

Emmanuel Reformed Church



“I am with you”

MATTHEW 28:20

“You are with me”

PSALM 23:4

Meeting God
in the Psalms

SUMMER 2023

“What’s Your Purpose?”

Sunday, July 23, 2023

DIGITAL VERSION

Worship

Prelude

God Gathers Us

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

“Take My Life” #379 (selected verses)

Announcements

“He Leadeth Me” #461

Prayers of the People

***“I Surrender All” #366**

God Speaks to Us

Prayer for Illumination

Matthew 21: 1-11, “What’s Your Purpose?”

Guest Pastor Jason Weber

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!***

Sunday, July 23, 2023

10AM

Worship Service - Jason Weber

6PM

Praise Team

Sunday, July 23-Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Rocky Mountain High

Friday,	July	28,	2023
9AM-12PM	Church	Office	Open

Sunday, July 30, 2023

10AM

Worship

Service

6PM

Praise Team

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.

What does it mean to you that our Father is “in heaven”? Where is God as you pray? Do you tend to think of him as high, over all, in power? Or, do you think of him as close, all around you, ever-present? How might these two different, complementing ideas help you pray this week?

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

How is God’s will done in heaven? Consider the angels, his messengers and agents who carry out his will (Hebrews 1:14). How can you become more loyal to God’s reign? How will you work according to God’s will today?

Give us today our daily bread.

Where does your help come from (Psalm 121:1)? Are your needs met by your own hard work? Do you live by your own knowledge and understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6)? Consider how God has provided for you recently. How is God taking care of you today? Trust in him today.

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

Forgiveness comes first from God, before it can be shared with others (Colossians 3:13). Reflect on how God has forgiven you: consider how he gave his Son Jesus (John 3:16); how he led Jesus in righteousness and power all his life; how he called people to Jesus; how Jesus “humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8); how Jesus’ death defeated sin and evil, “canceling the record of debt that stood against us” (Colossians 2:14); how he raised Jesus up again to lead us into new life. Let this story of grace and love saturate your heart and mind this week.

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

As you pray about the injustice, the suffering, the anxiety of this world, put these evils in perspective against the glory that is to come (Romans 8:18). Pray for Jesus to come soon and set things right.

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

“Set your minds on things that are above” (Colossians 3:2). Lift your prayers in gratitude and praise.

Deny Yourself

— Matthew 16:24-26—

Jesus called several individuals to follow him, all of whom have some other commitment that they must see to first (Luke 9:57-62); the rich young ruler also desired to enter the kingdom, but his immense wealth kept him from finding true life (Luke 18:18-30). These other commitments and desires “so easily entangle” (Hebrews 12:1). Jesus commands those who would follow him to deny their very selves.

Self-denial goes against all the wisdom of the world. When everything is encouraging you to do what feels good, to treat yourself, to enjoy a “cheat day,” to follow your heart, Jesus says, “deny yourself.” He asks, “What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?” Before you hit “Buy It Now,” ask whether this something will actually care for your soul!

Self-denial, *by definition*, goes against our instincts and appetites. Everything in our “flesh,” our sinful human nature, rages and whines to get its own way. And we can resist temptation for a while, sure, but every “NO” we tell our desires only adds to the reservoir of resentment simmering underneath. At some point, the dam will burst, and we inevitably find ourselves drowning in self-satisfaction, self-gratification, self-indulgence. And guilt and shame follow.

This pattern of trying and failing and feeling guilty and trying all over again is *not* what Jesus is talking about here. Jesus asks us to practice finding our satisfaction in his words, his presence, his love. The truth of this practice is not in stronger willpower; denying ourselves aims to lose or forget ourselves *in order to* discover our true selves in Christ, to content ourselves with him and his life. Say no to one thing that you want this week, *and* substitute that treat or indulgence with extra time with Jesus, enjoying his nearness.

Read: 1 Peter 2:1-12; Colossians 2:16-23; James 5:1-6;
Romans 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Emmanuel's Mission

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

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