



**May 14, 2023**

**Morning Worship Service**

**9:30 a.m.**

**We Gather to Worship Our Triune God**

Scripture Meditation – Colossians 3:1–3

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**God Calls Us**

*If you are visiting, looking for a church home, or have a prayer request, please fill out the card in the pew and deposit it in the offering plate.*

Call to Worship – Psalm 47:5–7

Opening Prayer

\* Opening Praise – PH #367(vs.1–3) “Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices”

\* God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting – Revelations 1:4–5

\* Hymn – SP #12 “He is Exalted”

**God Renews Us**

Call to Confession – Isaiah 45:22–25

Assurance of Forgiveness & God’s Will for Our Lives – Psalm 138

Hymn – SP #112(vs.1–3) “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**God Guides Us**

Prayers of God’s People

Offertory/Offering for Hills Christian School

\*Hymn of Preparation – PH #448(vs.1–3) “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Scripture Reading – Acts 1:1–11 (page 1690 in pew Bibles)

Sermon – “*Encountering the Risen Lord: Entering Glory*”

I. Expanded Kingdom

II. Empowered Ministry

III. Exalted Jesus

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Response – LUYH #582(vs.1–3) “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

**God Sends Us**

\*God’s Blessing – Ephesians 1:17–19

\*Closing Adoration – SP #8 “All Hail King Jesus”

\*Postlude

**May 14, 2023**

**Evening Service**

**6:30 p.m.**

**We Gather to Worship Our Triune God**

Scripture Meditation – Micah 7:18

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**God Greets Us**

Call to Worship – Jeremiah 31:6–7

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Praise – PH #180(vs.1–3) “It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises”

\*God’s Greeting – 2 Corinthians 13:14

**We Respond in Faith**

\*Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

\*Hymn of Faith – PH #491 “Glory Be to the Father”

Prayers of God’s People

**God Instructs Us**

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:36–41 (page 1694 in the pew Bibles)

\*Hymn of Preparation – LUYH #53(vs.1, 11, & 18) “Song of the Prophets”

Scripture: Micah 1:1 (page 1440 in pew Bibles)

Sermon: “*A Tale of Two Cities*”

1. The Place

II. The Prophet

III. The Prosecution

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Response – PH #387(vs.1–3) “I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew”

**We Depart to Serve**

\*God’s Blessing – Deuteronomy 30:9–10

\*Closing Praise – PH #493 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Postlude

Offering at back for: New Life Treatment Center

**May 14, 2023**

**Greeters**

West Door

East Door

Today: Arlan & Sue Henstra

Dave & Leann Hoogland

Next Sunday: Pete Hoogland

Rich & Vickie Hubbling

**Accompanist**

Today: Darlene Dreessen

Next Sunday: Praise Team – AM / Darla Timmer - PM

**Sound System**

Today: Derek Hamm

Next Sunday: Shawn Feikema

**Nursery**

Today: Erica & Cora Mesman

Next Sunday: Cathryn Feikema & Reese Swyter

**Offerings**

Today: A.M. – Hills Christian School

P.M. – New Life Treatment Center

Next Sunday: A.M. – Resonate Global Missions – Mark Klompfen, Nepal

P.M. – Education Fund

**Highway 75 Wayside Chapel Cleaning**

**Cleaning:** This Week: Dave & Leann Hoogland

Next Week: Rich & Vickie Hubbling

**Mowing:** This Week: Rod & Frieda Fransman

Next Week: Dave & Leann Hoogland

**Week's Events**

**We extend a warm welcome to all who have joined us for  
worship today!**

**Today:** 9:30 a.m. **Morning Worship Service**

6:30 p.m. **Evening Worship Service**

**Wednesday:** 6:30 a.m. **Ladies Prayer Time**

5:30 p.m. **Sunday morning** Service broadcast on Vast

**Thursday:** 12:30 p.m. **Sunday evening** Service broadcast on Vast

## **Thank You**

- **Thank you** to Kaydence Van Dyke for leading us this morning with the ministry of music during the offertory, “It is Well.”
- **From the Youth Group:** We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all of the students and parents who supported our Youth Group this past season. We had a great year of lessons and outings and getting to know each other better. We laughed together, learned together, and yes we cried together as well. It was a great year of watching our youth grow in the Lord and commit to Him publicly as they professed their faith. We thank our outgoing seniors as well for their participation and leadership, and please know you are welcome back for a visit any time! Finally, we want to thank the members of our church for their faithful prayers, encouragement, and support. It was a lot of fun to see many of you come out to our inaugural spaghetti supper last month and support us to such a high level. Special recognition goes out to the parents who donated groceries and helped us prepare and clean up. We could not have done it without you. Because of this faithful congregation we were able to raise \$1785.00 to support our activities. **THANK YOU.** Lastly, we wish you all a wonderful summer season and we cannot wait to welcome our in-coming freshman next year. God Bless.
- **Thank you from Bible League International** for sharing God’s word with people worldwide. You are a blessing. Your changing lives like Bibianna who heard about Bible League’s Bible-based literacy program class that she joined. Her faith in God and understanding of his word has dramatically increased. Praise the Lord for His mighty work through you. Jo Snoep, President, and CEO.

## **Our Church Family**

- **Continued Prayers** for John & Mary Brands, Marg Vis, Vonda Nibbelink, Will Pap, and Carol Hoogland.
- **Happy Anniversary** to Leroy and Linda Oliver on their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on Tuesday, May 16, 2022. ! We pray God continues to bless your years together.

## **Announcements**

- **Welcome to all who gather with us in worship!** It is Mothers’ Day! We wish all the moms among us a good and blessed day! .
- **Graduates...** Those of you who are graduating from 8th grade, 12th grade, vocational or college, please sign the sheet in the back with your information. **Those of you who are seniors, could you please email me a senior picture of yourself to [office@luvernecrc.com](mailto:office@luvernecrc.com).** Thanks!

- **Women's Bible Study.** Join us for Bible study at 6:15 A.M. on June 14, 21, and 28. We will have a 3-week study on Habakkuk. "Even If" by Daily Grace Co. Please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall by May 21.
- **Men's Bible Study.** Men's Bible study has decided to take the summer off. The last three dates in May(17 & 31) and June(7) are cancelled. Thank you.
- **Unfading Truth.** Being filled with the Spirit is not just for super-Christians, it is for ordinary believers like you. Read or Listen along with our church's Bible reading plan every weekday at UnfadingTruth.org.
- **SWC ADVANCE DATES:**
  - May 15 K-12 Spring Concert – High School Gym  
TWO Performances: 1:15pm and 6:30pm  
Jazz Band/Drumline/High School group prelude 12:55 and 6:10  
Parent Circles Bake Sale  
Prior to evening concert 5:30 to 6:15
  - May 25 Last Day Of School – Noon Dismissal
  - May 26 High School Graduation 6:00
  - June 14 Annual SWC Society Meeting 7:00
- **SWC Circles #5, #12 and #14** are teaming up for their ANNUAL BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER tomorrow evening on Monday, May 15! Make plans to come to the SWC High School cafeteria between 5:30-6:15 to choose from the large variety of deliciously homemade Baked Goods, and then pick your favorite seats to enjoy hearing the kids praising our Lord at the SWC School Spring K-12 concert! It is an evening you do not want to miss! (For those who attend the Intermission concert in the afternoon, we would love to still have you check out the Bake Sale at 5:30 to browse the tables of goodies! Any remaining Bake Sale items will be sold immediately after the evening program is finished.) Thank you in advance for supporting this Bake Sale Fundraiser for SWC Schools!
- **"SWC is celebrating the arrival of SPRING** at the K-12 Spring Concert on Monday, May 15! This special concert will have TWO performance times (1:15pm and 6:30pm) so everyone has a chance to attend! Choose one and enjoy the sounds of the Spring season, all centered around the SWC theme this year of "Walk Worthy," based on Colossians 1:9-12. The concert will include concert bands and choirs, along with preludes at 12:55 and 6:10 featuring Jazz Band, Drumline, and a high school boys group. Be sure to join us for an afternoon or evening of beautiful music along with a celebration of service to Christian Education at SWC."

- **SWC Circle #11** invites you to their annual Memorial Day pancake breakfast on May 29 from 7:30 am - 10 am at the high school cafeteria. In addition to hot pancakes served right off the griddle, there will be sausages, juice, milk, and coffee. Free will donations gratefully accepted.
- **Southwest MN Christian High School will be conducting their annual Building Fund Drive through the end of May.** The drive is conducted annually to help maintain and complete needed repairs. We pray that you found the letter with the attached green envelope in your church mailbox last week. The need this year is to update the restrooms located by the high school gym. They are original to the building, both the boys' and girls' restrooms will be remodeled and updated with new tile, fixtures, and partitions and also meet compliance with ADA requirements for accessibility. The time has also come to where the mower/snowblower at the elementary campus needs to be replaced due to the number of hours and anticipated maintenance repairs on it. We pray you will be part of the Lord's plan to fulfill this need. We thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to SWC Building Drive.
- **New Roots Ministry.** Feel fulfillment as you bear Good News in dark and lonely places. On a Friday afternoon for four hours, let us dig into God's Word, learn to express our personal God-stories, and then talk with those who do not know Him. Learn about Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum and its dates, and sign-up, at [www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries](http://www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries) Questions? Contact Fred W. of New Roots Ministry at 605-376-6330/sfnewroots@gmail.com.
- **Faith & Family Day game** this summer at a Sioux Falls Canaries game on Wednesday, June 14 at 6:35pm! We view this as a great opportunity to allow churches to pack the stands and celebrate the love of Christ together. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information. Bailey Fey, sales executive with the Sioux Falls Canaries.
- **New Life Treatment Center, Horses to Horsepower Fundraiser** June 9-11. See the flyers on the bulletin board for more information.
- **40 Days of Prayer before Synod 2023.** I would like to personally invite you all to share in 40 days of prayer in preparation for Synod 2023, beginning on April 30 and concluding on June 8, 2023. Each day, readers will receive a Bible text, a prayer, and some suggested questions for reflection or conversation. All the prayers are intended to reflect the theme of Synod 2023: Longing to be Like Christ, which is based on Philippians 2:1-11, summarized by verse 5: "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." More information can be found by checking links on The Banner and the CRC Network.