

The Lord's Day – August 17, 2025
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Mutual Greeting

*Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 100:2-3

Pastor: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Congregation: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are
his people, the sheep of his pasture.

*Opening Songs of Honor #238 *"We Come, O Christ, to You"* (v. 1, 3, 4)

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

Standard of Righteousness: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"Before the Throne of God Above"*

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

Scripture Reading: John 5:31-47 (p. 1655)

Sermon: "Witnesses to Greatness"

*Song of Response: #297 *"O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God"* (v. 1-4)

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #297 *"O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God"* (v. 5)

Next Sunday's Offering: Volunteers in Mercy

The Lord's Day – August 17, 2025
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Prelude

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence – Psalm 27:4-5

Pastor: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of
the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek
him in his temple.

Congregation: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide
me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

*Call to Worship: Revelation 5:13

*Opening Song of Adoration: *"In Christ Alone"*

Bible Reading: John 20:10-18 (p. 1686)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 88 (p. 925)

Sermon: "In the Dark"

*Song of Response: #482 *"Man of Sorrows—What a Name"*

Prayer for the Offering

Offering: Christian Education

*Confession of the Faith: The Nicene Creed

*Benediction

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

SERMON NOTES – August 17, 2025

“Witnesses to Greatness”
John 5:31-47

“In the Dark”
Psalm 88

REFORMATION MATTERS: "How does one start to be a peacemaker? Where do you get the attitude, the driving concern, that makes this not a burden that's been dropped on you, but something that is growing from inside you? You get this kind of heart through faith. The heart is cleansed by faith. You have seen what Christ has done on the cross, and having seen that sacrifice for you, you believed it. You were cleansed from your sin; hypocrisy, envy, and selfishness were swept out of you by the blood of the Lamb. Because of this, you see that if Jesus brought *you* to peace, then everyone you meet could be a prospect for his peace program." - Jack Miller, in "*Saving Grace*"

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Friday	10:00 pm	- Youth Group to Thunder Road

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Aug 26	7:00 pm	- Church Pantry Shower
Sept 7		- Prayer Warrior Ministry First Meeting
Sept 10	6:30 pm	- Orientation meeting for new 4 th grade cadets + 1 parent at Bethel
	7:30 pm	- Edgerton Cadet Counselor Planning meeting at Bethel
Sept 13	9:30 am	- 8 th Annual Tractor/UTV Ride from Southwest Christian High School
Sept 24	6:00 pm	- Cadet Hotdog and Games night at Rock River Park
Sept 28	11:30 am	- All Church Potluck (Postponed from August 31)
Oct 8	6:30 pm	- First Regular Cadet Meeting at Bethel

SWC CALENDAR NEWS:

Monday, August 18: Junior High Fall Athletic Practices begin
Monday, August 18: Freshmen Orientation (freshman at 5:30 with parents joining at 6:15)
Tuesday, August 19: Elementary Open House (5:45-7:45pm)
Thursday, August 21: First Day of School (Elementary and High School) and Opening Chapel @ 8:30am.
Monday, September 1: Labor Day Pancake Breakfast
Wednesday, October 1: K-12 Grandparents Day; 12:00 Dismissal
Friday, October 10: HS Fall Concert
Saturday, November 15: Donation Sale
Monday, December 8: 9-12 Christmas Concert
Monday, December 15: K-8 Christmas Concert

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to thank everyone for the meals brought in, cards, words of encouragement, and all the thoughts and prayers while in the hospital and at home! We appreciate them all and Thank God for his healing power! Mark and Beth Sas

Next Sunday morning, we will have the joy of celebrating three more covenant baptisms in our church. We greatly look forward to the baptisms of Jovi Rae Fennema (daughter of Micah and Megan), Ellie Joy Fey (daughter of Derek and Brooke), and Saylor Kay Schoonhoven (daughter of Logan and Morgan). We

praise the Lord for his wonderful gift of new life!

Classis Minnkota will hold their Fall meeting at Chandler CRC on Thursday, September 18. Delegates from here at First will be Pastor Scott, Mark Sorenson (elder), and Brett Kroeze (deacon). Alternates will be Kirk Van Hulzen (elder) and CJ Veldhuizen (deacon).

"Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom..." Acts 6:3. The nomination's season is upon us again. The Council is asking for the Congregation to prayerfully submit their nominations for the offices of Elder and Deacon. We will need to select 4 Elders and 2 Deacons. Nominations should be written down and turned in with your signature. Please give your nominations to an Elder no later than Sunday, August 24.

The Church Pantry Shower will be held on Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00pm to honor Avery & Julia Pater, Carter & Lucy VanHulzen, and Hunter VanderHaar and Cassidy Johnson.

The Council has decided to move the upcoming all church potluck from August 31 to September 28. Please take notice of this change and mark it down on your calendar as we look forward to delicious food and great fellowship.

RFK SHOE STORE! Royal Family Kids Camp sees many kids come to camp with wrecked, worn, and poorly-fitting tennis shoes. We think it would be fun for the kids to be able to try on and choose their own new shoes. We plan to set up a "RFK Shoe Store" next summer at camp, and we need your help. When purchasing back-to-school shoes on sale for your own kids, would you be willing to buy two pairs and donate one for the RFK kids? Campers are ages 6-12, so likely shoe sizes would be kid size 1 up to adult size 9. New pairs of good tennis shoes are accepted anytime and can be dropped off at Insurance Services in Edgerton or text 507-227-7951 to arrange a different pick up. Thank you!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Southwest Minnesota Christian Schools will begin the 2025–2026 school year on **Thursday, August 21**, with the first day of classes for both the high school and elementary campuses. We will begin the day together with chapel at **8:30 a.m. in the elementary gym**, and **everyone is warmly invited to attend!** Preschool 3's begin on **Tuesday, September 2**, and Preschool 4's on **Wednesday, September 3**. Below are a few key dates to note. For more details and updates, visit the Calendar and News & Announcements at www.swcschools.org. This year's theme is **"Abide in the Vine"** from **John 15:4–5**. SWC is both grateful and excited for the opportunity to walk alongside PK–12 students as they fix their eyes on Jesus and are guided by His Word! Thank you for your prayerful support as we encourage students to be **rooted in Christ, grow in wisdom, and bear fruit for God's glory**.

SWC Circle #2 invites you to their Labor Day Pancake Breakfast! Come and enjoy delicious, all you can eat, pancakes at the Southwest Christian High School Cafeteria on Labor Day, September 1, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Also included at the breakfast is sausage, juice, milk, and coffee. Freewill donation.

Come support LCSS and enjoy a delicious meal of smoked pork loin, baked beans, chips, potato salad, cucumber salad and ice cream on Wednesday, September 3. Serving from 5:30-7:30 at Luverne CRC,

freewill donation.

The annual golf fundraiser is Saturday, Sept 6. As in years past, it is an 18-hole 4 person scramble with door and pin prizes! If you would like to register a team of 4, please call the Luverne Country Club at 507-283-4383. If you would like to participate, but don't have a full team of four, or if you have any other questions, please reach out to Austin Spronk at 507-227-5988

Saturday, Sept 13 will be the 8th Annual Tractor/UTV Ride, taking off at 9:30 from SWC High School. The noon meal will also be served at SWC cafeteria. There will be tours offered at Spronk Seed and Diamond H Acres beginning around 1. For more information or to register, contact Kendra Kuipers at 507.227.0488

COMMUNITY & MISC

The annual Pipestone County backpack program that we have supported for many years has a new look. After partnering with Volunteers In Mercy last year, First Presbyterian in Pipestone has taken over distribution of school supplies for Pipestone students this year. VIM is working through the Edgerton food shelf to provide backpacks and school supplies for local students in Edgerton and Chandler. If you would like to help with this need, contact Dennis Kroll at 507-220-4231.

The leadership team of the Legacy Thrift store invites all volunteers and their spouses to an appreciation dinner to be held on August 25 at the American Reformed Church at 1720 N Burlington Ave at 6pm. To register, signup at the store or call the store at 376-3766 or Jennifer at 712-260-6170 by August 18.

Grief Share at ATLAS: The journey of grief is different for each individual, but there are useful insights to help & encourage you! ATLAS for Life in Pipestone (101 2nd St NE) is holding a Grief Share Support Group starting on Thursday, August 21st, for 13 weeks. There will be a meal at 5:00 p.m., followed by a video & discussion. Evenings should conclude by 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to join the group at any time during the 13-week timeframe. A monetary donation to help cover some of the costs is appreciated but not necessary to attend. Call (507) 562-5777 with questions or to sign up!

The Edgebrook Cookbook is NOW AVAILABLE! To pick up your copy, please stop in the business office, Monday- Friday from 8am to 4:30pm.

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.

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED ON SEPARATE PAGE IN BACK OF CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE ONE.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- AUGUST 17:

Nursery: **AM** – Carrie T, Carmen F, Ruth C, Tyler P, Tyce H
PM- Lori S, Jen B, Clara T, Hartley B

Valet: Dan H
Ushers: Lester S, Judd V, Steve E, Rod C
Sound: AM – Dean E PM – Ray S
Video: Kade F
Projection: Kirk/Justin
Medical Assistant: Carmen F
Children’s Worship: Carmen F & Kinley S

NEXT WEEK- AUGUST 24:

Nursery: **AM** – Alex & Shannon N, Brigitte P, Kaden S, Henry L
PM- Haley V, Kaitlyn Sche, Megan B, Brooklyn T

Valet: Duane VB
Ushers: Lester S, Judd V, Steve E, Rod C
Sound: AM – Ray S PM – Ray S
Video: Josi VH
Projection: Orey/Jody
Medical Assistant: Barb O
Children’s Worship: Kelsey S, Carli S
Praise Team: Shelby K, Mara B, Vera P, Kinley S, Carli S, Blaire T
Keyboard: Brittany F

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
A&K L. Global Serve International South East Asia		

CHURCH INFORMATION