

THE LORD'S DAY – DECEMBER 10, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor LeRoy Christoffels

Prelude- Nicole Vis

Lighting of the Advent Candle- Pastor Scott and Becca and family

Choir- *Behold Our God*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Numbers 24:16-17a

*God's Greeting

*Opening Songs: 328: *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* (1,2,4)

335 *"Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"*

Call to Confession: Revelation 3:15-19

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 61:1,3,10

Summary of the Law

*Hymn of Thanksgiving 194 *"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"*

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

Choir- *Joy Has Dawned with Angels we have Heard on High*

Scripture: Zechariah 3:1-10

Sermon: A THRILL OF HOPE – A NEW WARDROBE

Prayer of Application

*Hymn *"His Robes for Mine"*

Congregational Prayer and Prayer for the Offering (Reformed Youth Services)

Offertory- Nicole Sjaarda & MaKenzie Pap

*Benediction

*Doxology 342: *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* (5)

Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

THE LORD'S DAY – DECEMBER 10, 2023
EVENING WORSHIP – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Isaiah 9:6

Pastor: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

People: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

*Call to Worship: Psalm 28:6-7

*Opening Song of Adoration: #244 *"God Himself Is with Us"*

Responsive Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 32:1-14 (p. 323)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: #329 *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

Confession of Faith: The Belgic Confession, Article 35 (selected portion)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (p. 1784)

Sermon: "The Lord's Supper—Part Two"

*Song of Response: #344 *"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

Prayer for the Offering (Reformed Youth Services)

Offertory: *"What Child is This?"* - Vera Prouty

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #632 *"To God Be the Glory"*

SERMON NOTES – DECEMBER 10, 2023

**A THRILL OF HOPE – A NEW
WARDROBE**

Text: Zechariah 3:1-10

The Lord's Supper-Part Two

Text: 1 Cor. 11:17-34

REFORMATION MATTERS "We glorify God by walking cheerfully. It brings glory to God, when the world sees a Christian has that within him that can make him cheerful in the worst times...The people of God have ground for cheerfulness. They are justified and adopted, and this creates inward peace; it makes music within, whatever storms are without. If we consider what Christ has wrought for us by his blood, and wrought in us by his Spirit, it is a ground of great cheerfulness." - Thomas Watson, in *"A Body of Divinity"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Mon.	7:00 pm	- 9-12 Christmas concert (Bethel CRC)
Tues.	7:00 pm	- K-8 Christmas Concert (Elementary gym)
Wed.	9:30 am	- Coffee Break
	6:00 pm	-Kids of Grace
	6:30 pm	- GEMS caroling & Christmas party
	6:30 pm	- Cadets
	6:30 pm	-Evening Coffee Break
Thurs.	9:30 am	-Christian Fellowship (Lesson 4)
	7:00 pm	- Friendship Class

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas program practice: 3-8th grade Christmas practice today at 11:30 on the sanctuary front steps. After practice, the 5-8th graders interested in playing bells will meet. Volunteers needed to help set up risers following the service.

Christian Fellowship Women's Bible Study will be meeting on December 14 and 28 instead of the previously scheduled December 7 and 21.

Each week we are reminded of our dependence on our Heavenly Father and we give thanks for His provisions to our congregation. As a response to Christ's regenerate work in our heart we cannot help but to live a life of gratitude. The Deaconate wishes to report yet another year of heartfelt giving from the congregation. Last week's Thanksgiving offering totaled \$62,547.50. Divided among: Building addition - 33,695, Global missions & specified missionaries – \$12,448.5, Christian Ed – \$5,721, Luke society \$3,250, General fund – \$2,053, and \$5,380 distributed over 15 other worthy local organizations. May God be Glorified in the giving and in the work of His people.

Prayer Warriors: Please meet in the sanctuary after morning church today to connect with your prayer warrior before catechism. Thanks!

Notes from Building Addition Finance: We made a request and you responded in a big way. During the month of November, which includes our portion of the Thanksgiving Offering, we received \$53,784.48! That amount, added to our prior account balance, allows us to pay down our Personal Loan Balance by \$80,000. We are twice blessed. Once by the addition to our building, and again by your very generous support. Many Thanks!

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

If you missed the congregational meeting and are interested in seeing it. Please contact Orey Fey orey.fey@gmail.com or call him at 507-227-3552 to get access to the video.

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

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! 1 Chronicles 16:34. With grateful hearts and in praise to God's faithful provision, we say THANK YOU to all who generously donated, bid, and gifted freely to the SWC Donation Sale last week! While gifts continue to be received, we would like to share with you that we have met our goal! We have received \$185,000 to date; \$9,200 transferred to tuition need, \$800 in expenses and \$175,000 in donation sale receipts. We are so blessed by our SWC family!

Circle #11 will be selling **Papa Murphys take-n-bake pizzas** on Tuesday, December 12 and Friday, December 15. They will be selling from 3:30 - 4:30 both days and after the boys varsity basketball game on the 12th against RTR and after the girls varsity game on the 15th against RRC. All pizzas will be \$15 with the choices of cheese, pepperoni, garlic chicken, 3 meat, cowboy, and sweet swine. They will be freshly made on Tuesday the 12th then frozen. They are a perfect quick supper, but also wonderful to have in the freezer for later!

23 SWC Property Purchase Communication -SWC has been evaluating our current facilities use and the possibility of expansion for several years. Please visit our school website at www.swcschools.org to read an important, time-sensitive update regarding residential properties to the west of our elementary building. A paper copy of the update can also be picked up at either of the school offices. Absentee ballots will be made available at the December 13 meeting and the school offices through December 20.

You are invited to attend:

December 13 at 6:30pm, Information Meeting at the Elementary gym

December 20 at 6:30pm, Society Vote at the Elementary gym

SWC 9-12 Christmas Concert "Marvelous Light, Marvelous Night"

Monday, December 11 at 7:00pm Location: Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Edgerton
Join the SWC High School students as they help us remember the reason for the season through voice and instruments. The evening will include performances from our High School Concert Band, Eagle and Chamber Choirs, as well as our specialty vocal groups, One Accord, Bel Canto, and Cantare. You won't want to miss this beautiful evening of music focused on the real reason we rejoice! Christ the King, our marvelous light, is born! What a marvelous night!

SWC K-8 Christmas Concert Monday, December 18 at 7:00pm Location: Elementary Gym

The SWC Elementary and Junior High students invite you to a night of Christmas joy! The evening will include a variety of lively and elegant musical selections all focused on our Lord and Savior born to us in a manger. A few of these selections are Patapan, Go Tell it on the Mountain, The Holly and the Ivy, and King of Kings. We look forward to an evening spent sharing our student's God-given gifts!

*SNOW DATE for both concerts is Wednesday, Dec 20th

*Both Christmas concerts will be live streamed

COMMUNITY & MISC

Pastor Mark Groen from First Reformed Church in Edgerton is going on a mission trip to Africa to train Ethiopian pastors. He will teach an intensive class on "Christ-Centered Preaching" for a week in January. To help with travel expenses, there will be a pancake and sausage supper at First Reformed Church on Wednesday, December 13, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

"A Night of Christmas" Music Recital - December 22, 2023 at 7:00pm - First CRC Edgerton - Join us for a fun evening filled with a variety of Christmas music. The recital will feature Benjamin Feikema on Cello, Brittany Forness on Piano, and Katherine Feikema on Flute.

MN CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR LIFE is holding a meeting at the Pipestone Pizza Ranch on Monday evening, Dec. 11, to inform us about the extreme abortion measures passed by the State Legislature and signed into law by the governor. The 7:00 p.m. meeting will share ways how we could help to change this and save lives of the unborn. Please plan to attend.

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.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY: DECEMBER 10

Nursery: AM – Mindy B, Jan F, Marshall & Tawni P, Tyler P, Levi VH
PM – Jen B, Rosann VB, Mara B, Blaire T

Valet: Coleton H

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

Sound: AM – Cory S PM – Cory S

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Kim V

Children’s Worship: Melissa M, Carli S

NEXT WEEK – DECEMBER 17

Nursery: AM – Ruth C, Lori VE, Kirk & Megan B, Josimar VH, Sawyer VH
PM – Christmas Program, No Nursery

Valet: Dale M.

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

Sound: AM – Ray S PM – Jesse VH

Video: Grant B

Projection: Kirk/Blair

Medical Assistant: Gord P.

Children’s Worship: Shannon N, Max VH

Praise Team: Jayden B, Hannah M, Victoria P, Ava B, Brooklyn T, Lydia 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

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Global Serve International
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