

Emmanuel Reformed Church

**ALL
AUTHORITY**

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Sunday, September 10, 2023

DIGITAL VERSION

Worship

God Gathers Us

Prelude: "Oh How I Love Jesus" with "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (#97)

"Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" (#523)

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism

Sawyer Rae Sternhagen ~ daughter of Tim & Heidi Sternhagen

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Connie Tjeerdsma, Kendra Krueger, Heidi Sternhagen

Prayers of the People

God Speaks to Us

Prayers for Illumination

Mark 1:1-13, "The Beginning of the Good News"

Pastor Cody Raak

Prayers for Illumination

"Take the Name of Jesus with You" (#116)

God Sends Us

* **"Doxology" (#625)**

* Prayer for Blessing

* Benediction

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

Sunday, September 10, 2023

9AM Sunday School Resumes! All ages welcome!

Adult Sunday school downstairs

10AM Worship Service

Monday, September 11, 2023

7PM God's Garden Lesson 7 (M. Jelsma) Hostess J. Ludens

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

6:30-8PM Church Office Open

6:50PM AWANA @Springfield Community Bible Church (gr K-6)

7PM LIT @Parsonage (gr 9-12); CREW @ERC (gr 7-8)

Thursday, September 14, 2023

1PM Willing Workers

3-4:30PM Springfield Assisted Living Pie and Ice Cream Social
(open to public, freewill offering)

Sunday, September 17, 2023

9AM Sunday School for All Ages!

10AM Worship Service
Mark 1:14-45, "God's Kingdom Is Near"

6PM Praise Team

***The church office will be open WEDNESDAY this week from 6:30-8PM.**

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 we pray for unbelievers, whether they have never had faith in Jesus, or they grew up believing and have rejected their faith. Pray for a specific person by name. Ask God who you should pray for.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Father God desires to bring home his children who are far off, far from him. Pray for those you know who either don't know God or have chosen to wander away from him. Ask God to make his name holy around them, within them, and through them.

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

Continue to pray for unbelievers: ask God to bring his kingdom near to them, to do his will in their life.

Give us today our daily bread.

Pray for this person, for God to satisfy their hearts and provide for their needs, both physical and spiritual.

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

Pray for God to forgive sins and heal hearts. Prayerfully consider how Christians may have hurt this person, and whether or not judgmental attitudes have kept them from faith. Pray for forgiving hearts on all sides.

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

Pray for God to send his Spirit of life, to deliver this person from unbelief. Pray, too, for the many, many people recovering from surgeries or receiving treatments, for God to be near to them.

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

As you pray for unbelievers, entrust them to God's care. Salvation is ultimately up to God, in his timing. Trust him as you close.

Believe

— John 14:1, 11 —

Faith is the beginning of our relationship with Jesus, and Jesus is the founder of our faith. But faith isn't only for beginners. Jesus is the author *and* the "perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2), growing our faith into a resilient, mature, fruitful belief.

Jesus gives faith (Ephesians 2:8), and he commands that we exercise it (see Philippians 2:12-13). Jesus commands his disciples to trust in him not at the beginning, but at the end, the night before his crucifixion. He tells them to trust in his power, his authority, his identity, his works.

Our faith is most often stretched and exercised in difficulty. Maybe you're feeling that right now, being challenged to persevere in faith, to believe when believing is difficult.

Examine the shape and strength of your faith in Christ Jesus:

Heart: What have you been feeling lately? Consider any joys or sorrows, angers or worries. What do you imagine Jesus wants to say to you about these? What does this tell you about your faith?

Soul: How do you experience prayer right now? Does Jesus feel close to you, or far away? One isn't necessarily better than the other; but how do you respond to this? Do you draw close to Jesus, or do you withdraw from him? What does that tell you about your faith?

Mind: What is your mind dwelling on this week? Is there a book, or TV show, or news story, that has captured your attention? Again, this isn't wrong *per se*; hold this up against Paul's evaluation (Philippians 4:8)?

Strength: Is Jesus Lord of your body (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)? Do you make decisions about food, sleep, sex, or play with Jesus in mind, in a way that glorifies him (1 Corinthians 9:27)? Or do you think of your physical life as something separate from Christ?

Share this self-assessment with someone you trust, and pray with them about your faith.

Emmanuel's Mission

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

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