

*Benedict

The Lord's Day – February 2, 2025

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude - *"His Robes For Mine" – "All Praise to Him"*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1

*Opening Songs of Adoration - *"Cornerstone" & "My Life is in You, Lord"*

Standard of Righteousness: Romans 12:12-13

Prayer of Confession

Covenant Baptism of Raelynn Clare Veldhuizen

Musical Offering: *"Jesus Loves Me"* – Judd and Vera Prouty

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"There is One Gospel"*

Musical Offering: *"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"* - Kid's Praise

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

Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 3:6-20 (p. 1466)

Sermon: "News That Seems Too Good to be True"

*Song of Response: #618 *"Jerusalem the Golden"*

Prayer of the Lord's People (Offering: Christian Education)

Offertory Song: *"The Lord is My Salvation"*

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*Parting Song: *"The Power of Your Love"* (v. 1)

*Postlude: *"The Power of Your Love"* (v. 2)

Next Sunday's Offering: Margaret Njuguna – EnGedi Children's Home

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

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SERMON NOTES – FEBRUARY 2, 2025

**“News That Seems Too Good to be True”
Zephaniah 3:6-20**

**“Basic Christianity is Radical”
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12**

Prelude

Introit: *“How Majestic is Your Name”* - Jaycee Kroeze

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 71:1-2

Pastor: In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

Congregation: Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness; turn your ear to me and save me.

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 63:7

*Opening Song of Honor: #410 *“Crown Him With Many Crowns”*

Bible Reading: Mark 8:31-38 (p. 1567)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: #384 *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 (p. 1840)

Sermon: *“Basic Christianity is Radical”*

*Song of Response: #452 *“He Leadeth Me”*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: *“Be Still My Soul”* - Shelbi Kroeze

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #620 *“By the Sea of Crystal”* (v. 3)

REFORMATION MATTERS: "How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you? - "In all my distress and persecution I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. All his enemies and mine he will condemn to everlasting punishment: but me and all his chosen ones he will take along with him into the joy and the glory of heaven." - Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 52

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:45am	- Kid's Praise, Sunday School and Catechism
	11:00 am	- Choir
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Tue	7:00 pm	- Council meeting
Wed	9:30 am	- Coffee Break and Story Hour
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace at Runals
	6:30 pm	- Evening Coffee Break
	6:30 pm	- Youth Group
	7:45 pm	- Bells
Thurs	6:30 pm	- Friendship

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Feb 10	7:00 pm	- Men's Society
Feb 12	6:30 pm	- Cadet Pinewood Derby at SWC Elementary
	6:30 pm	- GEMS
Feb 13	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have the privilege this morning of taking part in the covenant baptism of Raelynn Clare Veldhuizen, daughter of Ryan and Kim. May her baptism be an excellent picture to all of us of the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus in the gospel.

We offer our sympathies to Harold and Gert Jasper and Dorothy Van Essen, along with the rest of their family, after the recent death of Wilma Grootwassink. May the Lord Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life, provide rich comfort during this time of grief.

The Elders want to remind the congregation that the doors are automatically locked from 9:40-10:30 AM and 6:40-7:30 PM on Sunday except for the door on the southeast side of the sanctuary. Please communicate this to all members of your family should someone find themselves on the other side of a locked door during a worship service. If you want to have an entry card made or be assigned a code combination for accessing the building when the doors are locked during the week, please talk to Ron Nykamp.

The deacons would like to thank the congregation for their generous giving, our church is truly blessed by all your contributions. Giving statements have been put in the mailboxes and we would like to make

you aware that if you gave to the building addition it is included on that statement. There was also a statement sent out for just the building addition. For tax purposes they can not be added together. If you would like a statement reprinted, contact Brett Kroeze for a reprint."

In search of: Nursery Volunteers! If you are willing to help out (male or female, young or old) in the nursery, please let me know. With several new/expectant mothers, we are running a little short on help. Also, if you are an expectant mother, could you please leave me a note in my mailbox with your due date so that I know when to take you off the schedule and when you can return to volunteering. Thanks! -Kim

AN EARTHLY MISSION WITH AN ETERNAL GOAL – Royal Family Kids Camp is a mission formed right here in our community for kids in the SW MN foster care system. RFKC is focused on providing foster kids with a fun camp week where they can experience Jesus' love in a safe environment while building lasting relationships. You'll find a flyer in mailboxes that will give information on ways people of all ages and abilities can get involved! This year's overnight camp will be held locally June 2-5, 2025. Please consider joining this amazing opportunity to share the love of Jesus with some pretty special kids! If you have any questions, you can email us at swmnrk@gmail.com. Join us in making moments that matter for the foster kids in our area!

Friendship will be meeting on February 6 at **6:30 pm (note the earlier time)** in the Verdoes Room at Edgebrook for Singing and Belated Birthday party!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWC will be having a Benefit Supper on February 11 for Jim and Lissa Ver Hey (SWC high schools head cook) to help offset some of the costs from their recent house fire. Serving will start at 5:00pm and will serve till the food is gone. We will be serving Hamburger/Hotdogs with the fixings, chips, bars, and a drink for \$10. Come help us support this SWC family! You can also enjoy a game of basketball that evening as our boys will be playing HBC.

Parents of prospective Kindergarteners and their child are invited to Southwest MN Christian School's Kindergarten Round Up on Monday, February 10, at 6:30pm for an evening of exploration into all the great aspects of Kindergarten at SWC! Sibling care will be made available upon request - please contact the school. A scavenger hunt will take place along with an opportunity to visit the Kindergarten room. An informational meeting will also be held for the parents, led by Mr. Top, Principal. Your prospective Kindergartener needs to be 5 years old by September 1, 2025, to attend Kindergarten. Join us for an opportunity to learn what SWC can offer you and your family as we explore and discover God's world! Please call the SWC elementary campus at 507.442.6181 or email the office at elementary@swcschools.org for more information!

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

Edgebrook will be putting together a cookbook with recipes from past and present residents. If a family member or friend would like to submit a recipe, they can do so by bringing it to the business office, mailing it or emailing it to Cassandra.schelhaas@good-sam.com. We are extending our deadline to submit recipes until February 28, 2025.

ATLAS for Life will be conducting a mentoring workshop on Thursday, February 13 at the ATLAS Community Room (101 2nd St. NE – Pipestone) from 1:15-4:30pm. This workshop helps equip you to assist a friend or family member who is dealing with hard choices or circumstances. Attendees will learn how to encourage, pray with, and bolster those we seek to help. To sign up for the workshop or for more information, call ATLAS for Life at 562-5777.

OUR CHILDREN: THE PREY OF THE PORNOGRAPHY INDUSTRY Join us as international speaker, columnist and activist Jonathon Van Maren addresses this difficult but important topic. The presentation will be hosted by Hills United Reformed Church on Monday, March 10 at 7:30 pm in our church building at 410 S. Central Ave., Hills, Minnesota. PLEASE NOTE: This presentation on an ugly subject will contain mature content. It is not recommended for children under 13 years. FYI, Jonathon will be giving a different presentation on Tuesday morning, March 11 at SWC high school for the students there.

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.

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; JVMPerkins 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 LeLoux, 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- FEBRUARY 2:

Nursery: AM – Brigitte P, Tanya T, Morgan S, Brooklyn T, Myah J

PM- Rosann VB, Nicole V, Nilson VH, Sawyer S

Valet: Nathan B

Ushers: Rod C, Steve E, Tyson B, Bob S

Sound: AM – Ray S PM- Ray S

Video: Kaden S

Projection: Kirk/Justin

Medical Assistant: Nick S

Children's Worship: Becky S & Shelbi K

Praise Team: Morgan, Sarah, Haley, Jennifer, Amber

Keyboard: Brittany

NEXT WEEK- FEBRUARY 9:

Nursery: AM – Lori S, Jackie W, Lori VE, Sawyer VH, Kevin VH

PM- Ashley S, Cindy S, Hartley B, Kaitlyn S

Valet: Mark S

Ushers: Rod C, Steve E, Logan B, Bob S

Sound: AM – Jesse VH PM – Jesse VH

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Orey/Jody

Medical Assistant: Brenda K

Children's Worship: Melissa M & Isaac 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

A&K L.
Global Serve International
South East Asia

CHURCH INFORMATION