

The Lord's Day – Easter - April 20, 2025

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

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.

*Mutual Greeting

*Responsive Call to Worship: Isaiah 25:7-8

Pastor: On this mountain the LORD Almighty will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

Congregation: He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

*Opening Songs of Adoration - #396 *"Low in the Grave Christ Lay"* & #403 *"This Joyful Eastertide"*

Standard of Righteousness: Acts 17:31

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"See What a Morning"*

Musical Offering: *"Jesus, Victorious Lamb"* – First CRC Choir

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12 (p. 1642)

Sermon: "With a Mighty Triumph"

*Song of Response: #388 *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Edgerton Food Shelf

*Benediction

At this time, anyone who would like to sing *"The Hallelujah Chorus"* is welcome to come forward to the front of the sanctuary.

*Parting Song: *"The Hallelujah Chorus"*

Next Sunday's Offering: GEMS

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor LeRoy Christoffels

Introit: *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* – Luke Busker

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 – based on Job 19:25-27

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: 389 *"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

Reading: Canons II "Christ's Death and Human Redemption" Par. IV-VII (p.936)

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Thanksgiving: 392 *"A Shout Rings Out, a Joyful Voice"*

Scripture: John 20:24-31 (v. 28)

Sermon: THOMAS ON EASTER EVENING

*Song of Response: 400 *"Praise the Savior Now and Ever"*

Offertory Prayer

Offering and Offertory: Edgerton Food Shelf

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" – Mara Busker

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

*Benediction

*Doxology: 387:4 *"Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

SERMON NOTES – APRIL 20, 2025

**“With a Mighty Triumph”
Luke 24:1-12**

**“THOMAS ON EASTER EVENING”
John 20:24-31**

REFORMATION MATTERS: *"How manifold are the benefits resulting to us from the resurrection of Christ?"* - "Threefold. For by it righteousness was acquired for us; it is also a sure pledge to us of our immortality; and even now by virtue of it we are raised to newness of life, that by living purely and holily we may obey the will of God." - 1536 Catechism of the Church of Geneva

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Tue	7:00 pm	- Consistory
Wed	6:30 pm	- Cadet Pancake Supper at SWC Elementary
	6:30 pm	- GEMS
	6:30 pm	- PM Coffee Break
Thurs	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship
	7:00 pm	- Friendship – Pizza Party

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

April 27	GEMS Sunday- Combine Service at First CRC
April 30	Youth Group- Speaker
May 11	Margaret Njuguna presentation

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We join in grieving with Owen Tinklenberg after the recent death of his mother, Regina Schmidt. May the Lord, the God of all comfort, grant resurrection hope and peace in the risen Savior.
- We lift our prayers to the Lord for Hein and Iva DeBoer, Mel DeBoer, and Beth Vanden Berg after the recent death of their sister, Gladys Vander Pol. May the whole family know the tender mercies of the LORD, our ever-present help in times of trouble.
- We look forward to the covenant baptism next Sunday morning of Greta Feikema, daughter of Phil and Katie. Through it, may we all have our hearts formed by and focused on Christ and his glorious gospel.
- Next Sunday evening, the GEMS ministry will take part in a combined worship service. The service will begin at 6:30 P.M. here at First CRC.
- Cadet Pancake Supper is Wednesday night (April 23) at SWC Elementary School, serving Pancakes and Sausage from 5 till 7. Free will donation.
- The lilies in front of church are in memory of the members from our church family that we have lost since last Easter: Elmer DeKam, Ellen Wynia, Fred VanderKolk, Linda Schelhaas, and Wayne DeKam
- Thank you to everybody who attended and participated in the Palm Sunday Musical Festival. -SWC Circle 12
- Sister's Tea – Important Update -We regret to share that there will be no Sister's Tea this year due to scheduling conflicts. While we're disappointed to miss this special spring tradition, we remain grateful for the love and support that surrounds our mission. As you consider your gifts for Royal Family Kids Camp, please keep this change in mind. Your continued generosity means so much and directly impacts the lives of the campers served. Thank you for your understanding and for being such a cherished part of this community.
- We are grateful to announce that our beloved janitor, Rod Obbink, will be retiring this Thanksgiving after many wonderful years of faithful service. We thank him for his dedication and wish him all the best. We are now seeking a new janitor to serve our church. If interested, please contact Corey Vis or Dave Brons for more details.
- Looking for a faithful way to serve our church? Our dedicated work group coordinators, Karen Fey and Gloria Roemeling, are stepping back from their roles and would love the opportunity to train the next coordinators. We

deeply thank them for their commitment and contributions. We are now looking for new coordinators to step into these roles. If interested, please contact Karen or Gloria for more information.

- **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. If you are willing to help, please talk to me as soon as possible so that I can get you added to the schedule. Thanks! Kim
- Royal Family Kids Camp SWMN needs you! We are in need of more adult volunteers. We can use help in all areas, but we specifically need male adult guides who spend the week one-on-one with a camper, and helpers for crafts & photography (must be at least 16 years old). Check our Facebook page - Royal Family Kids Camp SWMN to find an application, or talk to a director (Shellie Eisma, Nicole Fey, Morgan Schoonhoven or Erin Van Hulzen). THANK YOU for your prayers, monetary support, and encouragement for this mission!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The SWC junior class will be washing windows and cleaning gutters the afternoon of May 2. Free will donations will be accepted to help offset the costs of their senior class trip to Washington D.C. Please contact the school office at (507) 442-4471 by April 30 if you would like to be placed on the list. Your support is greatly appreciated!
- JOIN US at Southwest Christian Elementary School for the K-4 Spring Musical, "The Greatest Hymn on Earth" on Friday, May 2 at 9:30AM. This is a heartfelt and uplifting musical that celebrates the power of faith, community, and music through the legacy of beloved hymns. Perhaps you'll hear your favorite! Follow along as the musical explores what it means to believe, to belong, and to sing from the heart! This program will also be live streamed. The live stream link is located at the very top of our school website at www.swcschools.org.
- **Black and Gold Banquet** - We are thrilled to share that the Black and Gold Banquet raised nearly **\$45,000!** It was a wonderful evening filled with delicious food, lots of laughter, and incredible fellowship. Thank you to everyone who came out to support **SWC** — your generosity and encouragement help continue the mission of **Christ-centered education** at Southwest Minnesota Christian.
- KINGDOM KIDS PRESCHOOL at Southwest MN Christian Schools is open for enrollment for the 2025-2026 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. 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 or would like to check out the Preschool area, we'd welcome you to do that as well!
- 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

- Get ready for an unforgettable adventure at this year's **Vacation Bible School** — *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!* From June 9–13, kids will dive into exciting stories, games, crafts, and songs that point them to Jesus, our steady guide through life's wild twists and turns. Registration tables are now set up in church — don't wait, sign up today! You can also sign up with the link on our "VBS - Edgerton, MN" Facebook page. If you would like to purchase a CD of the songs we will be learning, sign up on the registration table. **Volunteers:** We're also calling all adventurers-at-heart to lend a hand — we need volunteers to help guide our young explorers from one exciting activity to the next. Please consider helping, VBS just isn't the same without YOU. Let's make this the best week of the summer!
- Could we please have it added to the bulletin that Edgebrook is looking for Country Store donations for the residents. The Country Store is used as an alternative for bingo candy. Listed are some ideas as to what can be donated: Lip balm, hand lotion (scented or unscented), slippers, non-skid socks, puzzle books (word search, crossword, Sudoku, large print), adult coloring books/colored pencils, playing cards/card games, calendars,

notepads/pens and pretty Kleenex boxes.

- The ATLAS for Life Always Growing Greenhouse will be opening soon! Come enjoy the beauty of God's beautiful handiwork as you look forward to filling those planters and gardens. A great gift idea — an Always Growing Greenhouse gift certificate! Look for the opening date for the greenhouse on the grounds of Hubers Automotive — 105 8th Ave. (next to 8th Ave. Diner and across from Luann's Gas).
- We would love for you to join us at American Reformed Church in Luverne MN at 4:00 PM on Sunday, May 4 for an inspiring event and hear how Robin Sertell survived all odds to grow into the talented woman she is today. Robin survived three saline abortion attempts and now travels the world equipping other survivors to be a voice and share their stories. Robin has written 2 books and addresses the Civic and Social issues surrounding Pro-Life Advocacy. *You are Unique. You are Loved. Your Life has Value. What will you do with the Time God has given you?* A freewill offering will be received for Robin.
- Please plan to attend Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends on Monday, May 5 at Rock Valley First Christian Reformed Church (1401 16th Street, Rock Valley IA). Please bring one salad for every four people in your group. The Luncheon begins at 11:30 AM; featured speaker is Gayle Walhof who will tell of her 4-year journey in publishing her book "Songs of Naamah — A Novel of King David's Harem". Updates from BLI will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this FUN event!
- 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 7, D.V. Gather your friends and family, choose a route to bike, and raise funds for Word & Deed's projects in South Africa. We already have 9 teams registered! 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!
- Word & Deed Prayer Update - Myanmar Earthquake Response- Word & Deed, through our partner in Myanmar, is providing \$90,000 CAD in food and other forms of relief to many affected by the March 28 earthquake. The earthquake took more than 3,500 lives and injured thousands while destroying or badly damaging numerous buildings. Although international agencies responded quickly with rescue and medical aid services, food and water remain an urgent need. Our partner has mobilized teams from their churches and also contributed generously with their own funds. We thank you for your prayers and ask that you also consider providing financial support towards these relief efforts. For details on how to make a donation, visit wordanddeed.org/donate.
- 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.
- Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (October 13 - 24, 2025): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, 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; JVMLPerkins 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-niowa.org. You can also check out our website: jfa-niowa.org

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- APRIL 20:

Nursery: AM – Mara & Levi M, Alisha E, Kevin VH, Luke B

PM- Lori S, Rebecca V, Hannah M, Brooklyn T

Valet: Jonathan S.

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

Sound: AM – Cory S PM – Cory S

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Becca M

Children's Worship: No Lesson

NEXT WEEK- APRIL 27:

Nursery: AM – Tanya T, Jackie W, Evon VH, Levi VH, Lucas B

PM- Erin VH, Cindy S, Tyler P, Caleb S

Valet: Ryan V

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

Sound: AM – Dean E PM – Ray S

Video: Kade F

Projection: Kirk/Justin

Medical Assistant: Kim V

Children's Worship: Melissa M & Shelbi K

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

Keyboard: Brittany

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

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South East Asia

CHURCH INFORMATION