

Emmanuel Reformed Church

# ROMANS

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

DIGITAL VERSION

# Worship

*Prelude*

## **God Gathers Us**

### **"Christ Arose" #216**

Call to Worship

### **"Living Hope"**

*Lawrence Namminga, Jr., Brenda Pudwill, Mary Beth Driesen,*

*Kendra Krueger, Connie Tjeerdsma*

Prayers of the People

### **"Because He Lives" #213**

## **God Speaks to Us**

Children's Sermon

Romans 8:1-4, "We Belong to Jesus"

*Pastor Cody Raak*

### **"He Lives" #220**

## **God Sends Us**

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

\* Prayer for Blessing

\* Benediction

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

# This Week at ERC

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### Sunday, March 31, 2024 - *Easter Sunday*

**8:30a** Sunrise Service

**9a** Easter Morning Breakfast Potluck! All are welcome!

**10a** Easter Service: Romans 8:1-4, "We Belong to Jesus"

**7:30p** "Love Lifted Up" Community Cantata

### Wednesday, April 3, 2024

**6:50p** AWANA @ Springfield Bible Church

**7p** CREW @ ERC Basement (snacks: \_\_\_\_\_)

LIT @ Parsonage Basement (snacks: \_\_\_\_\_)

### Thursday, April 4, 2024

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

### Friday, April 5, 2024

**7p** ATTABOY! Youth Outreach Concert

@Tyndall Community Center

### Sunday, April 7, 2024 - *Easter Sunday*

**9a** Breakfast Potluck! **All are welcome!**

**10a** Worship: Romans 8:5-11

"You are in the Spirit, the Spirit is in You," Communion

# Spiritual Disciplines

## Celebrate!

DISCIPLINE: CELEBRATION & HOSPITALITY

*“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.”*

— Genesis 1:31, ESV —

Lent is about repentance, when we honestly recognize sin in us and in the world, turn from it wholeheartedly, and throw ourselves on the mercy of God. Easter, then, is about awe-struck, wonder-filled celebration of God's impossible grace made real in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This season of Eastertide, we are invited to practice the spiritual discipline of celebration, perhaps one of the most misunderstood practices we are given. The pitfalls are many — anything that brings us happiness or helps us to express and experience delight can quickly become a distraction, drawing our attention away from enjoying life in God. That is why Christian celebration is a *discipline*.

But that doesn't mean that we should reject joyfulness. Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit alive in us (Galatians 5:22-23)! Of all people, we have so much to celebrate!

This week, delight your eyes and your senses in the beauty of God's creation.

- Do a photo scavenger hunt. Capture as many signs of spring and new life as you can find outside. Share them with your family or friends, and give God the glory!
- Watch the sunset. Take it in, from start to finish.
- Sit outside with a journal and start listing everything you can notice: sights, sounds, smells, sensations. Keep going! Take in as many details as you can.
- Read Isaiah 6:3; 1 Timothy 4:4; Colossians 1:16; Romans 1:20; Psalm 19. What do you learn about Creation? What role does it play? What can it show you about God?

# **Emmanuel's Mission**

"To serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit."

## **Staff**

**Pastor:** Cody Raak (464-4952)

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## **Consistory**

### **Elders**

Lawrence Namminga, Jr. - *Clerk\**  
Connie Tjeerdsma  
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Dr. Mel Wallinga - *VP\**  
Matt Den Herder

### **Deacons**

Tom Kolecka  
Jeremy Krueger - *Deacon's Secretary\**  
Brenda Pudwill - *Treasurer\**  
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*\* Admin team: The consistory officers oversee church personnel.*

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