

Emmanuel Reformed Church

# ROMANS

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

DIGITAL VERSION

# Worship

*Prelude: "Holy Spirit, Rain Down"*

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

## **God Gathers Us**

Call to Worship

## **"Praise Ye the Triune God" #264**

Prayers of the People

## **"A Child of the King" #352**

## **God Speaks to Us**

Children's Sermon

Romans 8:5-11, "You are in the Spirit, the Spirit is in You"

*Pastor Cody Raak*

## **"Holy Holy" #266 v. 1,2,3,4,6**

## **God Sends Us**

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

**\* Prayer for Blessing**

**\* Benediction**

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

# This Week at ERC

## Sunday, April 14, 2024

- 9a** Sunday School for all ages  
PreK-6th grade — Church Basement  
Jr & Sr High — Parsonage Basement  
Adults — Church Basement
- 10a** Worship: Romans 8:12-17, "Sons and Daughters"

## Monday, April 15, 2024

**NOTICE** — Consistory will meet *NEXT* Monday, April 22, due to the Bon Homme Spring Concert.

## Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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

## Thursday, April 18, 2024

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

## Sunday, April 21, 2024

- 9a** Sunday School for all ages  
PreK-6th grade — Church Basement  
Jr & Sr High — Parsonage Basement  
Adults — Church Basement
- 10a** Worship: Romans 8:18-25, "What are you waiting for?"

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

# Spiritual Disciplines

## Enjoying Obedience

DISCIPLINE: CELEBRATION & HOSPITALITY

**“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God  
and obey it.”**

— Luke 11:28, *NIV* —

In Jesus’ estimation, the well-off ones are those who listen to God’s instructions and obey. This is radically different from how happiness is offered to us in the world — where happiness means serving ourselves, satisfying our every impulse and desire and ambition. Those who chase after this kind of happiness quickly find that it satisfies, but fleetingly. Jesus invites us to discover true joy and celebration through lives of joyful obedience to him.

Celebration transforms every act of service and sacrifice into an experience of God’s goodness and love for us.

**“We engage in celebration when we enjoy ourselves, our life, our world, *in conjunction with our faith* and confidence in God’s greatness, beauty, and goodness.”**

— Dallas Willard, *The Spirit of the Disciplines* —

Consider the life of righteousness that God has called us into by his grace. What is one area where you know you struggle to serve God and obey him? For example, maybe you know your speech can sometimes show “anger, rage, malice, slander” or even “filthy language” or lying (Colossians 3:8-9). And you know that God desires your speech to be “always full of grace, seasoned with salt” (Colossians 4:6). Which kind of speaking would you describe as joyful?

Many well-intended Christians struggle to obey God because they do so out of a fearful obligation (Romans 8:15) in small periods between living for themselves, and then grumblingly wonder why they don’t feel the joy of the Lord. God will give you joy (a fruit of His Spirit) as you surrender yourself to his service and worship wholeheartedly.

# **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)

**Custodian, Secretary:** Gwynevere DenHerder (464-7764)

## **Consistory**

### **Elders**

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

### **Deacons**

Tom Kolecka  
Jeremy Krueger - *Deacon's Secretary\**  
Brenda Pudwill - *Treasurer\**  
Blane Nagel - *Deacons' Chair\**  
Tom Pier  
Jeremy Bertrand

*\* Admin team: The consistory officers oversee church personnel.*

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