

Emmanuel Reformed Church

**ALL
AUTHORITY**

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Sunday, September 17, 2023

DIGITAL VERSION

Worship

We Gather

Prelude: "Cares Chorus"

Call to Worship

Special Music: "Wings of a Dove" Kerrie Odens

Opening Prayer

"Footsteps of Jesus" (#470)

God Speaks to Us

Prayers for Illumination

Mark 1:14-45, "God's Kingdom Is at Hand"

Pastor Cody Raak

We Respond

Sharing Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

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

*** Prayer for Blessing**

*** Benediction**

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

Sunday, September 17, 2023

9AM Sunday School for all ages downstairs

Adult Sunday school

10AM Worship Service

Monday, September 18, 2023

7:30PM Monthly Consistory Meeting (Lunch: Jeremy Krueger)

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

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

3-5:30PM Church Office Open

Sunday, September 17, 2023

9AM Sunday School for All Ages!

10AM Worship Service

Mark 2:1-3:6, "New Wine, Fresh Wineskins"

6PM Praise Team

***The church office will be open THURSDAY this week from 3-5:30PM.**

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 version of the Lord's Prayer is paraphrased by Sally Lloyd-Jones in The Jesus Storybook Bible. Pray with your children, or pray for children.

Hello Daddy! We want to know you. And be close to you.

Please show us how.

Draw close to God with joy and delight. Don't let your embarrassment get in the way. Ask your kids to tell God what they love about him.

Make everything in the world right again. And in our hearts too.

Ponder the very adult worries, fears, and messages that children face. Ask your kids to name something that upsets them. Pray for God to guide them and guard them, deepening their trust in him.

**Do what is best—just like you do in Heaven,
and please do it down here too.**

Please give us everything we need today.

If you have a globe or a world map, have your kids pick a random country and pray for the children there. Or, you might pray for the children of the inmates of Living Stone Prison Church.

Pray, too, for the Bon Homme Food Pantry, and the 40-some children in Bon Homme schools who receive snack packs every weekend.

Forgive us for doing wrong, for hurting you.

Forgive us just as we forgive other people when they hurt us.

Confess your sins together, and thank God for his mercy (Eph 2:4-5).

Rescue us! We need you.

We don't want to keep running away and hiding from you.

Keep us safe from our enemies.

Pray for your family, for greater love for God and for each other.

Pray for those recovering from surgeries or receiving treatments.

You're strong, God. You can do whatever you want.

You're in charge. Now and forever and always!

We think you're great! Amen! Yes we do!

Celebrate God's power and love: play your favorite worship song (or try "House of the Lord" by Phil Wickham) and have a dance party!

Abide in Me

— John 15:4-5 —

I'm guessing this doesn't need an *explanation*. At all times, "without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17), pay attention to Jesus Christ with you and within you. Live your life in response to his lead.

I'm also guessing this doesn't need an *instruction*. Jesus didn't give specific, step-by-step tutorials here. The key advice he gives is to make sure his words live in us (John 15:7) and then to actually do what he says (John 15:10; see also James 1:22).

I'm guessing what you need is *motivation*. After all, we know what we ought to be doing: prayerfully attending to Jesus, reading God's Word devotionally, and living it out to the best of our ability. But *are* we doing this? And as soon as we commit to making a renewed effort in our devotional life, we encounter a host of obstacles and challenges. Perhaps the most significant obstacles come from inside us. The worst one is shame, which tells us that we're failures already, before we've begun!

Jesus promises, if we ask him, he will help us (John 15:7). He says, if we abide in him, we will be "in his love" (John 15:10). And, if we continue to return to this abiding, Jesus promises that his joy will fill us (John 15:11). Help, love, and joy are motivating!

Commit to worship. Don't wait until Saturday night (or Sunday morning) to decide if you're coming to church. Choose for yourself and for your family that you will meet with other believers to hear from God and be in his presence every week.

Make a plan. Schedule blocks of time when you are least distracted, or when you're already doing something you enjoy (like taking a coffee break, going for a walk, or exercising). Use this time to talk with Jesus. Choose one verse to meditate on.

Use an App. Download an app like **Dwell** or **One Minute Pause**.

Emmanuel's Mission

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

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