

The Lord's Day – March 8, 2026
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Isaiah 40:11

Pastor: He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms.

Congregation: He carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

*Mutual Greeting

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

*Opening Song of Adoration: #249 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

Standard of Righteousness: 1 John 1:8-10

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 4:25

*Song of Gratitude: #568 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

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

Musical Offering: *"Jesus Is the Living Stone"* – First CRC Choir

Scripture Reading: John 10:11-21 (p. 1666)

Sermon: "The Good Shepherd"

*Song of Response: *"In Christ Alone"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Edgerton Food Shelf

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #618 *"Jerusalem the Golden"* (v. 4)

Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

The Lord's Day – March 8, 2026
Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Leroy Christoffels

Prelude: played by Grace Muilenburg

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Expression 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 – from Psalm 48:1-3

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: 48:1-3 "Great is the Lord our God"

Reading: Canons III-IV "Human Corruption, Conversion to God, and the Way It Occurs" Rejection
of Errors I-III (pg. 940-941)

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Thanksgiving: 474 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Scripture: Luke 9:18-27; 43b-45; 18:31-33

Sermon: THE CENTRALITY OF THE CROSS

*Song of Response: 384 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Offertory Prayer

Offering and Offertory: Edgerton Food Shelf

"Amazing Grace" - Ruby Muilenburg

*Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed (p. 814)

*Benediction

*Doxology: 178:1 "What Shall I Render to the Lord"

SERMON NOTES – March 8, 2026

**"The Good Shepherd
John 10:11-21**

**"The Centrality of the Cross"
Luke 9:18-27; 43b-45; 18:31-33**

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...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"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:45 am	- Catechism, Sunday School, Living for the King class
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Mon	7:00 pm	-Men's Society - Promote & Defend - Church Order
Wed	9:30 am	- Coffee Break & Story Hour
	5:50 pm	- Bells
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace
	6:30 pm	- Evening Coffee Break
	6:30 pm	- GEMS & Cadets
Thur	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship
Sat	7:00 am	- Theology for Breakfast

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

March 15 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CATECHISM

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Warriors: Please find your prayer partner in the pews to catch up on prayer requests and pray before catechism today.

We lift our prayers for and express our sympathies to Dan and Lisa Niemeyer and their family after the recent death of Lisa's father, Glenn Van Essen. May the God of all comfort richly console the family with the hope of the gospel during this time of grief.

Thank you for the continued prayers, thoughts, meals and gifts that we have received since Emmett's diagnosis. We know Emmett has a long, and challenging road ahead of him and we appreciate the prayers and support from our church family as we navigate his journey. Steven & Kala Talsma

We would like to thank our church family for all the love and support shown to us after Pete's surgery. Thanks so much for all the delicious food brought in. Pete and Bev Boer

AN EARTHLY MISSION WITH AN ETERNAL GOAL – Royal Family Kids Camp is a mission formed right here in our community for kids in SW MN in the foster care system. RFKC is focused on providing foster kids with a fun camp where they can experience Jesus' love in a safe environment while building lasting relationships. You should have found a flyer in mailboxes with information on ways people of all ages and abilities can get involved! This year's overnight camp will be held locally June 1-4, 2026. Please

consider joining this amazing opportunity to share the love of Jesus with some pretty special kids! If you have any questions, you can email us at swmnrk@gmail.com. Join us in making moments that matter for the foster kids in our area.

March 29, 2:30 pm - Join us for the Annual Music Festival at First CRC of Edgerton. Southwest Christian's choirs, along with individual and choral groups from area churches, will present selections during this afternoon of praise. The audience will be invited to join the mass choir for the Hallelujah Chorus. An offering will be collected for Southwest Christian High School (sponsored as a fundraiser by Circle #12). If you would like to participate, there are some sign up sheets on the information table in the back of church.

Mission Trip - In April, 16 of us from Bethel and First CRC will travel to the Dominican Republic to serve with Go Ministries. We would love for you to partner with us through your prayers and if you feel led, help us purchase supplies for our trip. We will be doing physical labor and VBS/field days. Here are ways you can partner with us:

1. Purchase supplies for VBS/Field Days - (Go to Amazon, Select Account & Lists, Find a List or Registry, then enter Erin Van Hulzen under Owner's Name, Click on DR Go Ministries Mission Trip 2026 and select items to purchase.)
2. Go Sports Donation Box - located in the church lobby (Collecting any sport-specific shoes/cleats in good condition, especially soccer cleats and basketball shoes; balls for baseball, basketball, soccer & volleyball; volleyball knee pads; shin guards for soccer; baseball gloves; whistles, & pumps for balls).
3. Give a monetary gift to fly supplies to the DR.

Thank you for your prayers and support! First CRC contacts are Jody De Kam (507-920-6895) and Erin Van Hulzen (507-227-7951) if you have questions!

To the Congregation of First CRC: World Renew extends our gratitude for your support and commitment to Christ's call to mercy and justice. Your congregation's gifts of \$7,868.01 in 2025 are contributing to a larger impact—one that reached 720,633 participants in 1,449 communities across 30 countries worldwide in 2024-25. Your generosity is providing families with access to essentials like medical care, education, food, and crisis support, while also strengthening long-term efforts for communities to thrive. Thank you for helping families experience God's love and find a hopeful future. Explore more stories at worldrenew.net.

If you need to make any changes to your church directory information or update your photo, please contact Kirk Van Hulzen.

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

KINGDOM KIDS PRESCHOOL at Southwest MN Christian Schools is open for enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year and we couldn't be more excited!

What a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore and discover God's world! Registration forms can be picked up at the elementary campus office at 210 Elizabeth St W, Edgerton, or downloaded at our school website, swcschools.org.

For more information or if you'd like a school tour, call the office at 507-442-6181 or email us at elementary@swcschools.org. Come experience the difference at SWC!

The Southwest MN Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual Spring Soup and Dessert Supper on Tuesday, March 24 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.

SAVE THE DATE! Southwest MN Christian will be holding their annual Black and Gold Banquet on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the elementary gymnasium. Social Hour begins at 5:45, with dinner, dessert, and entertainment to follow. More details to come. If you would like to reserve a spot or host a table, please call the high school office at 507-442-4471 or the elementary office at 507-442-6181.

SWC 7th-12th grade drama lovers are working hard on this year's musical, Singin' in the Rain Jr. A musical coming to a gym near you on March 26, 27, and 28 at 7:00 pm in SWC Elementary gymnasium. Tickets will go on sale March 9!

Singin' in the Rain JR. is a fun, family-friendly musical set in 1920s Hollywood as movies switch from silent films to "talkies." When a starlet's voice threatens a big film, aspiring actress Kathy Selden (Hannah Masselink) secretly helps save the show — and captures the heart of leading man Don Lockwood (Jonah Uilk). Full of comedy, romance, and classic songs, it's a celebration of hidden talent and movie magic!

COMMUNITY & MISC

All are invited to join us for an enjoyable evening concert presented by the Rehoboth Christian High School band from Rehoboth, New Mexico. Hosted by the Luverne CRC, 6:30 pm, Sunday, March 29, 2026. This is a mission that Luverne CRC supports. 90 students will need overnight lodging on Sunday evening, March 29 after the concert. If you are able to host 2-4 students, please email Greg Kuiper at gmkuiper83@gmail.com. Students are scheduled to be at SWMCS on the morning of Monday, March 30.

Join us on March 20 for a night of fellowship and fundraising at the Hills Christian School Spring Donation Sale. Freewill donation supper will be from 5:30-6:45, where you can choose pulled pork or shredded beef sandwiches with chips, beans and ice cream! To go boxes are available. At 7:00 our live auction will begin. All proceeds raised will go to support the mission of Hills Christian School. Our thanks to our meal sponsors: Rock County Pork Producers, Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers, Rock County American Dairy Association, and Rock Nobles Cattlemen Association.

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, March 23 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 seconds someone/somewhere in the U.S.A. needs blood. Anyone 16 years (with parents permission) or older is eligible to donate. Please help us reach our goal of collecting 75 units of blood.

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to our Annual Benefit Banquet Monday, April 13, 2026 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA at 6:30 p.m. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Save your spot by Thursday, April 9 by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website www.cornerstonepcsd.org.

Join us for an evening of praise to God for his work through Cornerstone Prison Church inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary! A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. We look forward to seeing you! If you are unable to attend, you can send your donations to: Cornerstone Prison Church, c/o Dave Vande Kamp, PO Box 88708, Sioux Falls, SD 57109, Or donate online at www.cornerstonepcsd.org

The Art of Marriage Retreat at Inspiration Hills is coming up soon! This weekend retreat will be a great opportunity for couples to not only rest and relax, but also strengthen their marital bond through our guided workshops. We will follow FamilyLife's video curriculum to cover the topics that come up most often throughout married life including communication, conflict, intimacy, and love. There will also be breakout sessions and fun activities throughout the weekend. Also, because of the generosity of donors who understand the value of this retreat, we are able to provide lodging, food, and everything else for only \$50/couple. We would love to serve your couples so they can have a life changing experience without having to worry about the cost. Consider sponsoring your couples today!

When is the retreat? March 27-29 starting at 4:30PM on Friday and ending at noon on Sunday.

Where is the retreat? At Inspiration Hills! 1242 280th St, Inwood, IA. If interested in sponsoring, give us a call at 712-986-5193 or email us at ihills@inspirationhills.org. To view full event details and to register, go to <https://www.inspirationhills.org/marriage>

The Rehoboth Christian High School band invites you to attend their concerts while they are touring in your local area.

March 26: Shalom CRC Sioux Falls, SD 5:00-6:30 PM Navajo Taco Meal, 7:00 PM Concert

March 27: Dordt University, BJ Haan Auditorium 7:00 PM Concert

March 28: Calvary CRC Orange City, IA 5:00-6:30 PM Navajo Taco Meal, 7:00 PM Concert

March 29: Trinity CRC Rock Valley, IA 9:30 AM Service Participation

March 29: Luverne CRC. Luverne, MN 6:30 PM Concert

All concerts are free to attend with a free-will offering taken. For more information visit <https://www.rcsnm.org/admissions/schools/finearts.cfm> or email Laura Blystra at lblystra@rcsnm.org.

Do you have an interest in helping out at Inspiration Hills? They are looking for Counselors, Day camp coordinators and a worship coordinator. For more information, see the information table in the back of church.

Justice for All invites you to attend the ***Get To Know JFA Event on March 28, 2026 at the Terrace View Event Center, Sioux Center, IA, 5:30 – 8:00PM.*** JFA Ministry programs (Service & Learning, Sharing & Caring, and Transitional Housing) will be presented and then get ready for some fun!! JFA has invited **Christian comedian and illusionist Joshua Jordan** back again for a great time of laughs and magic! Entertainment for All ages! The catered meal will feature flavors and dishes inspired by the cultures and communities of our ministry partners. **Reservations** can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org. (\$75/ticket or \$500 for a table of 8) Kids welcome to join us as we celebrate JFA ministry and enjoy a fun evening!!

Mid-America Reformed Seminary invites you to the 2026 Spring Student Lectures on Tuesday, March 10, featuring Dr. Mark Jones, minister at Faith Vancouver PCA. Dr. Jones will present "*Losing My Religion,*" a three-part series examining sin and backsliding through Luke 15, addressing why believers fall away, recognizing warning signs, and understanding genuine repentance. The afternoon sessions run from 1:00–4:30 PM (Central Time) and include Q&A periods and refreshment breaks. Those unable to attend in person may watch via live stream on Facebook and YouTube. Register online at www.midamerica to secure your spot for this afternoon of theological insight and discussion.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- MARCH 8:

Nursery: AM – Alex & Shannon N, Evon VH, Lydia T, Jorja H

PM- Ashley S, Sally B, Izzy M, Megan B

Valet: Darrin DK

Ushers: Dave K, Rod Ch, Curt M, Clint S

Sound: AM – Jeff S PM – Jeff S

Video: Kade F

Projection: Jon/Jared

Medical Assistant: Brenda K

Children's Worship: Mindy B & Skylar S

NEXT WEEK- MARCH 15:

Nursery: AM – Marshall & Tawni P, Erin VH, Henry L, Caleb T

PM- Megan B, Katie F, Kinley S, Mara B

Valet: Duane VB

Ushers: Dave K, Rod Ch, Curt M, Clint S

Sound: AM – Corey S PM – Corey S

Video: Josi VH

Projection: Jan/Kaden

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children's Worship: Kelsey S & Tyce H

Praise Team: Jody, Lori, Becky, Jen

Keyboard: Kaitlyn

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

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Global Serve International
South East Asia

CHURCH INFORMATION