

The Lord’s Day – October 19, 2025
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude – “Lead Me, Guide Me” – “Christ is Mine Forevermore”

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship: Revelation 5:13

*Opening Songs of Adoration: “There is One Gospel”
“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Standard of Righteousness: Matthew 5:14-16

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: #501 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (1, 2, 4, 7)

Musical Offering: “Holy, Holy, Holy” – Kids’ Praise

Children’s Message

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

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:1-7 (p. 1797)

Sermon: “Paul’s Missionary Heartbeat”

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

Prayer of the Lord’s People (Offering: Friendship Ministries)

Ministry Moment – John Schwider (“For the Children”–Regional Development)

*Benediction

*Parting Song: “Holy is the Lord”

Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

The Lord’s Day – October 19, 2025
Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude – Adult Bells: “Like a River Glorious”, “Wonderful Words of Life” & “New Born Again”

Introit: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” – Adult Bells

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence – Psalm 56:3-4

Pastor: When I am afraid, I will trust in you.

Congregation: In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal
man do to me?

*Call to Worship: Colossians 1:18-20

*Opening Song of Honor: #246 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Prayer of the Lord’s People

*Song of Gratitude: “By Faith”

Scripture Reading: Esther 6 (p. 782)

Sermon: “A Jaw-Dropping Reversal”

*Song of Response: #409 “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” (1, 4, 5)

Prayer for the Offering

Offering: Friendship Ministries

Offertory: “The Church’s One Foundation” – Adult Bells

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

*Benediction

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

SERMON NOTES – October 19, 2025

“Paul’s Missionary Heartbeat”
2 Corinthians 4:1-7

“A Jaw-Dropping Reversal”
Esther 6

REFORMATION MATTERS: "One thing, at least, is clear, on the basis of all our sources of historical information. The earliest Christian church was a missionary church. If Christianity ever settles down to be the religion merely of one nation or of one group of nations, it will have become entirely untrue to the tradition which was established for it at the beginning. There was evidently a tremendous urge among those early Christians to carry their message to the ends of the earth." - J. Gresham Machen, "The Christian View of Missions" (from his *"Selected Shorter Writings"*)

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:45 am	- Kid's Praise
		- Sunday School only for Kindergarten- 2nd grade NO Living for the King Discipleship Class in the sanctuary
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Tue	7:00 pm	- Consistory
Wed	9:30 am	- Coffee Break & Story Hour
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace
		- Evening Coffee Break
	6:30 pm	- GEMS & Cadets
	5:45 pm	- Adult Bells
Thur	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship
	7:00 pm	- Friendship
Sat	7-8 am	- NO Theology for Breakfast

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

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

- **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**
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!
- We have the joy of welcoming our missionaries K&A L. for Mission Emphasis Sunday today! Please join us in the fellowship hall directly following the morning service for their presentation. There is a handout in your mailbox with an update from our missionaries and specific ways you can pray for them. There are also postcards outside the fellowship hall that you can use to write an encouraging note to our missionaries.
- There will be no Catechism for grades 3-12 or Living for the King Discipleship class after the service today. Students can attend our missionary presentation in the fellowship hall.
- **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 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.

- 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.
- Coffee Break could use a couple volunteers to help in the nursery while the young moms study the Bible. If you think you might be able to help out two times a month on Wednesday morning please contact Thea Nykamp 507-227-9513.
- 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 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.
- SWC DONATION SALE will be Saturday, November 15. Mark your calendars for a night of food, fellowship, and fun, all while supporting Southwest Christian Schools!
Even though we are changing things up a little this year with an online auction and a live auction, we still need your donations just the same as we always have! We are accepting donations for the sale NOW! Please bring your donations to the elementary office by November 5, or contact the school office by November 5 to reserve an auction slot for your item! We look forward to receiving the wonderful variety of auction items you bless us with each year and for your generosity and support! *Together* in Faith, *Together* in Purpose!

COMMUNITY & MISC

- 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.

- Word & Deed Prayer Update – Christ-centered Education In Indonesia: As Christians, we know full well that the transforming message of the Gospel will meet resistance and that spiritual battles know no geographic boundaries. The resistance witnessed in the highlands of Papua, Indonesia, is especially challenging. Not only are there deeply-rooted animistic traditions to overcome, but Indonesia's systemic racism and a Papuan sense of entitlement for government aid also present significant barriers for adopting a Christian mindset. In the midst of those challenges our partner, YKW Teacher's College, continues to witness the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts and minds of young men and women to become His tools as teachers in elementary schools. Please pray that the Lord will destroy both the spiritual and man-made barriers and provide open fields for a plentiful Gospel-harvest in Indonesia.
- All are invited to the 15th annual Gospel Jubilee featuring The Benson Family Singers on Sunday, October 26, 3 PM, at American Reformed Church, Luverne, MN. The Benson Family Singers are a talented family music group from Faribault, Minnesota, known for their unique blend of barbershop, bluegrass, and gospel music featuring a mix of humor and heartfelt messages, aiming to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through their music. Invite your friends and family! Freewill offering will be received.
- CALLED: Full time ministry is an extraordinary calling and great privilege, and critical for the purposes of God in this world. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. But “how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” If you have ever wondered if God is calling you to serve Him vocationally, whether as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or something else; if you have questions about what ministry is like; if you wonder if it is worth it; if you don't know the next steps or process – please join us at Dordt University on November 22 from 10-3 for ‘***CALLED*https://forms.gle/Sg6Zh4Jx6cbPDiE9A or follow the QR code on the poster in the back of church. Questions? Email pastor@firstcrcoc.org.**
- Edgebrook Candy Drive – We're excited to once again host a fun & safe trick or treating event for the kids this Halloween. To make it extra special, we're asking for candy donations. Donations can be dropped off in the Edgebrook Business Office from now until October 24. Every contribution helps make this spooky night sweet for the kids! Thank you for your support!
- 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.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- OCTOBER 19:

Nursery: **AM** – Kirk & Megan B, Rebecca V, Victoria P, Lily M
PM- Lois S, Alisha E, Tabitha S, Jaycee K
Valet: Mark S
Ushers: Lester S, Judd P, Steve E, Rod C
Sound: AM – Devin S PM – Devin S
Video: Max VH
Projection: Kirk/Justin
Medical Assistant: Kim V
Children’s Worship: Kelly K & Hartley B
Praise Team: Jorja, Mara, Vera, Blaire, Carli, Shelbi, Kinley
Keyboard: Karrie

NEXT WEEK- OCTOBER 26:

Nursery: **AM** – Ben & Macy H, Erin VH, Mara B, Raelyn S
PM- Rosann VB, Tanya T, Brynlee T, Fallon B
Valet: Ryan V
Ushers: Lester S, Judd P, Steve E, Rod C
Sound: AM – Jeff S PM – Jeff S
Video: Jacob M
Projection: Orey/Jody
Medical Assistant: Carmen F
Children’s Worship: Shannon N & Tyce H

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