

The Lord's Day –May 24, 2026
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where does my help come?

Congregation: Our help is in the Name of the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth.

*Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-4

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

Standard of Righteousness: Colossians 3:8-10

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:13-14

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

Musical Offering: *"Build My Life"* – SWC High School Seniors

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

Scripture Reading: John 11:28-44 (p. 1669)

Sermon: "The Dead Man Came Out"

*Song of Response: #535 *"Come to the Savior Now"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Bible League (Local Chapter)

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #638 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

The Lord's Day –May 24, 2026
Evening Worship - 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: John 15:5

Pastor: I am the vine; you are the branches.

Congregation: If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

*Call to Worship: Psalm 108:3-5

*Opening Song of Honor: #483 *"How Great Thou Art"*

Responsive Bible Reading: Psalm 121 (p. 965)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Thanksgiving: #621 *"The God of Abraham Praise"* (v. 1-4)

Confessional Reading from the Heidelberg Catechism

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 (p. 1817)

Sermon: "The Joy of This Comfort"

*Song of Response: #502 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

Prayer for the Offering (Bible League – Local Chapter)

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #621 *"The God of Abraham Praise"* (v. 5)

SERMON NOTES – MAY 24, 2026

**"The Dead Man Came Out"
John 11:28-44**

**"The Joy of This Comfort"
Ephesians 1:3-14**

REFORMATION MATTERS: "Holy Spirit, our hearts are naturally polluted: come into them, we pray, and work sin out, and work grace in. Make our hearts temples of purity and a paradise for pleasantness...Sanctify our wills, biasing them to good, so it will be as delightful for us to serve God as once it was to sin against him. Perfume us with holiness and make our hearts a map of heaven." - Prayer of Thomas Watson, in *"Into His Presence: Praying with the Puritans"*

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 25 Memorial Pancake Breakfast - HS cafeteria 7:30am -10:00am
May 27 Annual Society Meeting - Elem Gym 7:00pm

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We offer our sympathies to and lift our prayers on behalf of Arvin and Lorelei Schelhaas after the recent death of Lorelei's father, Cliff Mulder. May the Lord Jesus, the Savior who is the resurrection and the life, grant his all-surpassing comfort to the family during this time of grief.

Next Sunday, we will have the privilege of witnessing the covenant baptism of Archer Gunnink, son of Justin and Lexi Gunnink. We pray that, as we see the gospel promises made visible in baptism, the church will be built up in our hope and faith in the risen Lord Jesus.

This evening, First will host a combined worship service as our brothers and sisters from Bethel CRC in Edgerton join us at 6:30 PM.

Church Potluck-May 31 is the fifth Sunday of the month and ALL are invited for a time of plentiful tasty food and good fellowship with our church family after the morning service. Details were in your church box last week.

As we have concluded this season of Friendship, we gratefully look back to our beginning 40 years ago. It was 40 years ago that Morris VanderKolk, Ed Hulstein, Pete Boer had a desire to begin a special time of sharing God's word and the love of Jesus with those with mental disabilities. So began Friendship. Over the years we have had many friends attending from the area, who live in their group homes and at their homes. Many of them are now living with Jesus in complete joy. Also we have had many faithful dedicated mentors sharing that love of Jesus with their friend. Many of these relationships have lasted for many years. Marlene Kreun has been with Friendship all 40 years blessing her friend. We now have 12 members with wonderful devoted mentors who are also indescribably blessed by their friend. Joyce Christians, Karen Fey, Rita Fey, Nancy Hensley, Marlene Kreun, Rose and Dennis Kroll, Joann

Schelhaas, and Mark Sorensen. Your reward is out of this world! Thank you for your loving support of Friendship as we continue to share our Savior's love with our friends.

Next Sunday morning, immediately following the service we will have a brief report from the Dominican Republic mission trip team.

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 STILL NEED 2 MALE 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!

Royal Family Kids Camp is in need of snacks and drinks to bless our young adult guides who run after our 40 energetic campers all day. Looking for donations of bars, salty snacks, puppy chow, chips/queso/salsa, and drinks for the week of camp, June 1-4. Guides are given a time of snacks and rest to recharge during our nightly debriefing and meetings. If you are willing to provide snacks and/or drinks for RFK Camp, please contact Evon Van Hofwegen (507-920-0265) to tell her what you'd like to bring so she can keep tabs on what's coming. Bring any snack donations to the First CRC kitchen - south counter, labeled RFK, by Monday, June 1. Thanks for blessing the camp and its mission!

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

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 - Dave and Ann Wilson from Family Life Today 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 17:

Nursery: AM – Ben & Macy H, Carrie T, Jessica S, Myah J

PM- Alisha E, Rosann VB, Kambrie S, Fallon B

Valet: Dan H

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

Sound: AM – Jeff S PM – Jeff S

Video: Josi VH

Projection: Kirk/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children's Worship: Kim V & Tate H

NEXT WEEK- MAY 31:

Nursery: AM – Marshall & Tawni P, Megan F, Cora B, Hartley B

PM- Amber T, Nicole V, Jorja H, Mara B

Valet: Darrin DK

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

Sound: AM – Cory S PM – Cory S

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Justin/Orey

Medical Assistant: Shelise K

Children's Worship: NO LESSON

Praise Team: Mark & Lori, Kurt & Vonda, Tadd & Erica, Seth & Brittany

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

A&K L.

Global Serve International
South East Asia

CHURCH INFORMATION