

Emmanuel Reformed Church

# ROMANS

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

DIGITAL VERSION

# Worship

*Piano Prelude*

## **God Gathers Us**

Call to Worship

**\* "In Christ Alone"**

## **Compassion Sunday**

*Gwyn DenHerder*

Prayers of the People

## **God Speaks to Us**

Children's Sermon

Romans 8:26-30, "How to Pray without Ceasing"

*Pastor Cody Raak*

**"He Leadeth Me" (#461)**

## **God Sends Us**

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

**\* Prayer for Blessing**

**\* Benediction**

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

# This Week at ERC

## Sunday, April 28, 2024

- 9a** Sunday School for all ages  
PreK-6th grade — Church Basement  
Jr & Sr High — Parsonage Basement  
Adults — Church Basement
- 10a** Worship: Romans 8:26-30, "How to Pray without Ceasing"
- 7p** Praise Team Practice

## Wednesday, May 1, 2024

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

## Thursday, May 2, 2024

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

## Saturday, May 4, 2024

- 5p** **Cemetery Clean-Up:** trim trees, clean fence, etc.

## Sunday, May 5, 2024

- 9a** Praise Team Practice
- 9a** **End-of-Year Breakfast Potluck! *All are Welcome!***  
Adult Sunday School — Church Basement
- 10a** Worship: Romans 8:29-30, "Predestined?"  
Communion
- 11a** Discipleship Ministry Team Meeting — VBS planning

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

# Spiritual Disciplines

## SING!

DISCIPLINE: CELEBRATION & HOSPITALITY

**Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

— Psalm 47:6 —

Singing is an incredible gift from God, with wonderful benefits for our lives. It connects our minds and bodies, reduces stress and pain, bonds us with others when we sing together, and expresses emotions in a creative and positive way. When we sing, we are engaging our heart, mind, and body, in concert together. And God asks us to direct our singing to him, adding our spirit to the mix!

**“Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

— Ephesians 5:18-20, *ESV* —

Our culture has turned singing into something only the talented ones do, or the professionals. We have taken one of God’s good gifts for his worship and our health and surrendered it as something only a few people can do. Let’s take singing back as something that God’s family does!

This week, warm up your singing voice in these ways:

- Read Psalms 47, 95, 96, 98, 148, 149, and 150. How many different kinds of sounds are named here?
- Pray out loud. This might be when you’re alone, driving, or with others, praying a mealtime prayer or the Lord’s Prayer. However you’re praying, hear your voice aloud.
- Turn on your favorite hymns or worship songs and sing along! If you usually do not sing, this will take courage.
- SING WITH US! Come next Sunday ready to worship!

# **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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