

The Lord's Day –May 10, 2026
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Leroy Christoffels

Prelude

Welcome

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 47:5-7

*God's Greeting

*Opening Songs of Adoration: 404:1,3,4 "Sing Choirs of New Jerusalem"
410:1-2 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

The Law of God

Declaration of Pardon: from Hebrews 9:24-28

*Song of Thanksgiving: Sing! #655 "Come My Soul, With Every Care"

At this time, kids ages 3-5 may be dismissed for a Bible lesson,
Located downstairs in Room 4

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon: "CHRIST IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS"

Hymn of Response: 408 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Prayers of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

Offertory

*Benediction

*Parting Song: 406:1,3 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Next Sunday's Offering: Royal Family Kids Camp

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Evening Worship - 6:30 P.M.
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Introit: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" – Amelia Bleyenber

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 I Peter 2:4-5

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: 412 "Jesus Shall Reign"

Confessional Reading: Canons V:4-6; Par. II "The Perseverance of the Saints"

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Thanksgiving: 496 "My Lord, I Did Not Choose You"

Scripture: Luke 22:31-34; I Peter 5:6-11

Sermon: THE SAINTS BACKSLIDING

*Song of Response: 489 "When Peace Like a River"

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian Education

Offertory: "Come Thou Fount" – Cora Bleyenber

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

*Benediction

*Doxology: 209 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

SERMON NOTES – MAY 10, 2026

"Christ in the Heavenly Realms"
Ephesians 1:15-23

"The Saints Backsliding"
Luke 22:31-34; I Peter 5:6-11

REFORMATION MATTERS: "It is a believer's privilege to walk with God in the exercise of faith, and, by the power of his Spirit, to mortify the whole body of sin; to gain a growing victory over the world and self, and to make daily advances in conformity to the mind that was in Christ. And nothing that we profess to know, believe, or hope for, deserves the name of a privilege, farther than we are influenced by it to die unto sin, and to live unto righteousness." - John Newton (1725-1807), in *"Select Letters of John Newton"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Thur	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

May 31 All Church Potluck

SWC Calendar of Events

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

Pastor Scott will be out of the office from May 4 through May 18. Please reach out to your care group elder or deacon if you have a need that arises during this time.

Royal Family Kids Camp **NEEDS YOU:** Thank you for helping us fill our volunteer positions, but we still need a few more guides! Our camper enrollment is full, but for each camper to attend, we still need a few more volunteers. We need 3 male guides and 1 female guide. 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!

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 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.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join the SWC faculty, staff, and families as we celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2026 with their commencement ceremony. We look forward to honoring each graduate as they receive their diploma.

The ceremony will take place on Friday, May 22 at 7:15 PM in the high school gymnasium. We hope you can join us for this special occasion!

SWC School Society Meeting at the Elementary Gym
Wednesday, May 27 @ 7:00pm

- Stay informed about the school's finances and how resources are being used
- Hear the vision for the future and upcoming goals
- Understand student outcomes, including testing and program updates
- Ask questions and gain clarity directly from leadership
- Share your voice and be part of the conversation
- Support transparency and strong school-community partnership
- Show investment in your child's education and the school's direction

Can't attend but would like to vote? Stop by either of the school offices for an absentee ballot beginning Wednesday, May 13

Memorial Day pancake breakfast: Southwest MN Christian Circle #11 invites you to their annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast on Monday, May 25 from 7:30-10:00 a.m. at the high school campus - 550 Elizabeth St. In addition to hot pancakes served right off the griddle (gluten free available too) there will be sausages, juice, milk and coffee. Free will donations gratefully accepted.

Help Support the SWC Food Stand! Edgerton's annual Dutch Festival is July 10-12. In an effort to build camaraderie, give back to the community, and raise funds, the SWC Food Stand will be providing a delicious array of locally-raised beef and pork, home-made ice cream, fresh baked pies, bakery buns, and more at prices families can afford. Ways to support this fundraiser include:

- Eating at the Food Stand

- Volunteering at the Food Stand <https://signup.com/go/ZztHPUp>

- Donating to the SWC Parents Club. Here is a link to donate via Venmo or there is a QR code that you can scan in the back of church on the information table (<https://account.venmo.com/u/SWCParentsClub>). Cash or check donations—payable to SWC Parents Club—can also be left in Kelsey Schmidt's church mailbox or brought to the elementary or high school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support of SWC Schools!

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

Date Night- an event for Couples led by Dave and Ann Wilson from Family Life Today. They have been teaching and mentoring couples and parents for over 33 years and will be leading an event at the American Reformed Church in Luverne on May 28 at 7pm. The event is free and any free will donations will go towards the cost of the event.

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!

VBS Helpers: We're looking for volunteers to help with VBS June 8–11 from 9:00–11:30am! One of the easiest and most helpful roles is guiding groups of kids from station to station. It requires no prep work, just a willingness to show up and have fun. Grandparents, high school students, parents - anyone can help! Even if you're only available for a couple of days, we would love to have you. Come be part of a great week sharing God's love with our kids!

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!

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- MAY 10:

Nursery: AM – John & Jana T, Lori S, Ava B, Brooklyn T

PM- Andrea L, Cindy S, Lydia T, Izzy M

Valet: Mark S

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

Sound: AM – Jesse VH PM – Jesse VH

Video: Max VH

Projection: Jon/Jared

Medical Assistant: Brenda K

Children's Worship: Andrea L & Lily M

NEXT WEEK- MAY 17:

Nursery: AM – Alex & Shannon N, Jackie W, Tate H, Caleb T

PM- Jody S, Lois S, Shelbi K, Kinley S

Valet: Dale M

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

Sound: AM – Devin S PM – Devin S

Video: Kade F

Projection: Jan/Kaden

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children's Worship: Carmen F & Kinley S

Praise Team: Jorja, Mara, Vera, Blaire, Kinley, Carli, Shelbi

Keyboard: Karrie

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