

The Lord’s Day – September 14, 2025
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Greeting One Another

*Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-3

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
Congregation: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
Pastor: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

*Opening Songs of Honor: #246 *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*
#297 *“O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”* (1, 3)

Standard of Righteousness: Isaiah 53:6

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

*Song of Thanksgiving: *“There is One Gospel”*
At this time, children ages 3-5 may join in a Bible lesson,
located downstairs in Room 4.

Scripture Reading: John 6:41-59 (p. 1657)

Sermon: “The Bread You Must Eat to Live”

*Song of Response: *“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”*

Prayer of the Lord’s People

Offering: New Life Treatment Center

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #627 *“Bless His Holy Name”*
Next Sunday's Offering: Reframe Ministries

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Prelude

Introit: *“Kum Ba Yah”* – Grace Muilenburg

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 118:8-9

Pastor: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

Congregation: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

*Call to Worship: 1 Timothy 6:15b-16

*Opening Song of Adoration: #111 *“O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise”* (1-3)

Bible Reading: 1 Peter 2:9-12 (p. 1888)

Prayer of the Lord’s People

*Song of Gratitude: #543 *“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”*

Scripture Reading: Esther 1 (p. 775)

Sermon: “The King We’d Love to Serve”

*Song of Response: #412 *“Jesus Shall Reign”*

Prayer for the Offering

Offering: New Life Treatment Center

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #246 *“Come, Thou Almighty King”* (v. 4)

SERMON NOTES – September 14, 2025

“The Bread You Must Eat to Live”
John 6:41-59

"The King We'd Love to Serve"
Esther 1

REFORMATION MATTERS: "When Jesus comes, often things become uncomfortable and unpleasant for us. Our sovereign Lord knows our hearts and the things in them that need to be dealt with. He speaks to us in our suffering and weakness. Therefore, if he begins to search you and get you to face up to things in your life you don't want to admit are there, the temptation is to be afraid of him. But when we submit to his testing, we find that his goal is always to do something beautiful and glorious and absolutely loving in our lives." - Jack Miller, in *"Saving Grace: Daily Devotions from Jack Miller"*

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:45 am	- Kid's Praise Begins
		- Sunday School and Catechism Begins
	11:00 am	- Living for the King Discipleship Class in the sanctuary
Wed		- Choir Begins
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
	9:30 am	- Coffee Break & Story Hour
	6:30 pm	- Youth Group- Large Group Meeting
Sat		- Evening Coffee Break
	7:50 pm	- Adult Bells Begins
	7-8 am	- Theology for Breakfast

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Sept 24	6:00 pm	- Cadet Hotdog and Games night at Rock River Park
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace Kick off at Edgerton City Park
	6:30 pm	- GEMS
Sept 25	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship
	5:30 pm	- Friendship Picnic at Rock River Park Shelter
Sept 28	11:30 am	- All Church Potluck (Postponed from August 31)
Oct 8	6:30 pm	- First Regular Cadet Meeting at Bethel

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

With gratitude we thank all those who have kept us in your prayers through surgeries and healing over the past several months. For those that have visited, sent cards, delivered food, we are blessed by your thoughtfulness. We continue to covet your prayers for Brenda as she continues to strengthen her bones and proceed through therapy over the next several months. We are bless by our church family. Thank you! Dave and Brenda DePoorter

The consistory was informed that many of the Edgebrook Residents who are members of our church are unable to partake in the Lord’s Supper. While salvation is not attained through partaking of the elements, this matter remains a concern for the consistory. We desire to have all our professing members to be able to participate in the Lord’s Supper. Currently, we distribute the elements to the residents before the service, and they partake during the live stream or radio broadcast. Instead of distributing the elements beforehand, the consistory has decided to hold an in-person communion service at Edgebrook twice a year for these church members. These communion services will ordinarily

be in the afternoon on Sunday when we have Communion. Communion on September 28 will follow this plan.

September Council meeting notes:

- The council approved the 4th quarter offering schedule which will be distributed by the deacons.
- There is a window leaking when it rains on the southeast stairwell going up to the balcony. This will be looked into by the buildings and grounds committee and they will take the appropriate action to fix the leak.
- We also discussed the 125th Anniversary of our church coming up in 2027. Although this seems far away, we should begin planning soon so that we may have the celebration that is warranted for this big anniversary.
- Mutual Censure was performed.

The Council is delighted to announce that Mindy Blankers has graciously volunteered to serve as the new Work Group Coordinator for the church. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Karen Fey and Gloria Roemeling for their dedicated service in this role

Thank you for your donation of \$75.00 on July 30, 2025 to Cornerstone Prison Church. We are grateful for your support of this church behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary. We are blessed to have churches such as yours who give us financial and prayer support so we can continue to bring the gospel to the men in this prison. In Christ, Board of Cornerstone Prison Church

"Living for the King" is the name of our new discipleship class for adults here at First (including high school juniors and seniors). The class will begin *this morning after worship* from 11-11:40 in the sanctuary. *"Living for the King"* will provide an opportunity for healthy, Christian discussion about how to live and engage as faithful Christians in our world. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Scott.

Women's Bible Study – All women are invited to a Bible Study of Paul's letter to his friend Titus. You will be invited to "Display the Gospel of Grace" as we look at the essential connection between right belief and right character and the way both testify to the goodness of the gospel. **Coffee Break will begin September 17, 2025 at First Christian Reformed Church.** The morning group will meet at 9:30 in the Fellowship Room with Story Hour and nursery provided for children. The evening group will meet at 6:30 in the Council Room (no Story Hour or nursery). If you have questions call or text Thea Nykamp 507-227-9513 (morning group) or Priscilla Pater 507-215-1482 (evening group).

Thank you for your recent gift towards our ministry of Christian education in Africa! God has been moving in mighty ways, and we're grateful! Last week, Sosthene was in Zimbabwe where the first cohort of students in the ACSI Teacher Certification Program received their certificates. The goal of this program, under Sosthene's leadership, is to certify 1 million African teachers in Biblical worldview by the year 2050, so this was the first of many! And this weekend, The Teacher's Garden will be kicking off a series of teacher trainings in Biblical worldview and integration for preschool, kindergarten, and first grade teachers. Your prayers are appreciated! Together in Christ, Sosthene and Kara

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. A sheet has been placed in your mailboxes with further information and a list of qualifications for Elder and Deacon.

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

The annual all circles meeting is coming up! If you have a child at SWC high school, we encourage you to come to the all circles meeting on September 15 at 7:00pm in the music room. Men and Women are encouraged to attend as we will review financials, teacher requests and collect dues (\$10). This meeting will be prompt! Each individual circle will have their own meeting to follow after the all circles meeting. We hope to see you there!

SWC Choir members in 11th/12th grade, with the help of their parents are beginning to fundraise for a once in a lifetime performance opportunity! The Lord willing, the students and chaperones, led by Mrs. Brittney Forness will be traveling to NYC during spring break '26. Their second fundraiser will be held on Sept 17 from 3-7pm on Maple Street during Edgerton's Fall Festival. Students and parents will be serving up a variety of snacks and supper items. For your entertainment, the Sioux Falls Pairs and Spares Club will be demonstrating their square dancing skills. Calling and singing will be done by Elaine Peacock and Robert Schelhaas. All ages are invited to come on out for a fun evening of food, fellowship and entertainment, while supporting the choir kids!

COMMUNITY & MISC

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, September 15 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or

confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Every 2 second someone/somewhere needs blood. Anyone 16 yrs. or older and in good health is able to donate.

ATLAS for Life: Apple picking opportunity! The Hubers family from Pipestone is offering two apple picking opportunities on Friday, September 19 (4:00-6:00 pm) and Saturday, September 20 (10:00am-12:00pm). There are ten varieties to pick from at 377 State Hwy 30 (west of Pipestone). Pick an unlimited number of apples with a free-will donation to support ATLAS for Life. Bags provided or take along your own bag or bucket! Pull out that favorite apple recipe and we hope to see you next weekend.

The ATLAS for Life Christmas Rummage and Boutique will be held on Saturday, November 15. Please mark your calendar, and if you have a few Christmas items to donate to our fundraiser, please drop off donations at the ATLAS office (101 2nd St. NE - Pipestone) on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Another item that is helpful is large planter pots. With these requests, knowing your prayer support is the greatest gift of all!

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.

Men and Women, join us for the Bible League Dinner and Conference on September 8 and 9. Be inspired by keynote speaker Jason VanRuler—renowned therapist and bestselling author—as he explores our theme: Beyond Yesterday: Embrace the Now, Influence Tomorrow. Worship will be led by Jennifer Frens, and you'll hear impactful ministry updates from Bible League leaders. Don't miss this opportunity for encouragement, connection and purpose. Register now at bibleleague.org/tickets

Word & Deed Dinner: We invite you to join us at the Lunch House (1129 Main St, Suite 106, Rock Valley) on Thursday, October 9, D.V., for this year's Word & Deed dinner and fundraising dessert auction. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Johnkson from El Shaddai Ministries in Uganda as our keynote speaker. El Shaddai ministers to new Christian converts by rescuing them from intense family situations, offering them shelter, encouragement, and hope for the future. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner starts at 6. Visit wordanddeed.org/rockvalley to RSVP or email office@wordanddeed.org.

Justice for All is having their Annual Meeting and Auction Thursday October 9, 2025 at the South building of their ministry campus in Rock Valley. Every year there is an opportunity to hear about the highlights of the past fiscal year, trips and financial report along with a catered meal. After a short meeting there will be an auction with items donated to help provide support for JFA. From home made items, to gift cards, meat bundles and more will be up for bidding. Join us to hear a ministry update and stay for the entertainment of Zomer Auctioneering. If you'd like to donate an item contact Joel De Wit – joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org or 712.739.0055, don't forget to mark your calendars for Thursday October 9, 2025, Meal starts at 5p Auction starting at 645p.

What if your next bike ride could help fight global hunger? That's the idea behind Ride to Renew (<https://worldrenew.ca/ride-to-renew>), a new cycling event from World Renew, the CRCNA's agency for sustainable community development and disaster response. From Nov. 1–9, 2025, 100 riders will bike across Florida—from Clearwater on the Gulf Coast to Canaveral National Seashore on the Atlantic Coast. It's a nine-day ride, nearly 300 miles long. And it's all for a cause that reaches far beyond the trail. Our goal is to support 1,500 farmers worldwide to help improve the lives of as many as 9,000 people through food security, resilience, and hope. Learn (<https://worldrenew.ca/food-security>) more about World Renew's holistic approach to food security. Visit Ride to Renew's homepage (<https://worldrenew.ca/ride-to-renew>) to get started.

World Renew Service Groups Now Open: The following sites are ready to accept teams, with housing in place (varied costs depending on location), with volunteer coordination and local assistance available. Contact Chris at cgibson@worldrenew.net with questions or to sign up!

Western North Carolina (Hurricane Helene reconstruction); Sioux/Lyon Counties, Iowa (flood reconstruction);

Spencer, Iowa (flood reconstruction); San Diego, California (flood reconstruction); Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Hurricane Ida reconstruction); Vermont (flood reconstruction); New Bern, North Carolina (Hurricane Florence reconstruction)

You're invited to Mid-America Reformed Seminary's annual Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference on October 3-4, 2025! This year's theme is *Gossiping the Gospel: Everyday Evangelism*, featuring pastors, church planters, and faculty from the Seminary. Come be encouraged and equipped, and register today at: midamerica.edu/cme/conference

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.

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MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- SEPTEMBER 14:

Nursery: **AM** – Nick & Shawna S, Lori VE, Sydney VH, Myah J
PM- Carrie T, Thea N, Josi VH, Zackery B
Valet: Ryan V
Ushers: Clayton B, Rod C, Curt M, Clint S
Sound: AM – Devin S PM – Devin S
Video: Jacob M
Projection: Jonathan/Kirk
Medical Assistant: Kim V
Children’s Worship: Mara M & Fallon B

NEXT WEEK- SEPTEMBER 21:

Nursery: **AM** – Jan F, AnnMarie & Brian B, Parker B, Max VH
PM- Dana H, Macy H, Lucas B, Tyler S
Valet: Dale M
Ushers: Clayton B, Rod C, Curt M, Clint S
Sound: AM – Jeff S PM – Jeff S
Video: Kade F
Projection: Justin/Orey
Medical Assistant: Carmen F
Children’s Worship: Becky S & Raelyn S
Praise Team: Sarah, Haley, Brooklyn, Kevin, Jon, Jacob
Keyboard: Karrie J

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