleased." Thank you to everyone who shared donated items and supported the recent ATLAS Christmas Rummage and Boutique to help us share God's redeeming story of love, grace and mercy. It was a beautiful day/event in so many ways. Our thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father!

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - We often associate generosity with financial giving, but we can also cultivate a generous spirit in our relationships. Ponder how you might practice this in daily life, perhaps by focusing on refraining from mental criticism, attributing the best motives to people's actions, being "present" and attentive when spending time with others (especially children), or doing acts of random kindness. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Groundwork: Transformed Living - The apostle Paul continued to unpack the new realities of their life in Jesus Christ for the Roman Christians; he challenged them to live transformed lives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Romans 12-13 to learn how to we too should live in light of the Gospel and what it means to renew our minds and be living sacrifices for God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner: Daily Gratitude - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Take a moment to try this exercise: In five seconds, name five things that you are thankful for. Ready? Three... two... one... go! This week's devotion is about being thankful. Why be thankful? Because it helps us to see God at work in our lives every day. Gratitude gives joy to both God and us! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "Attitude of Gratitude."

CRCNA Position Opening - The Christian Reformed Church in North America is looking for a part-time (10-15 hrs/wk) Sales Representative for The Banner. The Banner Sales Representative is responsible for meeting Banner advertising sales objectives by maintaining excellent relationships with our existing advertisers, developing new accounts, and managing the workflow of display ads. This position is hybrid (Grand Rapids, MI, or Burlington, ON, area) or remote anywhere else in the US or Canada. Visit www.crcna.org/jobs for details or to apply.

Psalm 136:1 – "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His steadfast love endures forever"

Please use this space to write down an item you are thankful for. Bring it to the Thanksgiving Day Service on Thursday, November 23. These forms will be collected and Pastor Scott will include some of the items in a Thanksgiving prayer.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

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

THANKSGIVING:

Nursery: Shawnie V, Steven & Kala T, Kaitlyn S,

Kevin VH, Kaden S

Valet: Dave B

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

Sound: Cory S

Video: Nilson VH

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

NEXT WEEK – NOVEMBER 26

Nursery: AM – Kinley S, Tabitha S, Hannah M,

Hartley B, Tyler S, Judd P

PM – Thea N, Cindy S,

Zackery B, Zachary M

Valet: Dave B

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

Sound: AM – Cory S PM – Ray S

Video: Kade F

Projection: Kirk VH, Blair W

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children's Worship: No Children's Worship

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