

Emmanuel Reformed Church



“I am with you”

MATTHEW 28:20

“You are with me”

PSALM 23:4

Meeting God
in the Psalms

SUMMER 2023

Sunday, August 13, 2023

DIGITAL VERSION

Worship

Prelude

God Gathers Us

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

“Glorify Thy Name” #29, v.1

“How Majestic Is Your Name” #30

“Great Is the Lord” #31

Prayers of the People

“All Creatures of Our God and King” #64

God Speaks to Us

Psalm 114, “Fearing God”

Pastor Cody Raak

Prayer for Blessing on the Word

God Sends Us

*** “Doxology” (#625)**

*** Prayer for Blessing**

*** Benediction**

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

Sunday, August 13, 2023

- 10AM

Worship Service
- 11AM

Sunday School/Education Planning Meeting

Thursday, August 17, 2023

- 4-6PM

Church Office Open
- *Starting Wednesday, August 23, office hours go back to WEDNESDAY evenings for the school year.

Thank you!

Saturday, August 19

- 7AM

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, August 20, 2023

- 10AM

Worship Service

Psalm 121: “Relying on God”
- 6PM

Praise

Team practice

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.

If you've experienced a lot of unanswered prayer, it is natural to enter prayer with resignation or resentment. Watch for this. Choose instead to open your heart to God, knowing that he hears you (Luke 18:7-8).

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

Pray for God to build his kingdom here now by going on a prayer walk. Instead of listening to music or talking with a friend, make it a point to pray for God to bless the people who live along your route. If you walk past a church, pray for its leaders and members. If you walk past a school or business, pray for all the people who work there, and those who will walk through their doors. Ask the Spirit to show you his presence as you go, discovering where he is already at work.

Give us today our daily bread.

If you've been strong for others, serving and loving them selflessly, it can be difficult to ask God for your own needs. Ask God to care for your loved ones, the friends and family you're always helping. And then ask for your own needs. Sit in God's presence, acknowledging that what you need most is God himself, his presence and love.

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

As you consider your past efforts to help others, recall those actions or conversations that you regret. Ask God to forgive any harm you may have caused. Ask for guidance in righting wrongs and reconciling relationships.

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

Ask the Spirit to strip away your complacency toward evil. Let God's heart of justice and righteousness fill you. Ask for God to send you a companion (or help you see one already there) who will stand and strive with you.

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

Close by praying for enemies in love. Consider those who have made themselves enemies of God, those who resist his kingdom, who rebel against his power, who deny his glory. Pray for God to change hearts, to thwart evil, and to redeem all things for his good purpose.

Fill *Your* Space

—Luke 14:7-11 —

This command is given during a dinner party where the guests clamor for positions of honor. Jesus teaches us to humble ourselves instead. “He who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:11).

How would you go about humbling yourself? How have you practiced humility in the past?

The New Testament was written in Greek. The Greek word for “humility” is *TAPEINOO*, which means making yourself physically small. Some pursue the virtue of humility by reducing themselves almost to nothing, making themselves low, quiet, and insignificant.

But the Hebrew word for “humility” is *ANAVAH*, which means taking up the space God has given you in the world. As Jesus teaches, don’t *overestimate* your own importance or ability, taking a place that is not yours. However, you must neither *underestimate* yourself. Receive from God what is yours to do and to be with gratitude, and fill the space God intended for you with joy. This is true humility.

Prayerfully consider these three circles this week. Which one would tend to show your life? Have you shrunk yourself down, timidly refusing to fill all the space God has given you? Or, are you living all the way to the edges of your space in the world (which is true humility)? Or, are you coloring outside the lines, trying to fill the space that belongs to others? Ask the Spirit to help you see yourself.

(This concept is adapted from one of Stuart Hall’s Leadership Workshop presentations at Rocky Mountain High.)

Emmanuel's Mission

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

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