

The Lord's Day –April 26, 2026
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

SERMON NOTES – April 26, 2026

"Jesus – The Resurrection and the Life"
John 11:1-27

Prelude – *"I Love to Tell the Story"* – *"The Lord Almighty Reigns"*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 31:2-3

Pastor: Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Congregation: Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

*Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship: Jeremiah 9:23-24

*Opening Song of Adoration: *"Ancient of Days"*

Standard of Righteousness: Ephesians 4:31-32

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Mark 10:45

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"There Is One Gospel"*

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

Scripture Reading: John 11:1-27 (p. 1668)

Sermon: *"Jesus – The Resurrection and the Life"*

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

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: GEMS Ministry

Offertory Song: *"Hallelujah for the Cross"*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"Holy Is the Lord"*

Next Sunday's Offering: Westminster Seminary

REFORMATION MATTERS: "When explaining what had brought some Romans into the faith, Justin [Justin Martyr was a Christian in the early second century] did not actually highlight the role of argumentation and persuasion. Instead, he noted above all else that it was simply the lives of integrity that Christians had lived out before their neighbors and everyday business contacts. Their patience, gentleness, and honesty, he reported, were the actual reason that many...had embraced Christ." - Mark Graham, in *"30 Key Moments in the History of Christianity"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Combined Service at Bethel for GEMS
Wed	6:30 pm	- Youth Group – Final meeting
	6:00 pm	- KOG Year End Party at Rock River Park
Thur	5:30 pm	- Friendship Pizza Party at Pipestone Pizza Ranch

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

May 5	7:00 pm	- Council/Consistory
May 10		Mothers Day

SWC Calendar of Events

April 27 6th Grade Play 7:00pm
May 1 K-4 Spring Program - Elem Gym 9:30am
SWC Circles Bake Sale following program
6-8 Field Day 12:30pm
Jr Class DC Fundraiser - Afternoon Outdoor Spring Cleaning
May 11 5-12 Spring Pops Concert - HS Gym 7:00pm
May 21 Last Day Of School - Noon Dismissal
May 22 Graduation 7:15pm
May 25 Memorial Pancake Breakfast - HS cafeteria 7:30am -10:00am
May 27 Annual Society Meeting - Elem Gym 7:00pm

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a combined worship service this evening at Bethel CRC in Edgerton as the GEMS Ministry takes part in a portion of the service. The worship service will begin at 6:30 P.M.

The elders have approved Jean Dyk's request to have her membership and her son Aaron Dyk's membership transferred to Luverne CRC. We pray the Lord Jesus Christ would continue to bless Jean and Aaron in this new chapter for them!

There will be a special meeting of Classis Minnkota on the evening of Wednesday, April 29 via Zoom. This meeting was called in response to an additional overture from Worthington CRC. Along with Pastor Scott, an elder and a deacon will serve as delegates from First.

YPS Students- Final meeting of the year will be April 29. Plan to meet in the fellowship hall from 6:30-8pm for snacks, games and prizes!

Kids of Grace will be holding their year-end party at Rock River Park on April 29 at 6:00.

Friendship will be holding their year-end party at the Pipestone Pizza Ranch on March 30 at 5:30.

Royal Family Kids Camp **NEEDS YOU:** Camp details are coming together quickly! Our camper enrollment is full, but for each camper to attend, we still need a few more volunteers. We need 10 male guides and 3 female guides. If you are 16 or older and available June 1-4 to spend the day and overnight with a camper, please fill out the online application on Facebook/Instagram, or contact our leadership team. Thank you for your support and continued prayers!

Mother's Day Slideshow- There will be a slideshow honoring Mothers again this coming Mother's Day. If you would like to submit a photo of someone you would like to honor or update a photo from previous years, please submit them to Kim, either by mailbox or email (firstcsrcsec@yahoo.com). Please have pictures submitted by **May 1.**

Attention all parents of graduates. The council would like to recognize all of the High School, Tech School and College graduates of our church family. Please email Kirk Van Hulzen kirkvh@iw.net with the information listed below by May 19 to make the announcement flyer.
High School Graduates: Plans for after High School.
College & Tech School Graduates: School name, degree, plans for future.

Plans are forming for the next Church Pantry Shower. We do not want to miss any brides/grooms, so if you have a son or daughter getting married this year, or who was married this past year and was not included in the last Pantry Shower, please contact Erin Van Hulzen.

Plans are being made for an upcoming class for those wishing to make a public profession of their faith in Christ the Savior. Please talk to Pastor Scott if you're interested in signing up.

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

K-4 Spring Musical – Blast Off! Friday, May 1 at 9:30 AM. Hop aboard spaceship J-316 and travel the galaxy with our K-4 crew! When the Intergalactic Bible Database is suddenly erased, it's up to them to save Scripture before it's gone forever. Will they succeed? Come find out in this fun and meaningful adventure about keeping God's Word close to our hearts!

Oh Yum! It's a Bake Sale! The annual SWC Circle Bake Sale will be held immediately following the K-4 Spring Program at the Elementary campus on May 1. SWC Circles #5 and #12 are excited to team up and fill the tables with delicious homemade treats! Be sure to stop by and support this tasty fundraiser—all proceeds benefit SWC!

5-12 High School Spring Pops Concert on Monday, May 11 at 7:00 PM. Join our 5th-12th grade students in the High School gym for a lively mix of music from stage, screen, and radio! Come and enjoy a wide range of songs as we celebrate God's gift of music.

Do you need some OUTDOOR SPRING CLEANUP done?

Picking up sticks, getting deck furniture out, gutter cleaning and window washing. The SWC junior class would like to assist you. They are doing their last fundraiser for their senior class trip to Washington, DC in the afternoon on May 1. Free will donations will be accepted to help offset the costs of the trip. Please contact the school office at (507) 442-4471 by April 28 if you would like to be placed on the list. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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!

COMMUNITY & MISC

The ATLAS for Life Always Growing Greenhouse is open! Come enjoy the beauty of God's beautiful handiwork as you look forward to filling those planters and gardens. A great gift idea – an Always Growing Greenhouse gift certificate! The greenhouse is located on the grounds of Hubers Automotive – 105 8th Ave. (next to 8th Ave. Diner and across from Luann's Gas). Thank you for your support!

An Evening of Hymns, Praise, and Worship: Looking for a meaningful way to wrap up your Sunday? **Bethel CRC in Edgerton** warmly invites you to join us for a special evening service on Sunday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to welcoming **Pastor Steve Zwart** from 1st CRC in Sioux Falls, who will lead us in a **hymn sing service**, celebrating the rich heritage of our faith through song. Refreshments will be served after the service. We look forward to lifting our voices with you!

Join us for a National Day of Prayer service on Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 PM at Bethel CRC in Edgerton. This will be a time to come together in prayer for our nation, communities, leaders, and families. All are welcome—please invite others to join us for this meaningful evening of prayer and unity.

Vacation Bible School: Get ready for an unforgettable adventure at this year's Vacation Bible School - **Rainforest Falls: Rooted in God's Love!** Join us June 8-11, 2026 for a fun-filled week of Bible stories, games, crafts, and songs that will help kids grow deeper in their relationship with God. Please note, due to location limitations, VBS will run Monday through Thursday only, with no Friday or VBS program this

year. Registration is open through June 1, so be sure to sign up soon! (Registration tables are set up in the back of your church or online - follow us on Facebook!) We are also in need of helpers to make this week possible. If you are willing to help, we would truly love to have you. VBS would not be the same without all our volunteers! Let's make it a great week!

As the cold of winter slowly gives way to spring, we witness new life breaking out around us. It's a reminder of the new life we experience in Christ. We regularly hear from our Luke Society directors about lives dead to sin being turned to life through Jesus. We give our thanks to First CRC for playing a role in that transformation for Christ. We look forward to our continued partnership together. Thank you for your recent gift of \$3,329.26 on 4/20/2026. Your church's generous support enables us to support doctors and nurses who are living out their calling to make Jesus Christ known in the world.

Grace and peace to you during this season of Eastertide. Thank you for your generous March gift in support of the work of Resonate Global Mission. As we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection, we are reminded that the hope of Easter is not confined to a single day, it is a living hope that transforms hearts and communities every day. Because of your faithful partnership, congregations are strengthened, leaders are equipped, and communities are served in the name of the risen Christ. Through missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and ministry leaders, the message of resurrection hope is being shared with people who long to experience new life in Jesus. Your support helps extend that hope—hope that renews faith, restores relationships, and inspires lives of service. In a world that often feels marked by uncertainty and brokenness, your generosity is a powerful testimony to the life-changing good news of the gospel. We give thanks to God for you and for your dedication to Christ's church. We could not do this work without your partnership. With gratitude in the risen Lord, Kevin DeRaaf, Director, Resonate Global Mission

Mid-America Reformed Seminary's Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference returns **October 2-3, 2026**, at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, with a focus on biblical hospitality. Join us for two days of teaching, panel discussions, and worship designed to equip your church to better welcome and enfold others into its life. Early Bird registration is open through May 31. Learn more and register today at midamerica.edu/cme/conference.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- APRIL 26:

Nursery: AM – Phil & Katie F, Becky S, John E, Mason VH

PM- Combined at Bethel

Valet: Duane VB

Ushers: Lester S, Judd P, Steve E, Bob S

Sound: AM – Dean

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Kirk/Justin

Medical Assistant: Shelise K

Children's Worship: Shannon N & Shelbi K

Praise Team: Kurt & Blaire T, Brad & Vera P, Brian & Mara B, Jon & Kinley S

Keyboard: Karrie

NEXT WEEK- MAY 3:

Nursery: AM – Levi & Mara M, Brigette P, Max VH, Carson V

PM- Tanya T, Thea N, Victoria P, Tabitha S

Valet: Nathan B

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

Sound: AM – Ray S PM – Ray S

Video: Levi VH

Projection: Orey/Jody

Medical Assistant: Nick S

Children's Worship: Macy H & Isaac S

Praise Team: Morgan, Amber, Haley, Megan, and Brooke

Keyboard: Brittany

MISSIONARIES

Margaret Njuguna

En-Gedi Children's Home,
Kenya

Sos and Kara Maletoungou

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