

The Lord's Day – November 17, 2024

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude - *"Now Thank We All Our God," "We Will Extol You, God and King" & "As We Gather"*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship: Psalm 147:10-11

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *"Come People of the Risen King" & "Lord, Be Glorified"*

Standard of Righteousness: Isaiah 11:2-3

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: #497 *"How Vast the Benefits Divine"*

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

Musical Offering: *"O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise" – men of the congregation*

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 32:36-41 (p. 1231)

Sermon: *"Let Us Exalt the LORD Together—Let Us Fear Him"*

*Song of Response: #499 *"My God, How Wonderful You Are"* (1-3, 6)

Preparatory Reading for the Lord's Supper

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

Offertory: *"My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness"*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"Give Thanks"*

Next Sunday's Offering: Benevolence- Communion

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Introit: *"What Child is This"* – Hans Talsma

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 19:9-11

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: 453 *"Let All Things Now Living"*

Reading: Canons II – *"Christ's Death and Human Redemption"*, Articles 1-2 (p.934)

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Thanksgiving: 165 *"Send Out Your Light and Your Truth"*

Scripture: Ezekiel 2:1-3:15

Sermon: THE SWEET WORD OF GOD

*Song of Response: Blue Psalter Hymnal 1 *"That Man is Blest"*

Offertory Prayer

Offering and Offertory: Christian Education; *"Oh How Good It Is"* – Lydia & Clara Talsma

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (p. 813)

*Benediction

*Doxology: 237:3 *"We Praise You, O God"*

SERMON NOTES – November 17, 2024

Let Us Exalt the LORD Together—Let Us Fear Him
Jeremiah 32:36-41

The Sweet Word of God
Ezekiel 2:1-3:15

REFORMATION MATTERS: "Faith, thus receiving and resting on Christ and his righteousness, is the alone instrument of justification: yet is it not alone in the person justified, but is ever accompanied with all other saving graces, and is no dead faith, but worketh by love." - Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 11.2

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:45 am	- Kids Praise until 11:05 - Sunday School & Catechism
	11:00 am	- Choir
	11:30 am	- Christmas program practice for grades 3-8
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Tue	7:00 pm	- Consistory
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
Thur	7:45 pm	- Bells
	5-7 pm	- Youth Group Potato Supper
	7:00 pm	- Congregational Meeting

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Nov 25 6:00 pm - Men's Society

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We offer our prayers and sympathies to Jan Fey and her family following the recent death of her father, Peter DeKam. May the Lord grant the family his peace that surpasses understanding, drawing their hearts to Christ our Savior, the One who is the resurrection and the life.

The elders have elected to celebrate the Lord's Supper at the evening worship service on Sunday, November 24. Please join us then for grace made visible as we take communion with one another in praise and honor of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

This morning 3rd-8th grade students meet at 11:30 after catechism class to learn songs for the Christmas program. 3-8th graders interested in playing a bell offering for the Christmas program will meet in the balcony after practice from around 11:45-12.

Come support our youth! Annual YPS Potato Supper is before the congregational meeting on Nov 21 from 5-7pm. Nursery workers will be provided during the meeting. Love dessert? Please sign up to bring some dessert to help with this youth fundraiser. Sign ups with details are at the back of church or contact Melissa Prouty or Shannon Nykamp.

Congregation of First CRC, 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.

CADET COUNSELORS MEETING this Tuesday Nov 19 at Sioux Falls 1st CRC at 7:30.

This morning, all men who love to sing praise to our Lord will be invited to sing together during the service. We will be singing, "I Will Give The Lord Wholehearted Praise."

Congregation of First CRC, as the year comes to a close, the Elders wish to extend to the congregation the opportunity for Family Visits. As part of our efforts for congregational care, we are offering a voluntary sign for this year. Last year, the Elders visited with half of the congregation and the plan was to complete the other half this year. However, 2024 has been a busy year, and we plan to continue with our Family Visiting plan next year. If you would like to meet with the Elders yet this year, please sign up on the sheet which is placed in the back of church on the podium in the narthex. The Elders will contact you to set up a specific time and date.

The Classis Minnkota Scholarship Grant application is now available. If you are a member of a church in our classis and are a current student at one of the participating schools, please contact Pastor Scott for an application. The deadline to apply for these funds is December 24. The participating schools are Calvin University, Dordt University, Kuyper College, Trinity Christian College, Redeemer University College, The Institute for Christians Studies, and The King's University College.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWC K-12 GRANDPARENTS DAY NOVEMBER 27

We are very excited about this upcoming special event for Grandparents/Special Friends of our current K-12 students! **Grandparents, come and spend the morning with us as we celebrate YOU and the special ways you bless your grandchildren and SWC!**

Most of our Grandparents have received an email from SWC regarding Grandparents Day and if you haven't, be sure to contact the elementary office at 507-442-6181 to be added to our Grandparents contact list so you can stay up to date on school news! All the details regarding Grandparents Day can be found on our school website at www.swcschools.org.

The morning concludes with a Grandparents Day program which will also be live streamed at <https://christensenbroadcastnetwork.com/sports/> or you can use the live stream link on our school

website.

Do you have an hour available on Friday mornings? Come join Moms in Prayer. We meet each Friday morning throughout the school year, starting August 23. We meet at 8:15 at SWC High School. We pray over our school, students, teachers and staff. We'd love for you to join us. This is open to all moms, no matter the age of your kids. Join us each week, or whenever a Friday morning works for you. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kimber Van Essen at 507-220-3465

COMMUNITY & MISC

Cornerstone Prison Church: As of November 8, 2024, Cornerstone will again be returning to evening worship services on Friday nights. The service will begin at 6:30pm.

Phil. 4:4- "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" The Edgerton Food Shelf is blessing 80-130 people every month on the 3rd Saturday morning at the First Reformed Church. On Saturday, November 16 and December 31, we will be giving out turkeys and hams, in addition to the canned goods, peanut butter, jelly, applesauce, hamburger, cereal, milk, bread, margarine, mac & cheese, and toilet paper. If you know of anyone with a need, please contact Shar Miedema- 507-820-0225 or Brenda Kooi – 507-227-5174.

Edgebrook Care Center will be working to put together a cookbook in memory/honor of past and present residents of Edgebrook. If you are interested in submitting a recipe, they ask that you include the recipe name, the residents name of who the recipe is in honor/memory of and if you have a baking memory to go with it. You can drop the recipe off at the business office, mail it to Edgebrook Care Center, Attn: Cookbook Committee, 505 Trosky Road W, Edgerton MN 56128 or by emailing cassandra.schelhaas@good-sam.com. Please also include if you would be interested in purchasing a cookbook as this will give them a better idea of how many to make. The deadline to have your recipe included is January 15, 2025.

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, November 18, 2024 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-4816 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Every 2 seconds, someone/somewhere in the U.S.A. needs a unit of blood. Anyone 16 years (with parental consent) or older and in good health is able to donate.

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

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- November 17:

Nursery: AM – Cindy S, Tanya T, Alisha E, Hannah M, Sydney VH

PM- Jody S, Jana T, Hartley B, Ava B

Valet: Dale M

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

Sound: AM – Jesse VH PM- Corey S

Video: Nilson VH

Projection: Orey/Jody

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children's Worship: Shannon N & Carli S

Praise Team: Jayden, Ava, Hannah, Brooklyn, Lydia, Clara, Victoria

Keyboard: Sarah

NEXT WEEK- NOVEMBER 24:

Nursery: AM – Lori S, Karen F, Carli S, Lydia T

PM- Raelyn S, Shelbi K, Kinley S, Vera P, Lilyana M

Valet: Darrin D

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

Sound: AM – Devin S PM- Devin S

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Jon/Jared

Medical Assistant: Brenda K

Children's Worship: NO LESSON- THANKSGIVING

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

Cornerstone Prison Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

CHURCH INFORMATION