

THE LORD'S DAY – NOVEMBER 5, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Galatians 2:20

*Opening Songs of Honor: #465 *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

#621 *"The God of Abraham Praise"* (v. 2, 4)

Standard of Righteousness: 1 Timothy 1:15

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

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

Musical Offering: *"I Am He"* - First CRC Choir

Scripture: Acts 9:1-31 (p. 1706)

Sermon: "A Murderer Encounters Jesus"

*Song of Response: *"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Dordt University

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #560 *"Like a River Glorious"* (v. 1)

Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

THE LORD'S DAY – NOVEMBER 5, 2023
EVENING WORSHIP – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Prelude – Grant Busker

Introit: *"What A Friend We have in Jesus"* – Adult Bells

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 111:1,2,10

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: #253 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Confessional Reading: Canons of Dort, I, Art. 7: Election – p. 928

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Thanksgiving: #112 *"How Blest Are Those Who Fear the Lord"* (v. 1,3,5,6)

Scripture: Job 29

Sermon: "Breaking the Fangs of the Wicked"

*Song of Response: #82 *"There Where the Judges Gather"*

Offertory Prayer (Dordt University)

Offering and Offertory: *"Our Great Savior"* – Adult Bells

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Doxology: #235 *"Here From All Nations"* (v. 1,4)

SERMON NOTES – NOVEMBER 5, 2023

**A MURDERER ENCOUNTERS
JESUS**

Text: Acts 9:1-31

**BREAKING THE FANGS OF THE
WICKED**

Text: Job 29

REFORMATION MATTERS: "Just as the harmony of a hymn is enhanced by the quality of the voices, and the beauty of light is multiplied in the richness of its colors and tints, so Christ will one time be glorified in the multitude of His saints, and He will become wonderful in the thousands times a thousand who believe in His name. For all the inhabitants of the New Jerusalem will behold God's face, and will bear His name upon their foreheads. And all together they will raise the song of Moses before the throne, and the song of the Lamb."
- Herman Bavinck, in *"The Wonderful Works of God"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Tues.	5:30 pm	- SWC Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	- Council, Consistory, and Deacon meetings
Wed.	9:30 am	- Coffee Break
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace
	6:30 pm	- Evening Coffee Break
		- GEMS & Cadets
	7:45 pm	- Adult Bells
Thur.	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship
	7:00 pm	- Friendship
Sat.	6:00 pm	- SWC Donation Sale (supper from 4-6)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We rejoice with Eric and Cassie Schelhaas following the recent birth of their son, Vincent Douglas Schelhaas. May the Name of the Lord be praised for his wonderful goodness in the gift of new life!

Next Sunday morning, we look forward to hearing the public profession of faith of Lexi Gunnink, welcoming Justin and Lexi as new members at First, and seeing the covenant baptism of their daughter, Emmy.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deacons are thankful for our congregation's generous giving. This is where our funds are currently at for the end of 3rd quarter and beginning of the end of year.

General fund \$71,580

Ministry shares \$5,100

Property Finance \$38,000

Radio Fund \$5,880 - enough for 2 years funding

Christian Ed \$25,177 - enough for 1.5 months

Christian education is such a blessing and we are thankful for this church's support for our students. Just for information we have over 100 students that we send from our church.

Ranging from 3s preschool to seniors in high school. Our church pledges to support at 25%

of tuition. This means we support these students with \$16,750 per month during the school year. Our congregation has been blessed with many children and we hope to continue to support them in their education! Thank you!

Two Housekeeping Items:

1. If you lent totes, baskets, rice cookers, clothing, coats, etc., please pick up your items in the basement (on or below the coat rack) by TODAY! Items remaining tomorrow, Monday, the 6th will be donated.
2. Kitchen Items: The lost and found cart near the kitchen is overflowing! Please take a moment to look through the stacks and collect your items. All items left on November 6 will be donated.

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.

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

A portion of the Classis Minnkota ministry share for Christian Higher Education received during the previous year is awarded in Feb. 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 Dec. 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.

It's time for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes are here and ready to be filled. As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please 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.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

The SWC fall play for 9th-12th graders is an exciting one! SHERLOCK HOLMES by Tim Kelly, November 9 and 10! This is an entertaining adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famed detective story, combining mystery, romance, action, danger, and laughter. Alice Faulkner has letters written by her dead sister that will cause grave international problems if brought to light. Moriarty wants those letters; so does Holmes. But the Professor's gang has London in its grip, and only young Holmes understands the professor's true objective (too sinister to reveal here), and he's willing to put his own life on the line to stop it. The game's afoot! They will show this play both Thursday, November 9 and Friday, November 10 at 7:00. Tickets will be for sale at the door on both nights, first come first serve, adults \$7 and children \$5.

High School Fine Arts Night will be Friday, November 10th, along with the showing of the play. The evening will start a little earlier @ 6:15. This night will include many different aspects of our Fine Arts program.

The night will begin with the Den Ouden writing program winners. These winners will only present and read their writings on Friday, November 10. After the readings, we will have a short intermission where you can have some dessert and wander around looking at artwork from the Art classes. After the intermission, the students will put on the play Sherlock Holmes by Tim Kelly.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THIS SATURDAY!! The Southwest MN Christian Schools Donation Sale will be held this week Saturday, November 11 at the Elementary campus. The live auction will begin at 6:00pm with BBQ's, chips and homemade bars being served from 4:00-6:00pm. We're excited to say that you can view items to be sold on the live auction at the following link: <https://swcschools.cbo.io/> so be sure to check that website often as it will be updated as items come in! We greatly appreciate your donated items and donated "experiences" to the sale, so feel free to stop by either school office as soon as possible with your donations!

This is the **one and only Donation Sale** for the school year. We thank you in advance for taking this opportunity to bless SWC Schools with your donations, along with your financial and prayerful support through this Sale. Shares will be sold that evening for the Tuition Need Fund. The Donation Sale raises significant funds for the general operating needs of the school, and the goal set by the School Board for the Donation Sale is **\$175,000**. Be sure to join us for a fun evening in support and celebration of our roots of faithfulness; roots that have blessed us with the opportunity to provide Christian education for our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren! Let's come together in thankfulness and support of God's special blessings of **430 students** at SWC this year!

COMMUNITY & MISC

A separate sheet with these announcements was placed in your mailbox. Please take the time to read them.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Nick & Shawna S, Christa B, Karen F, Brooklyn T, Clara T

PM – Carmen F, Lois S, Raelyn S, Lydia T

Valet: Mark S

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

Sound: Jesse VH

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Kirk VH/Blair W

Medical Assistant: Brenda K

Children's Worship: Kelsey S, Tage M

NEXT WEEK – NOVEMBER 12:

Nursery: AM – Jon & Kelsey S, Ann Marie B, Jody S, Carter & 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

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