

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Derek and Brooke Fey

Silent Prayer

*Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28-30

*Opening Songs of Adoration - #328 *“O Come, O Come, Immanuel”* (v. 1-4)
#332 *“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”* (v. 1, 3, 5)

Standard of Righteousness: Matthew 22:34-40

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Gratitude: *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

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

Musical Offering: *“Jesus! High and Holy One”* – First CRC Choir

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 (p. 1124)

Sermon: “The Tender and Strong Servant”

*Song of Response: #329 *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

Prayer of the Lord’s People

Offering: Benevolence

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #332 *“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”* (v. 5)
Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.
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Prelude: Adult Bells - *“Our Hymn of Grateful Praise”, “He Is Born” & “Joy to the World”*

Introit: *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”* – Adam Schelhaas

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 71:17-18

Pastor: Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Congregation: Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come.

*Call to Worship: Jeremiah 9:23-24

*Opening Song of Honor: #337 *“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come”*

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 8:6-20 (p. 287)

Prayer of the Lord’s People

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

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47 (p. 1694)

Sermon: “In Pastures Green I Feed”

*Song of Response: #23 *“The LORD, My Shepherd, Rules My Life”*

Prayer for the Offering (Benevolence)

Offertory: Adult Bells - *“Angels and Shepherds–While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”*
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

*Confession of the Faith: The Nicene Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #565 *“Abide with Us, Our Savior”* (v. 4)

SERMON NOTES – November 30, 2025

“The Tender and Strong Servant”
Isaiah 42:1-9

"In Pastures Green I Feed"
Acts 2:42-47

REFORMATION MATTERS: "It was love in God the Father to send Christ, and love in Christ that he came to be incarnate. Love was the intrinsic motive...Christ's taking flesh was a plot of free grace, and a pure design of love. God himself, though Almighty, was overcome with love. Christ incarnate is nothing but love covered with flesh. As Christ's assuming our human nature was a masterpiece of wisdom, so it was a monument of free grace." - Thomas Watson (1620-1686), in "*A Body of Divinity*"

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

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| Today | 9:30 am | - Morning Worship |
| | NO | Catechism, Sunday School or Living for the King Class |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening Worship |
| Wed | 9:30 am | - Coffee Break and Story Hour |
| | 5:45 pm | - Adult Bells |
| | 6:00 pm | - Kids of Grace |
| | 6:30 pm | - Coffee Break |
| Thur | | - Youth Group |
| | | - Friendship |

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

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| Dec 9 | 7:00 pm | - Council/Consistory |
| Dec 10 | 6:30 pm | - GEMS Christmas Caroling and Party |
| | | - Cadets |
| Dec 11 | 9:30 am | - Christian Fellowship |
| Dec 21 | 6:30 pm | - Christmas Program |

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kids 3-year-old through 8th grade will meet in the front sanctuary at 10:50-11:20 to go through songs for the Christmas program together. They can have cookies and juice prior to practice since there is no Catechism or Sunday School.

Classis Minnkota is excited to once again offer a scholarship grant to its confessing members who currently are full-time or part-time students attending one of institutions endorsed by the CRC (US institutions include Dordt University, Calvin University, Kuyper College, and Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights). If you are a current student enrolled at one of these schools, please talk to Pastor Scott for an application. **The deadline to apply is December 20, 2025.**

We express our sympathy to Willard Sankey after the recent death of his sister, Julie Schuur. May the God of all comfort grant his perfect peace in the risen Lord Jesus to Willard and his family at this time. There will be a change to the December 21 offering. The offering will now be for Cadets instead of New Life Treatment Center.

Lori Fey will be holding a violin recital for students from Bethel CRC and First CRC on Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 at Bethel CRC. All are welcome to attend.

Missionary Christmas Cards - Please remember our missionary families this Christmas season with a card or letter to let them know that you are praying for them. There are boxes in the foyer for you to place your Christmas cards in. Please have your cards in by **Sunday, November 30** so we can get them send off. - Thank you, the Missions Committee

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

We praise God for His faithfulness shown through our recent Southwest MN Christian Schools Fall Auction! With grateful hearts we are very happy to report we met our goal of \$175,000! To our SWC families, constituents, and supporters - thank you for donating, serving, praying, and participating. Your generosity and joyful support remind us of how God works through His people to bless our school community. We are deeply grateful for each helping hand and every gift given—all to His glory and the blessing of His children!

Looking for a way to support the choir's trip to New York and Carnegie Hall? Not looking forward to the hassle of wrapping your Christmas presents this year? Great news! The choir kids and their families will wrap your gifts for you! Simply bring your gifts and a free-will donation to the high school cafeteria on Wednesday, December 10th, from 4:00-8:00 PM. Tell us your preference, and we'll label your wrapped gifts with a name or a description of the item. Stay and wait, or go and run some errands while your presents are wrapped. Let the choir help make your holidays less stressful while you help fund their spring trip! Wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, gift tags and even boxes will be provided. For questions, please contact Greg Masselink.

The High School Christmas Program **“Promise of Light”** will be **performed at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 8th at Bethel CRC**. Join our bands and choirs as they sing and play songs that remind us of the fulfilled promise of a Savior who would be a light and Savior to the World. Notable inclusions include a unique Celtic arrangement of a “What Child is This?” alongside the crowd favorite “Sleigh Ride” performed by the SWC concert band. The choirs are preparing a variety of pieces including a student favorite thought-provoking piece performed by One Accord titled, “Let the Stable Still Astonish”, the addition of 2 more movements to Elaine Hagenberg's “Illuminare” prepared by the Chamber Choir, and the full combined choirs singing of the longing for a promise fulfilled in “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”.

COMMUNITY & MISC

Edgerton Food Shelf Angel Tree: We invite you to participate in our 4th Annual Angel Tree/Gift Drive at First Reformed Church. The tree, located in the entryway, is decorated with ornaments, each representing a gift request or need. Simply take an ornament, purchase the item listed, and place the unwrapped gift in the tote beside the tree. We will be collecting items from Nov. 29 - Dec. 17. By doing so, you'll help us bring a little extra holiday cheer to local Food Shelf members in need. Let's make this season brighter together!

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- NOVEMBER 30:

Nursery: **AM** – Brian & Ann Marie B, Lori VE, Jayden B, Jessica S
PM- Jana T, Rebecca V, Lydia T, Kambrie S
Valet: Mark S
Ushers: Dave K, Rod C, Curt M, Clint S
Sound: AM – Corey S PM – Corey S
Video: Max VH
Projection: Jody/Jon
Medical Assistant: Barb O
Children’s Worship: Mindy B & Shelbi K

NEXT WEEK- DECEMBER 7:

Nursery: **AM** – Alex & Shannon N, Evon VH, Hartley B, Jaycee K
PM- Katie F, Carrie T, Mara B, Shelbi K
Valet: Dale M
Ushers: Lester S, Judd P, Steve E, Rod C
Sound: AM – Ray S PM – Ray S
Video: Jacob M
Projection: Jan/Jared
Medical Assistant: Nick S
Children’s Worship: Mindy B & Isaac S
Praise Team: Kirk, Brad, Mark, Kurt, Seth, Greg
Keyboard: Brittany

| MISSIONARIES | | |
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| 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 |
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CHURCH INFORMATION