

The Lord's Day – October 27, 2024

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship: Ephesians 2:12-13

*Opening Songs of Adoration: #541 *"Christ Shall Have Dominion"* (v. 1, 3, 4)
#530 *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

Standard of Righteousness: 2 Peter 3:13-14

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: #502 *"The Church's One Foundation"*
At this time, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for a Bible lesson,
located downstairs in Room 4.

Musical Offering: *"Spirit Song"* - First CRC Choir

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-3; Revelation 7:9-17

Sermon: "Let Us Exalt the LORD Together—He is Faithful"

*Song of Response: #620 *"By the Sea of Crystal"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #633 *"He Is Lord"*

Next Sunday's Offering: Edgerton Food Shelf

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

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Introit: *"Here I Am to Worship"* - Kinley Schmidt

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: John 16:33

Pastor: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace."

Congregation: "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 61:10

*Opening Song of Honor: #469 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Bible Reading: Matthew 6:5-15; 7:7-12

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: #462 *"Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound"*

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-7 (p. 1892)

Sermon: "Because He Cares For You"

*Song of Response: #579 *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: *"My Hope in Nothing Less"* - Kambrie Schmidt & *"Ode to Joy"* - Kyler Schmidt

*Confession of the Faith: Athanasian Creed (selected portion)

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone. The Son was neither made nor created; he was begotten from the Father alone. The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten; he proceeds from the Father and the Son. Accordingly there is one Father, not three fathers; there is one Son, not three sons; there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits. Nothing in this trinity is before or after, nothing is greater or smaller; in their entirety the three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other. So in everything, as was said earlier, we must worship their trinity in their unity and their unity in their trinity.

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #630 *"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"*

SERMON NOTES – October 27, 2024

Let Us Exalt the LORD Together- He is Faithful
Genesis 12:1-3; Revelation 7:9-17

Because He Cares for You
1 Peter 5:6-7

REFORMATION MATTERS: "The fear of God is living with the grain of reality...it is sanity. Go against the grain of a piece of wood and you will get splinters. Defy gravity and you will not break a physical law; you will break yourself against it. We did not make ourselves, so it is insane to live as though we could be whatever and whomever we choose. We do not belong to ourselves, but to God. As believers, we know that we belong to God by right of creation and providence and doubly by right of election and redemption." - Michael Horton, in *"Recovering Our Sanity: How the Fear of God Conquers the Fears That Divide Us"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship
10:45 am - Kids Praise until 11:05
- Sunday School & Catechism for PreK-4th grade
No catechism for grades 5-12 so they can attend missionary presentation
11:00 am - Choir
6:30 pm - Evening Worship
Mon 7:00 pm - Men's Society
Wed 9:30 am - Coffee Break and Story Hour
6:00 pm - Kids of Grace meeting at Runals
6:30 pm - Evening Coffee Break in Council Room
7:45 pm - Bells
Thur 7:00 pm - Friendship

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Nov 5 7:00 pm - Council, Elder and Deacon Meetings

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time for Operation Christmas Child. The shoeboxes are here and ready to be filled. As you prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. Thank you in advance for your gifts.

Please join us today for *Mission Emphasis Sunday*. Ray and Michele Call, parents of Rebecca Vis, will be sharing about their ministry with Mission to the World in Latin America. Their website is <https://callmissionaries.org/>, if you would like to read more about them. They will be speaking in the fellowship hall directly following this morning's service. Grades 5-12 are invited to attend the presentation in place of catechism, while grades preK-4 will still have class as usual. There is also an update in your mailboxes on our current missionaries with ways to pray for them. We look forward to focusing on global missions with you today!

The Council brings to you the slate of nominees for next year's office bearers. This year saw a higher number of individuals who removed their names from consideration. The Consistory discussed and voted on the nominees, after which the whole Council voted to approve the slate. Then letters were sent to prospective office bearers, and an additional number of men removed their names. Also, there were a number of individuals who were unavailable to serve because of other commitments or life

circumstances.

The nominees for the office of Elder are Duane Baker, Dave Brons and Ross Brands.

The nominees for the office of Deacon are Derek Fey, Greg Masselink, Tadd Prins, Nate Stoel and Andrew Top.

The final step of the nominations process will conclude, as usual, with a congregational vote at the Congregational Meeting on November 21. All names which receive a simple majority will be placed in the bag for selection after the Sunday morning worship service on November 24.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Southwest MN Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual Fall Soup and Dessert Supper on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Serving time is 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea and chicken rice soups, BBQ and desserts. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.

CLUE by Sandy Rustin will be the fall play for 9th-12th graders. This is a hilarious mystery, which will be performed on Thursday, November 7 and Friday, November 8 at the Elementary School Gym at 7:00 pm. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth – the butler - Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. Clue is the comedy that leaves the audience wondering ... WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

FINE ARTS NIGHT, Friday, November 8, the evening will include many different aspects of our Fine Arts program so will start a little earlier, at 6:15 pm. The night will begin with the Den Ouden writing program winners. These winners will only present and read their writings on Friday, November 8. 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 intermission, the students will present the play *Clue* by Sand Rustin again. Please join us for a night of detective work!

Join us! The SWC Donation Sale will be held on **Saturday, November 16** at the Elementary Campus. Come hungry - supper will be served from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. with a menu of grilled burgers and fixings, cowboy beans, chips, and homemade bars! Freewill donation. The sale will start at 6:00 p.m. This is the one and only Donation Sale for the school year, so we thank you in advance for taking this opportunity to bless SWC Schools with your donations, along with your financial and prayerful support. The Donation Sale raises significant funds for the general operating needs of the school, and the goal set by the School Board for the 2024 Donation Sale is \$175,000. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to either school office. We look forward to early donations so we can catalog them for the Bill of Sale and online preview! Monetary donations go directly towards the fundraising goal or are used to buy key items for the sale. Visit swcschools.org for more information and a link to view the items for sale! Be sure to join us for a fun evening in support and celebration of Christian education! If you have any questions or need more information, contact one of the schools at 507-442-4471 (High School), 507-442-6181 (Elementary) or Ashley Stoel at astoel@swcschools.org or call/text at 507-227-6446.

COMMUNITY & MISC

Please join us at ATLAS for Life (101 2nd St. NE) as we partner with Pipestone Ministerial to pray for our area schools on Tuesday, October 29. There will be a light meal served at 11:30am followed by worship and prayer from 12-1 pm.

RISE Ministries invites you to RISE with Rob & Friends – a night of hope through storytelling and music. Coming to Southwest Minnesota Christian Elementary School in Edgerton, MN on Saturday, November 23. Experience this intimate evening as singer-songwriters Patrick Mayberry, Micah Tyler, and Emerson Day take the stage together and share their music, the stories behind their songs, and more. Rob Roozeboom's message will encourage and challenge you. Please join us for this incredible event! Tickets start at \$22 for adults. Kids 10 and under are \$10. Save \$2 per ticket when you buy 4 or more! Tickets on sale at riseministries.com. Doors open 6:00 pm || Event starts at 7:00 pm

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation (May 27 - June 8, 2025): Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Tim Lovelace, a multi-talented Christian comedian, musician, songwriter, and motivational speaker will be at American Reformed Church Luverne on Sunday, October 27, 3 PM. Tim has been described as the most versatile comedian on stage today. His comedy concerts are more than just a great show. He uses humor to motivate and inspire by uniquely delivering life lessons. Freewill donation will be received.

ATLAS for Life, Pipestone - Advance Date: Saturday, November 16 - Christmas Rummage and Boutique. Mark your calendar for this annual fundraiser with Christmas decor including wreaths and patio/porch pots!

JUSTICE FOR ALL is planning the **2025 Service and Learning Opportunities** and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's Kingdom in new and important ways! **Dates and places:** Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 17-25; JVPPerkins Foundation, Jackson MS – February 1-7; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 8-14; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – March 1-7; Grace Reigns, Colorado City AZ – April 4-12. Each week is a wonderful opportunity of building relationships with people from a community which is very different than our own, through serving, learning, and studying God's Word together. **Nick LeLux, Service and Learning Coordinator will be holding an informational meeting Monday, September 16, 6:30PM at the JFA Ministry Center.** If you can't make it to the meeting but would like more information or sign up for a project, please contact **Nick at JFA 712-476-2804 or email nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org.** You can also check out our **website: jfa-niowa.org**

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- OCTOBER 27:

Nursery: AM – Jackie W, Kala T, Morgan S, Myah J, Clara T
PM- Shawna S, Ruth C, Jessica S, Jorja H

Valet: Jonathan S

Ushers: Rod C, Steve E, Tadd P, Bob S

Sound: AM – Jeff S PM- Jeff S

Video: Kaden S

Projection: Jon/Jared

Medical Assistant: Brenda K

Children's Worship: Becky S & Isaac S

NEXT WEEK- NOVEMBER 3:

Nursery: AM – Carmen F, Megan F, Kelsey S, Parker B, Tyler S
PM- Rosann V, Shannon N, Josi VH, Sawyer VH

Valet: Ryan V

Ushers: Josh K, Eric S, Derek F, Micah F

Sound: AM – Dean E PM- Dean E

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Kim V

Children's Worship: Kelsey S & Max VH

Praise Team: Jen, Jayden, Jody, Kaitlyn, Vonda, Brooklyn

Keyboard: Karrie

MISSIONARIES

Margaret Njuguna

En-Gedi Children's Home,
Kenya

Sos and Kara Maletougou

Christian Reformed World Missions
West Africa

Rev. William & Aletha Green

Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed
Churches, Costa Rica

Cornerstone Prison Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

CHURCH INFORMATION