

# Emmanuel Reformed Church



**“I am with you”**

MATTHEW 28:20

**“You are with me”**

PSALM 23:4

Meeting God  
in the Psalms

SUMMER 2023

**“Blessing God”**

**Sunday, July 16, 2023**

DIGITAL VERSION

# Worship

Prelude “One Day at a Time”

## **God Gathers Us**

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

**“His Eye is on the Sparrow” Special Music - Kerrie Odens**

Announcements

Prayers of the People

**\*“Heaven Came Down” #495**

## **God Speaks to Us**

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 103, “Blessing God”

*Pastor Cody Raak*

Prayer for Blessing on God’s Word

## **God Sends Us**

**\* “Doxology” (#625)**

**\* Prayer for Blessing**

**\* Benediction**

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

## This Week @ERC

*July 16 - July 23*

**Sunday, July 16, 2023**

**10AM**                  Worship Service

**6PM** Praise Team

**Monday, July 17, 2023**

**5:30PM** Consistory Potluck

**Friday, July 21, 2023**

<b>9AM-12PM</b>	Church	Office	Open
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**Saturday, July 22, 2023**

**7AM** Rocky Mountain High Begins

**Sunday, July 23, 2023**

**10AM**      Worship Service - Jason Weber

# 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

## **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**Read Psalm 103:1-4.** The psalmist celebrates God for who he is and what he's done. For what blessings can you give thanks? Praise God!

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

**Read Psalm 103:6-7.** Celebrate God's justice and righteousness. Prayerfully consider the commands of God, and weigh whether you live within them and love them (Psalm 119:1-8).

Pray for "all who are oppressed" (v.6). Lift up the poor and hungry, the refugees of war, orphans and widows, and the victims of violence or abuse. Ask for God's mercy and justice for them.

## **Give us today our daily bread.**

**Read Psalm 103:5.** Have you seen how "God satisfies you with good"? Ask for God to continue to provide for all your needs, and the needs of others. Especially, lift up the many volunteers who gave their time and passion and energy and ability for our Vacation Bible School this past week. Pray for God to refresh them, so that their "youth is renewed".

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

**Read Psalm 103:8-12.** Meditate on this description of God's mercy. Let his compassion and forgiveness wash over you. Read these verses again and again. Saturate your heart and mind with them, so they overflow to others.

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

**Read Psalm 103:13-18.** How do these words strike you? It can be hard for some of us to face our mortality. God knows our nature, since he created us, and God knows our limitations, since he designed them. Rest in God's enduring, steadfast love and his abiding faithfulness.

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

**Read Psalm 103:19-22.** The psalm ends in praise of God, seeing him enthroned in heaven, surrounded by his angelic court. Give thanks for his absolute power and his incredible goodness as you close your prayers.

## Beware Hypocrisy

— Luke 12:1-3; Matthew 16:6—

This command comes after Pharisees have challenged Jesus to perform a sign (Matthew 16:1-4; ). This is the same temptation that Satan gives Jesus in the wilderness, to make a spectacle to prove himself (Luke 4:9-13). This pressure to prove himself visibly, with outward demonstrations of power, would follow Jesus (see John 6).

Jesus refused to give into this temptation, whether from Satan or from religious leaders. And Jesus warns his disciples to also “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy” (Luke 12:1, *ESV*). Leaven, or yeast, has a transforming influence, changing flat dough into puffed-up bread. In the same way, Jesus is saying even a small amount of “playing-acting” our faith (literally, hypocrisy) will leave us puffed-up, but full of empty holes inside. By contrast, Jesus offers his way of life, his kingdom, where he is enough. In Matthew’s account of this command, Jesus reminds his friends how he fed the multitudes (Matthew 16:8-12). Instead of putting on religious airs outwardly, we are to fill ourselves with Jesus inwardly.

Jesus has already categorically warned us against hypocrisy (Matthew 6:2, 5, 16), especially when it comes to entering into his kingdom. This repeated warning comes as his disciples are living in his kingdom. The temptation to display our religion for the approval or praise of others is persistent, at any stage of our faith journey. But it leads us out of Jesus’ kingdom, out of his care.

**“Don’t be so naive and self-confident. You’re not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else. Forget about self-confidence; it’s useless. Cultivate God-confidence.”**

**— 1 Corinthians 10:12, *The Message* —**

**Read:** Matthew 15:1-9, 23:1-36; Galatians 5:7-15; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

## **Emmanuel's Mission**

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

## **Emmanuel Staff**

**Pastor:** Cody Raak (464-4952)  
**Office Manager:** Tanya Krueger (830-2734)

## **Emmanuel Consistory**

### **Elders**

Beth Namminga (*Mission*)

Bryan Nagel (*Worship*)

Lawrence Namminga, Jr. (*Clerk*)

Connie Tjeerdsma (*Hospitality*)

Claudette Heusinkveld

Ginger Pudwill

### **Deacons**

Amy Cooper

Craig Vanderlei (*Treasurer*)

Tom Kolecka

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