

Emmanuel Reformed Church

ALL  
AUTHORITY

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Sunday, November 19, 2023

DIGITAL VERSION

# Worship

**Prelude: “We Gather Together”**

## We Gather

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

**“We Are So Blessed”**

Greeting and Announcements

**“For the Beauty of the Earth” #560**

## God Speaks to Us

Children’s Message

Mark 14-15, “The Unexpected Revolution”

*Pastor Cody Raak*

## We Respond

Gathering Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

\* **“Doxology” (#625)**

\* Prayer for Blessing

\* Benediction

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

## **Sunday, November 19, 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 14:1-15:47, "The Unexpected Revolution"
- 11AM** Sermon Discussion with Pastor Cody
- 6PM** Praise Team

## **Monday, November 20, 2023**

- 7:30 PM** November Consistory Meeting

## **Wednesday, November 22, 2023**

***NO Wednesday Night Activities this week!***

- 3-5 PM** Church Office Open\*

## **Thursday, November 23, 2023** (Thanksgiving Day)

## **Sunday, November 26, 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 16, "The End, or the Beginning?"
- 5:30PM** ***Thanksgiving Service***

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

# Prayer

This week, focus on the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer: ***"For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever"***  
(Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 128).

**"As our all-powerful king,  
you are both willing and able to give us all that is good;"**

In your prayers this week, focus on giving thanks. Thank God first and most for who he is — willing to care for us in our needs and able to answer our prayers! Thank God for how he has answered your prayers in the past, giving good and perfect gifts (James 1:17).

Gratitude is an absolutely essential practice for us (it's commanded 3 times in Colossians 3:15-17)! Even secular sciences are discovering its power to help and to heal. People who practice daily gratitude — looking for things to be thankful for — have less stress and anxiety. We know that gratitude opens our hearts to God and celebrates his power, his kindness, and his generosity towards us.

Pray for God "to give all that is good" to those who are in need of healing and help at this time: Elmer and Berenice Tolsma, Larry and Muriel Namminga, Ernie and Xinnia Namminga, and Cornelia Tjeerdsma.

**"Your holy name, and not we ourselves,  
should receive all the praise, forever."**

Acknowledge before God that he alone is worthy of your prayers, your gratitude, and your trust. Confess if there is any other person (including your own self!), any other thing that you look to for security or peace (money, food, clothes, status, etc). Have you made too much of any created thing and put it in the place of the Creator? Return to God, trusting in him alone for everything you need, everything good.

***Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,  
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!  
— Psalm 115:1 —***

# Commands of Jesus

## “Restore the Sinner”

— Matthew 18:15-17 —

Correction and accountability are not easy to practice. It is easy to turn a blind eye to sin, or to talk about it behind people's backs.

But we know that sin is sin. We know that it harms us and those we love. And we know that we cannot deal with it on our own.

Jesus gives us a very clear process to follow when it is time to help restore the believer who is caught in sin. Consider it step-by-step:

1. It is your responsibility to go and correct someone when their sin has affected you personally. It is neither wise nor appropriate to bring up someone's sin if it isn't your business.
2. Go and talk to this person. Don't text them, or tell someone else to talk to them. Go in person.
3. When you talk, don't blame or shame or condemn. Instead, point out the sin as a problem to resolve together. Support this person — even if they've hurt you! Offer your help and encouragement. Explain the hurt this has caused, and emphasize that you are speaking — and listening! — in love.
4. Allow time to pass. Stay connected with this person. Continue to be an encouraging presence in their life. Also, watch to see how they respond to accountability and encouragement.
5. If you see no change, no remorse, then bring in one other person who sees the same issue to offer their help and encouragement.
6. If you and your friend still see no repentance, then Jesus says you should bring your concern to the church. Start with the elders! If the elders' intervention produces no results, then we continue to love this person and pray for them. Jesus counsels us to regard them as an outsider, not one of his disciples — at least until they show signs of repentance (significant life change).

Bathe this process in prayer. It should be a part of every single step, and between every step, and over everything you say and do in this relationship. Ask for the Spirit to guide you, and to empower change.

## **Emmanuel's Mission**

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

## **Emmanuel Staff**

**Pastor:** Cody Raak (464-4952)  
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## **Emmanuel Consistory**

### **Elders**

Beth Namminga (*Mission*)

Bryan Nagel (*Worship*)

Lawrence Namminga, Jr. (*Clerk*)

Connie Tjeerdsma (*Hospitality*)

Claudette Heusinkveld

Ginger Pudwill

### **Deacons**

Amy Cooper

Craig Vanderlei (*Treasurer*)

Tom Kolecka

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