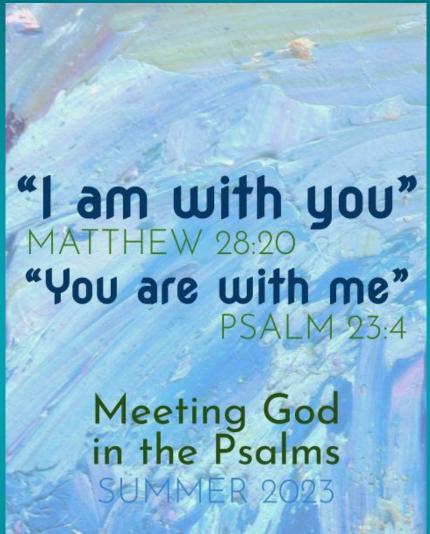
Emmanuel Reformed Church



"Lamenting to God"

Sunday, July 9, 2023

DIGITAL VERSION

Worship

Order of Worship

Prelude "This is My Father's World"

God Gathers Us

"The Solid Rock" #404

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

"Children of the Heavenly Father" #44

Announcements

Prayers of the People

"My Faith Looks up to Thee" #410

God Speaks to Us

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 88, "Lamenting to 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!

Sunday, July 9, 2023

10AM Worship Service

6PM Praise Team

Monday — Thursday, July 10-13, 2023

5:30PM VBS meal

6:00PM VBS opening

8:10PM VBS closing

Thursday, July 13, 2023

9AM-12PM Church Office Open

<u>Friday, July 14, 2023</u>

5:30PM VBS meal

6:00PM VBS opening

7:30PM VBS Program: all are welcome to join us!

Saturday, July 15, 2023

7AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

James 2:14–26

Sunday, July 16, 2023

10AM Worship Service

Discipleship

<u>Sunday School</u> — 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,

Pause and think of God as a loving Father. Remember his kindness and faithfulness to you.

Pray for the kids who are coming to VBS this week, that they would meet God the Father and know him more fully.

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

Pray for lawmakers, judges, law enforcement officers, and other public servants. Pray that God's justice and wisdom would take hold in our country. Pray also for the guards and inmates of Mike Durfee State Prison, and for the Living Stone Prison Church and their pastor Dan Ebbens.

Give us today our daily bread.

Lift up your needs to the Lord, remembering that "your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matthew 6:8).

Remember the Bon Homme County Food Pantry and the many local families who depend on their services.

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

Ask for God's mercies, which "never come to an end" (Lamentations 3:22).

Consider whether there is someone you need to forgive. Ask God to help you see where you are harboring any resentment or bitterness toward someone, and then ask God to help you release that unforgiveness, so that you might be free.

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

What is one temptation that rises against you often? Prayerfully ask God to help you anticipate this temptation and flee from it (1 Corinthians 10:13).

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

Close your prayers with worship and gratitude. Thank God for his power at work for good, for his love that endures forever, and for his faithfulness through all things.

"Learn from Me"

— Matthew 11:28-30 —

Who is the smartest person you know? Do you look to them as an authority? This command comes after a prayer from Jesus, in which he thanks God for *concealing* the truth from the wise and powerful, (the ones on top), and for revealing the truth to his "little ones" (Matthew 11:25-26). He also tells us that his authority is from God.

I don't know who you look to when you have a question about life. Maybe you read how-to books on a certain subject, or watch YouTube videos that demonstrate how to cook a certain recipe. More likely, you know a friend or family member who seems to know what they're doing, and you ask them for help.

Or maybe you don't ask for help. Maybe you don't stop for directions. Maybe you throw out or ignore the instruction manuals that come with build-it-yourself projects. Maybe you rely on your own sense and logic and hope for the best.

Jesus is the Word by which everything was made (John 1:1, 3; Colossians 1:16). More than that, Jesus is the one who is holding everything together (Colossians 1:17). If you want to understand the universe, if you have a question about any facet of life or people or relationships or yourself, Jesus is the one who can teach you.

Instead of taking in more and more information, which may be relevant and may be true, and then struggling to sift and verify and apply that information, Jesus invites you to draw near to him and learn from him. Living life with Jesus as your guide and teacher is a life of rest, Jesus promises. He is gentle, humble, not severe.

Read the gospel of John this week. If possible, read it in one sitting. Have a journal open and write down what you learn from Jesus, what he teaches you. Don't read for information or facts. Read to build your relationship with the Master. Continue to connect with Jesus through the gospel, being with Jesus by his Spirit, sitting at his feet.

Emmanuel's Mission

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

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