

Emmanuel Reformed Church



“I am with you”

MATTHEW 28:20

“You are with me”

PSALM 23:4

Meeting God
in the Psalms

SUMMER 2023

“Returning to God”

Sunday, June 25, 2023

DIGITAL VERSION

Worship

Prelude

God Gathers Us

“For a Heart to Praise my God” (#440)

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

“Whiter than Snow” (#436)

Prayers of the People

“Cleanse Me” (#438)

God Speaks to Us

Psalms 51, “Returning to God”

Pastor Cody Raak

God Sends Us

*** “Doxology” (#625)**

*** Prayer for Blessing**

*** Benediction**

**** We stand, as able, to worship our great God!***

Sunday, June 25, 2023

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| 10AM | Worship Service | |
| 6PM | Praise | Team |
| 7PM | Summer LIT Meeting | |

Friday, June 30, 2023

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| 9AM-12PM | Church Office Open |
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Sunday, July 2, 2023

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| 9AM | Worship Service @ Memorial Park |
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Discipleship

Sunday School — we meet together at 9:00AM, before the worship service, in the church basement!

Music — Krystal Williams, Linda Tjeerdsma, Jill Tolsma

PreK-Kindergarten — Hillary Tjeerdsma

1st-3rd — Amy Vanderlei

4th-5th — Pastor Cody

Jr. High+ — Matt DenHerder, Connie Tjeerdsma

Adults (New!) — Mel & Danielle Wallinga (see below)

Youth Room Wish List — The students of the LIT youth group express our overflowing thanks to those of you who have purchased from our Amazon wishlist and contributed to our new space and our gatherings. Thank you for your continued support and generosity in the new year!

If you'd like to help equip our space for ministry, search the Amazon gift list "LIT" to view our ideas.

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Mission

The BH Food Pantry asks for the following: gravies, shampoos, soups, cereals, canned or dried fruit, canned vegetables, taco fixings. As always, any and all donations are greatly appreciated. The pantry is seeing an increase in the number of folks visiting the pantry!

Bon Homme County Food Pantry

105 E 17th Ave
Tyndall, SD 57066

Open Wednesdays 8-12PM
(2nd Wednesdays open 2-6PM)

Our Mission Partners

Living Stone Prison Church, Springfield SD
Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY
Bon Homme & Avon Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Dakota Senior Meals
Northwestern College, Orange City, IA
Center of Hope, Sioux Falls, SD
Words of Hope

The Mission Team and Deacons are reviewing our support of mission partners, and looking to increase our participation in local mission efforts. If you have any input or ideas, please contact the deacons or Beth Namminga!

Prayer

This week, practice “singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God” (Colossians 3:16). Treat this as a kind of a mixtape or playlist. Search for these songs on Spotify or YouTube (it’s helpful to search specifically for Lyric Video versions of these songs), and let their words lead you in praying the Lord’s Prayer.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

“Run To The Father” by Cody Carnes. This song uses a few images to help us see and connect with God: father, surgeon, friend. Return to God, whether you have been much in his presence or not for some time.

**Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

“Build Your Kingdom Here” by Rend Collective. The exuberant joy and delight of this song captures an experience of what life is like in God’s kingdom. What does it stir in your heart?

Give us today our daily bread.

“Jesus the Shepherd of My Soul (Psalm 23)” by Sovereign Grace Music. Let these words roll over you and fill you. Pray your trust and thankfulness to God. And bring your needs to him, in gratitude.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

“His Mercy Is More” by Matt Papa & Matt Boswell. Thank God for his mercy and forgiveness. Listen to the words of this song. How do you share these words as your own testimony?

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

“Psalm 34 - Taste and See” by Shane & Shane. This Psalm is a celebration and witness of God’s deliverance and rescue.

Continue to pray for Lexi Vanderlei, and for those undergoing treatment and therapy. Pray that God heals and strengthens; and pray for peace.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

“Build My Life” by Pat Barrett. Let this song close your prayer, giving all praise and thanks, and dedicating yourself to sharing your faith with others.

Do Not Fear Them

— Matthew 10:26-28 —

We have been invited to enter into the kingdom of heaven. That means abandoning ourselves to the care of God, submitting to his rule, and enjoying his nearness with us. This, of course, means leaving behind the kingdom of this world; and yet, we discover that we are then living in the world, among citizens of this world, as a citizen of heaven (John 15:19; Philippians 3:18-20; Hebrews 11:7). And the citizens of this world will pressure us to renounce heaven and fall back into the world of darkness with them (Colossians 1:13).

We feel this pressure, and it makes us hesitant to tell others what we believe. Never mind others (those outside our church family), we're even hesitant and awkward when we bring up our experience of God with fellow Christians! Jesus says that we should not allow fear of the world to hinder us in our witness. If we're going to be afraid, we should fear God much more than people, because God holds our eternal destinies in his hands.

And then, immediately, Jesus comforts us, driving out fear (1 John 4:18): "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29-31). God who holds your soul, your body, cares for you. He regards you as his precious treasure. And, in the same breath, Jesus is telling us that God also treasures the person in front of you, the person you next speak to. And because God treasures this person, he wants you to tell them about his love, his goodness, his faithfulness, his forgiveness.

What will you do? Will you overcome fear with love, and reach out with courage, and acknowledge Jesus to someone (Matthew 10:32)? Or, will you keep your mouth closed, worried more about what this person will think than what God will think (Matthew 10:33)?

Read: 1 Peter 3:8-22

Emmanuel's Mission

“To serve God and share the message of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

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