

The Lord’s Day – October 26, 2025
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Leroy Christoffels

Prelude

Welcome

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Romans 11:33-36

*God’s Greeting

*Opening Songs of Adoration: 68:1,6 “Let God Arise and by His Might”
469 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

The Law of God – Exodus 20:1-17

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:21-25

*Song of Thanksgiving: #583:1,2,4 “The Tender Love a Father Has”

Scripture Reading: Romans 1:1-17

Sermon: “THE REDISCOVERED GOSPEL”

Hymn of Response: 267:1,2,4 “And Can It Be”

Prayer of the Lord’s People

Offering: Christian Education

Offertory: “*Be Thou My Vision*” – Played by Arianna VanOtterloo on the viola

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #638 “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Next Sunday's Offering: World Renew

The Lord’s Day – October 26, 2025
Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.
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Introit: “*My Faith Looks Up to Me*” - JD Vis

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Responsive Declaration 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: Psalm 31:1-2, 19

*The Lord’s Greeting

*Opening Song of Adoration: 504 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Confessional Reading: Canons III-IV: Articles 11-13 “Human Corruption, Conversion to God and the Way It Occurs”

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Thanksgiving: 495 “I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”

Scripture: Galatians 5:1-16

Sermon: THE BONDAGE OF THE WILL AND OUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST

*Song of Response: 462 “Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound”

Prayer for the Offering

Offertory: “*In Christ Alone*” - Kinley Schmidt

*Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

*Benediction

*Doxology: 178:1-2 “What Shall I Render to the LORD”

SERMON NOTES – October 26, 2025

“The Rediscovered Gospel”
Romans 1:1-17

The Bondage of the Will and Our Freedom in Christ
Galatians 5:1-16

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
		-Living for the King Discipleship Class in the sanctuary
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Mon	7:00 pm	- Mens Society- Belgic Confessions Articles 16-23
Wed	9:30 am	- Coffee Break & Story Hour
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace
		- Evening Coffee Break
	5:45 pm	- Adult Bells
Sat	7-8 am	-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!

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.

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

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 PfiEFFle.

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’**. Stephen Terpstra, John Klompien, and John Lee, along with missions and candidacy experts, will encourage you, talk with you, answer your questions, and explore if God is calling you. The event is free of charge and is for people of all ages, from high school to those nearing retirement, who are exploring full or part time ministry. For more information and to register, go to: <https://forms.gle/Sg6Zh4Jx6cbPDiE9A> or follow the QR code on the poster in the back of church. Questions? Email pastor@firstcrcoc.org.

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 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

NEXT WEEK- NOVEMBER 2:

Nursery: **AM** – Kim VH, Nicole V, Carrie T, Luke B, Max VH
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

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