

Emmanuel Reformed Church

ALL
AUTHORITY

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Sunday, November 5, 2023

DIGITAL VERSION

Worship

Prelude

We Gather

“Thank God I Do”

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

“Holy Forever”

Greeting and Announcements

Prayers of the People

God Speaks to Us

Children’s Message

Mark 8:31-10:52, “True Authority”

Pastor Cody Raak

The Sacrament of Communion

*All who live and believe in the Lord Jesus are welcome at his Table of grace.
When invited, come down the center aisle, receive the bread and the cup, and
return to your seats by the outside aisles.*

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

We Respond

* **“Doxology” (#625)**

* Prayer for Blessing

* Benediction

“The Blessing”

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

Sunday, November 5, 2023

- 9 AM** Sunday School Breakfast Potluck
9:15 AM Praise Team Practice
10 AM Worship Service, with Communion

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

- 6:50 PM** AWANA@Springfield Community Bible Church (gr K-6)
7 PM CREW @ERC (gr 7-8)
LIT @Parsonage (gr 9-12)

Thursday, November 9, 2023

- 3-5 PM** Church Office Open*

Sunday, November 12, 2023

- 9 AM** Sunday School for all ages!
3yo-6th grade meet downstairs
7th-12th grade meets in the parsonage basement
Adult class meets downstairs
10 AM Worship Service
Mark 11:1-13:37, "Power Struggle"
11AM Discipleship Team Meeting — Spring 2024 planning

***The church office will be open THURSDAY this week from 3:00-5 PM.**

Prayer

This week, focus on the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer: **"Forgive us our debts"** (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 126).

"Because of Christ's blood"

Spend time often this week reflecting on what Jesus Christ has done for you in his dying and rising again. Meditate on the sacrifice he gave to cleanse your sins and make you his own.

This gift of mercy is already yours! Give thanks!

Pray for Christ to pour out his mercy over those in need. Ask for his continued work of healing for Larry and Muriel Namminga, Elmer and Berenice Tolsma, and Ernie and Xinnia Namminga.

Pray for the good news of God's love to shine through the work of Grace Covenant Ministries (Annville, KY).

"do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us."

Spend time confessing your sins, knowing that God has removed from you the weight of guilt. These may be actions or thoughts that you have allowed to persist. These may be things that you have failed to do. Ask God to free you from sin and free you for joyful obedience and gratitude.

"Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors."

Pray for the evidence of God's grace to work through you. Pray for all your relationships, giving thanks for the people that God has placed in your life. If there are any relationships that are challenged or broken by sin, ask God to pour out his mercy on you for them, to help you in forgiving and healing.

Commands of Jesus

“Serve Others”

— Mark 10:43-45; John 13:15 —

Jesus lived the life of a servant himself (see also Philippians 2:6-8). If being a servant to others sounds too difficult, or too demanding, or too inconvenient, remember that Jesus practiced service with eager and creative joy, out of love for you. Because Jesus did this, serving one another is an ancient practice for Christians to follow the way of Jesus.

The Spirit gifts certain people to serve (Romans 12:7a; 1 Peter 4:11b). Prayerfully ask the Spirit if he has given you this gift. Has your heart glowed with joy in the act of serving another? Has God given you opportunities recently to exercise this gift? Do others affirm that you have the gift of serving? These are trustworthy signs that God is calling you to serve others cheerfully and joyfully.

Jesus commands all his disciples to serve one another (1 Peter 4:10). And true Christian service is about connecting with Jesus, the Servant King. We do not serve *in order to* receive thanks or appreciation from others, but to grow in Christ’s likeness. Our sin nature craves attention and approval; serving in secret helps to free us and transform us in the character of Christ.

1. Practice Politeness. It is shocking how few people have held onto the importance of good manners. Instead, treat strangers and friends alike with decency and dignity. Small kindnesses add up!

2. Practice Hospitality. As you’re planning holiday events, put extra thought into how you will show love to each person who enters your home. Make each touch or gesture custom-tailored to the love language or needs of each guest.

3. The Service of Being Served. This may be the most challenging to understand, let alone do. Christ has commanded us all to serve — and that means sometimes we need to let others serve us. Practice the humility to let someone else do something kind for you.

4. Listen. The single greatest thing someone in your life might need this week is someone to listen to them. Don’t interrupt or fix or one-up them with your own stories. Just listen.

Emmanuel's Mission

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

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