

The Lord's Day – May 5, 2024
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Prelude- *"How Great is Our God," "Days of Elijah," "10,000 Reasons"*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship: Hebrews 13:14-15

*Litany of Praise for Ascension Day from Psalm 47:1, 5-7)

Pastor: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

All: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Pastor: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

All: For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a Psalm of praise.

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *"By Faith" & "Awesome God"*

Standard of Righteousness: Psalm 1

Prayer of Confession

*Song of Thanksgiving: #68:1,6,9

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

Musical Offering: *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*- Men of the congregation (If you wish to participate,
please come forward during the last verse of the Song of Thanksgiving)

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-23

Sermon: *"The Supremacy of the Ascended Christ"*

*Song of Response: #414 *"See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offertory: *"Living Hope"*

Offering: Hope Haven-Edgerton

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"Father We Love You"*

Postlude: *"Trees of the Field"*

Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

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Evening Worship - 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Introit: *"Kum Ba Yah"* - Luke Busker

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 56:3-4

Pastor: When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise.

People: In God, I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

*Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

*Song of Adoration: #460 *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

Responsive Bible Reading: Proverbs 3:5-18 (p. 987)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: #568 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

Scripture: James 1:1-8 (p. 1880)

Sermon: *"Facing Trials, Growing in Maturity"*

*Song of Response: #548 *"When We Walk with the Lord"*

Prayer for the Offering (Hope Haven-Edgerton)

Offertory: *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* - Mara Busker

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #621 *"The God of Abraham Praise"* (v. 4)

SERMON NOTES – May 5, 2024

**The Supremacy of the Ascended Christ
Colossians 1:15-23**

**Facing Trials, Growing in Maturity
James 1:1-8**

REFORMATION MATTERS: "I find Christ to be Christ, and that he is far, far, even infinite heaven's height above man. And that is all our happiness. Sinners can do nothing but make wounds that Christ may heal them; and make debts, that he may pay them; and make falls, that he may raise them; and make deaths, that he may quicken them; and spin out and dig hells to themselves, that he may ransom them." - Samuel Rutherford (1600-1661), in *"The Loveliness of Christ"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:45 am	- Small Group Meeting-Group 3 in Council Room - Small Group Meeting- Group 9 in Old Council Room
	4:30 pm	- Small Group Meeting- Group 5 in Council Room
	6:30 pm	- Evening Service
Tue	7:00 pm	- Council Meeting
	6:30 pm	- Evening Coffee Break
Thur	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We congratulate Jared and Haley Vis after the recent birth of their son, Lennox Todd Vis! May the Lord bless and keep the Vis family in the days and weeks ahead!

Cadets would like to thank everyone who supported them at the recently held Pancake Supper. The profit was \$2225.50!

Prayer Warriors: Next week Sunday, May 12, will be our LAST prayer warriors before summer begins. Please let your prayer partner know ahead of time if you cannot be there so you can find another time to connect about summer plans.

Many thanks for the outpouring of prayers, texts, calls, visits, and food for our family after Kevin's accident. What a blessing to be part of a church that cares and loves so well. Praising God for so many answered prayers! Thank you! Kirk, Erin, & Kevin Van Hulzen and family

Mother's Day is approaching! If you would like to update your picture for the Mother's Day slide show, please email your updated picture to firstcsrcsec@yahoo.com by **May 8**.

Please note in "This Week's Opportunities" if your Care Group is meeting and where.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAKE SALE: With planting season in full swing, more beautiful weather in store and busy spring schedules or upcoming graduation parties to think about, SWC Circle #5 & Circle #12 are teaming up again for their *ANNUAL BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER* that will help feed your family's sweet tooth at a moment's notice! Let us do the work for you so you can sit back and enjoy the treats! On the morning of Friday, May 3, make plans to come at 9:30am to hear the kids singing their hearts out at the SWC

Elementary School Spring K-4 program, and then enjoy browsing the tables of *Homemade Baked Goods* immediately *AFTER* the program is finished (the Bake Sale will begin around 10:30, or whenever the program is done). Thank you in advance for supporting this Bake Sale Fundraiser for SWC School!

You won't want to miss this! SWC Schools presents: *Whimsical Tunes: A 5-12 Bands and Choirs Variety Show*". This is an evening filled with a vast variety of music such as folk tunes, marches, sacred and worship music, movie themes, pop tunes, and even some novelty numbers that you won't want to miss! The concert will be held at the SWC High School Gymnasium on May 13, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Circle #11 would like to invite you to their annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast on May 27 from 7:30-10:00 in the high school cafeteria. They will be serving pancakes (new this year there will also be an option of gluten free pancakes), sausages, and juice, milk, or coffee. Freewill donation for SWC.

Southwest Christian Schools is conducting their annual Spring Building Drive. Money raised will help cover the expenses of summer projects. These projects include replacing asbestos tile in the high school hallway and a classroom, new carpet in the high school office, soccer field upgrade (1 of 2 parts), updating the bathrooms on the east end of the high school, and a small painting project on the stage at the elementary school. A detailed list of the projects and costs can be viewed by visiting <https://www.swcschools.org>. Donations can be submitted online, dropped off at either school office, or mailed to 550 W. Elizabeth St., Edgerton, MN 56128. Thank you for your continued support!

KINGDOM KIDS PRESCHOOL at Southwest MN Christian Schools is now open for enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year and we couldn't be more excited! What a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore and discover God's world! Registration forms can be picked up at the elementary campus office at 210 Elizabeth St W, Edgerton, or downloaded at our school website, [swcschools.org](https://www.swcschools.org). For more information, call the office at 507-442-6181 or email us at elementary@swcschools.org. If you'd like to tour the school and check out the Preschool area, we'd welcome you to do that as well. Come experience the difference at SWC!

COMMUNITY & MISC

Elementary Education Teachers, Kindergarten & 4th Grade – Worthington Christian School-If you have a heart for children and are looking to help educate them in the light of God's word, consider a teaching position at Worthington Christian School. Located in Worthington, MN, a growing and multiculturally diverse town in southwestern Minnesota. WCS is seeking passionate, inspiring, and Christ-filled educators to work in a full-time or part-time position in kindergarten and 4th grade classrooms. Join WCS by helping prepare students for a life of service to God, His Creation, and their community by contacting Deb Vander Kooi, Administrator (wcswarriors@iw.net) or Kile Behrends, Education Committee Chair (kilebehrends@gmail.com) at Worthington Christian School today. To contact the WCS Office by phone, please call 507-376-4861.

ATLAS ALWAYS GROWING GREENHOUSE is open! This fundraiser will support the many ministries of ATLAS as we continue to encourage individuals to GROW in their relationship with our Lord and Savior. Please come check out the greenhouse flowers, patio pots, and garden plants for your homes, yards,

and Mother's Day gifts! The greenhouse is located at 105 8th Ave. SE – Pipestone (on Hubers Automotive parking lot) and open Monday through Saturday 9:00am-6:00pm.

Volunteers in Mercy Thrift Store in Pipestone welcomes donations of nice clean clothing, furniture and household items. We are also in need of more volunteers to serve in this mission. Choose what you like to do and when you'd like to come! We welcome helpers of all ages on any day to sort and price items, clean, paint, create window and merchandise displays, and more. Bring a friend or two and choose something that sounds fun. There are also many odd fix-it jobs available if you're handy. What a great way to spend your time serving others! Have you considered "treasure hunting" for bargains there? Check out the VIM store sometime!

Vacation Bible School: Join us for a fun-filled week of being immersed in the Word and discovering what Living Water is all about! Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School for June 10-14. Please get signed up by May 26! (No walk-ins this year.) Helpers: We are also in need of more adult helpers for the week. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet at the registration table or talk to one of your church VBS Directors!

Save the Date: Word & Deed Coast-to-Coast Bike-a-Thon

It's that time of year again! We're gearing up for this year's Coast-to-Coast Bike-a-thon to be held on Saturday, June 1, D.V. Gather your friends and family, choose a route to bike, and raise funds for Word & Deed's projects in South Africa. For more details and to register your team, go to wordanddeed.org/bikeathon. We're looking forward to having many of you participate in this year's event!

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- MAY 5:

Nursery: AM – Megan B, Thea N, Nicole V, Levi VH, Judd P
PM – Kala T, Rebecca V, Ava B, Hartley B

Valet: Jonathan S

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

Sound: AM – Jeff/Devin PM- Jeff/Devin

Video: Kade F

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children's Worship: Tawni P & Max VH

Praise Team: Mara, Jorja, Shelbi, Vera, Carli, Kinley, Blaire

Keyboard: Karrie Johnson

NEXT WEEK- May 12

Nursery: AM – AnnMarie B, Daci M, Lori VE, Makenzie P, Vera P
PM – Kaitlyn S, Rosann V, Tyler S, Isaac S

Valet: Ryan V

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

Sound: AM – Dean E PM- Dean E

Video: Nilson VH

Projection: Kirk/Jon

Medical Assistant: Brenda K

Children's Worship: Mara M & Raelyn 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
Central Asia

Cornerstone Prison Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

CHURCH INFORMATION