

**The Lord’s Day – November 2, 2025**  
**Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.**  
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude – *“Hallelulah for the Cross”, “My Worth is Not In What I Own” & “Abide”*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

\*Greeting One Another

\*Call to Worship: Jeremiah 10:6-7

\*Opening Songs of Adoration: *“Living Hope” – “Only a Holy God”*

Standard of Righteousness: Romans 12:17-19

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

\*Song of Thanksgiving: #482 *“Man of Sorrows–What a Name”* (1, 3, 4)

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

Scripture Reading: John 7:1-19 (p. 1659)

Sermon: *“For the Honor of the One Who Sent Him”*

\*Song of Response: #291 *“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”*

Prayer of the Lord’s People

Offering: World Renew

Offering Song: *“All Praise to Him”*

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: *“We Will Extol”* (v. 1)

**Next Sunday's Offering:** Word & Deed

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**Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.**  
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Prelude

Introit: *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* – Abigail Top

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence – Isaiah 40:28-29

**Pastor:** Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**Congregation:** He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

\*Call to Worship: Revelation 15:3b-4

\*Opening Song of Honor: #460 *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

Prayer of the Lord’s People

\*Song of Gratitude: *“In Christ Alone”*

Scripture Reading: Esther 7:1–8:2 (p. 783)

Sermon: *“The King Who Protects His Bride”*

\*Song of Response: #111 *“O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise”* (1-3, 6)

Prayer for the Offering (World Renew)

Offertory: *“Mighty to Save”* – Caleb Top

\*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: #630 *“Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God”*

SERMON NOTES – November 2, 2025

“For the Honor of the One Who Sent Him”  
John 7:1-19

“The King Who Protects His Bride”  
Esther 7:1–8:2

**REFORMATION MATTERS:** “Has anyone ever experienced more trouble than Jesus? And does anyone’s suffering have more relevance for a world in pain—everywhere from the slums of India and Mexico City to the war-torn Middle East, from poverty-stricken Africa to inner-city America? Any Christian who is concerned about injustice, who calls for racial reconciliation, who cares for the survivors of sexual abuse, or who cries out because of the burnings and beheadings of the persecuted church knows a Savior who has a heart for the suffering—a heart that bled with redemption on the cross.” – Phil Ryken, in *“When Trouble Comes”*

**THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:**

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| Today | 9:30 am  | - Morning Worship                                        |
|       | 10:45 am | - Kid's Praise                                           |
|       |          | - Sunday School                                          |
|       |          | -Living for the King Discipleship Class in the sanctuary |
|       | 6:30 pm  | - Evening Worship                                        |
| Tue   | 7:00 pm  | - Council/Consistory                                     |
| Wed   | 9:30 am  | - Coffee Break & Story Hour                              |
|       | 6:00 pm  | - Kids of Grace                                          |
|       |          | - Evening Coffee Break                                   |
|       | 6:30 pm  | - Youth Group- Large Group Meeting                       |
|       | 5:45 pm  | - Adult Bells                                            |
| Thurs | 7:00 pm  | - Friendship                                             |
| Sat   | 7-8 am   | -Theology for Breakfast                                  |

**FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

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| Nov 4     | SWC Fall Soup Supper |
| Nov 7 & 8 | SWC Fall Play        |
| Nov 15    | SWC Donation Sale    |

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our church family rejoices with Clayton and Eve Huisken after the recent birth of their son, Bennett James Huisken. May the name of the Lord be praised for his wonderful gift of new life!

Back by popular demand, Church Game Night! November 14th we will have another church game night. Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun! Further details to come next week. Questions? Contact Megan B or Tawni P

There is a sign-up list just outside the Fellowship Hall for our "Living for the King" class and the book we will be working through together over the coming months. We'll be reading and discussing "Prodigal God" by Timothy Keller. We'd love to have you join us!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are here. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to serve together. Packing a shoebox is a great way to teach your children about sharing the love of Jesus with others. Let’s pack shoeboxes together to bring joy and the Good News to children around the world! Please have your boxes returned by Friday, November 14. Thank you.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: Recovery operations still continue in the Rock Valley area after the devastating flooding of 2024. The recovery team is making a concentrated push to finish these projects by the end of this year. You have the opportunity to sign up and assist for 3-5 days if you have some basic construction skills. You do not need to be a professional. Tasks will involve remodeling and rebuilding; plans and material will be provided. There is a

sign-up sheet in the foyer. If you have questions or would like more details, you can talk to Ron Nykamp (507-227-3039) as he has been in contact with one of the project coordinators. The working days for the group will most likely be the first or second week in December.

Please note that Adults Bells will now be meeting on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:25 in the Sanctuary. New bell ringers are ALWAYS welcome!

As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, World Renew’s Gift Catalog is a meaningful way to share Christ’s love with those in need. From a goat to disaster recovery supplies, each gift brings hope and makes a lasting difference for families around the world. Explore the catalog at [worldrenew.net/gift-catalog](http://worldrenew.net/gift-catalog).

Please DO NOT place large objects on the mailboxes. If the mailbox won’t shut, please place the item on top of the mailboxes and place a note in the mailbox. Large items in the boxes make it hard for others to get mail in and out of the boxes.

### SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Southwest MN Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual Fall Soup and Dessert Supper on Tuesday, November 4 at Southwest Christian High School. Serving time is 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea and chicken rice soups, BBQ and desserts. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.

Please join us November 7 & 8 at 7:00 p.m. for SWC Fall Play: *Return of the Script* and Fine Arts Night! There are two evenings celebrating creativity and performance. There are no advanced tickets for sale. Tickets will be available at the door the night of the event. Adults \$7.00 and Students \$5.

Friday, November 7 – The evening features the production of Return of the Script.

Saturday, November 8 – Enjoy the Den Ouden Readings, student art displays, dessert, the production of Return of the Script, and additional special presentations.

About the Play: *Return of the Script*: Miss Walters’s orderly life unravels after she makes a simple but serious mistake: forgetting to return a perusal script. Now pursued across planes, trains, and automobiles by two determined agents of the international conglomerate Musical Theater Global—one of whom has the curious ability to converse with birds—Miss Walters must locate and return the script before time runs out. This fast-paced, madcap comedy delivers an unexpected reminder: always read the fine print.

### **WC Fall Auction is Coming Soon!**

We’re excited to invite you to a fun evening of **fellowship, food, and support for SWC**! Our goal this year is to raise **\$175,000**, and we can’t do it without our wonderful supporters.

The **online auction** opens on **November 10**, featuring a great variety of items to bid on. Then, join us in person on **Friday, November 15**:

- **4:00 PM** – Online auction and item viewing begins
- **4:30–6:15 PM** – Enjoy a **grilled bacon cheeseburger meal**
- **6:30 PM** – **Live auction** begins (combined men’s and women’s auction)
- **Final Frenzy!** After the live auction ends, you’ll have **10 minutes** to check and finalize your online bids before everything closes.

Thank you for helping make this event a success — your generosity truly makes a difference for our school community!

### COMMUNITY & MISC

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.

### Word & Deed - International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

November 2 is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. As many as 8 countries that Word & Deed partners with suffer from ongoing persecution or live in areas that are under the threat of persecution. Often, instead of asking for relief from persecution, our partners ask for boldness and opportunity to share the Gospel message with their persecutors. Please join us in praying for protection, boldness, and a peace that passes understanding together with the experience of a rich harvest of souls by God’s grace for our partners who face the daily threat of persecution.

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life fall rally will be held on Monday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the party room at Pizza Ranch in Pipestone. Don Parker, co-executive director of MCCL, will be the guest speaker. Don will educate us about what is going on in the state of Minnesota concerning the fight against abortion. Please come to support what MCCL is doing to inform us about this very urgent issue, and please invite your friends.

Grief visits each one of us at some time in our lives. It is less painful and easier to heal when the grief process is shared. Hospice of Murray County will hold a bereavement group for adults at the Hospice of Murray County office in Slayton. It is 6 sessions, on Tuesdays from 4pm - 5:30 pm. The Winter group will begin on Tuesday November 11 and continue through Tuesday December 16th, 2025. There is no cost for the bereavement support group as it is sponsored by Hospice of Murray County. Pre-registration is appreciated so materials can be put together. You can pre-register by calling the Hospice office at 507-836-8114 by Friday November 7th, 2025. This bereavement group is not just for family members served by hospice, but all adults who have lost a loved one.

**Edgerton Food Shelf:** The Edgerton Food Shelf is seeking donations to support local families. Please bring food, personal care items, or monetary gifts to First Reformed Church (checks payable to *Edgerton Food Shelf*). Items always needed: peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, canned vegetables or fruit, body wash, toilet paper, and detergent. They are also collecting Thanksgiving items: boxed stuffing, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, and frozen pies by November 12.

If you have any questions, please contact Art & Sandy Menning, Shar Miedema, Brenda Kooi, Mary Kreun, or Lisa Pfieffe.

ATLAS for Life – Pipestone (101 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE) invites you to join us for our annual Christmas Rummage and Boutique on Saturday, November 15 from 9:00am-3:00pm. Browse and shop the Christmas rummage items and the Christmas décor boutique, including the highly popular outdoor Christmas planters. Also available to purchase will be fresh caramel rolls (as long as they last) and coffee along with a hot sandwich noon lunch (for \$7.00) - serving starting at 11:30. Your support helps ATLAS to share God’s love story full of love, grace, mercy, and hope!

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!

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, November 17 from 12:30 to 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or [fbhuisken@gmail.com](mailto:fbhuisken@gmail.com) to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. We would like to encourage our younger age people to donate as many of our donors are getting older and are no longer able to donate. Anyone 16 yrs.(with parental consent) or older and in good health is able to donate.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- NOVEMBER 2:

Nursery: **AM** – Kim VH, Nicole V, Carrie T, Luke B, Caleb T  
**PM**- Carmen F, Ruth C, Isaac S, Tyler S  
Valet: Dale M  
Ushers: Clayton B, Rod C, Curt M, Clint S  
Sound: AM – Corey S     PM – Corey S  
Video: Kade F  
Projection: Jon/Jared  
Medical Assistant: Barb O  
Children’s Worship: Macy H & Max VH  
Praise Team: Morgan, Amber, Haley, Sarah, Brooke  
Keyboard: Brittany

NEXT WEEK- NOVEMBER 9:

Nursery: **AM** – Jon & Kelsey S, Jen B, Brooklyn T, Shelbi K  
**PM**- Lori S, Brigitte P, Izzy M, Kinley S  
Valet: Dan H  
Ushers: Clayton B, Rod C, Curt M, Clint S  
Sound: AM – Ray S     PM – Ray S  
Video: Josi VH  
Projection: Jan/Kaden  
Medical Assistant: Nick S  
Children’s Worship: Andrea L & Brynlee T

MISSIONARIES

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| <b>Margaret Njuguna</b><br>En-Gedi Children’s Home,<br>Kenya       | <b>Sos and Kara Maletougou</b><br>Christian Reformed World Missions<br>West Africa | <b>Rev. William &amp; Aletha Green</b><br>Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed<br>Churches, Costa Rica |
| <b>A&amp;K L.</b><br>Global Serve International<br>South East Asia |                                                                                    |                                                                                                      |

CHURCH INFORMATION