

Emmanuel Reformed Church

ROMANS

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

DIGITAL VERSION

Worship

Prelude: "Walk with Jesus" (video); "You Say"

God Gathers Us

"Amazing Grace" (#202) v.1

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (#73) v.1

Call to Worship

"Reckless Love"

Sung by Grace Vanderlei and Noah Watchorn

Awarding Bibles to 3rd Graders and High School Seniors

Prayers for Blessing Graduates

God Speaks to Us

Children's Sermon

Romans 8:31-39, "What Shall We Say?"

Pastor Cody Raak

"Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me"

God Sends Us

Prayers of the People

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

*** Benediction**

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

This Week at ERC

Sunday, May 12, 2024

9:30a Praise Team Practice

10a Worship: Romans 8:31-39, "What shall we say?"

11a Sermon Discussion with Pastor Cody

May 13-18

Pastor Cody will be away for his Doctor of Ministry intensive

Monday, May 13, 2024

7p God's Garden Circle - Susan McNiel leads Lesson 8. Roll
Call is "A Bible Verse from the Gospels containing the word 'Bread'"
Hostess is Deb Haug.

Thursday, May 16, 2024

3-5p Church Office Open*

Sunday, May 19, 2024

10a Worship: Pastor Jason Wiersma (Living Stone / Freedom's Gate)
will be guest preaching!

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

Spiritual Disciplines

A Life of Joy

DISCIPLINE: CELEBRATION & HOSPITALITY

“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

— John 15:11 —

Spend some time in reflection this week.

Open this time with prayer. Make sure you're physically comfortable, and able to pay attention for some time. Open your heart to the Holy Spirit, and ask for the wisdom to see you as God sees you.

> How have you practiced celebration these past weeks?

- Delighting in the beauty of God's creation
- Hosting a party
- Wholehearted obedience to God
- Worshiping God for his faithfulness and mercy
- Singing praises to God
- Practicing gratitude
- Other: _____

> How did it go? Recall with the Spirit what you did, and how you felt at the time. As you look back, how would you describe your experience?

> What did you learn about yourself? Does celebration come easily to you? Or was this challenging? What are some of the obstacles you might face to living more joyfully?

> What did you learn about God? Share this with someone!

Celebration is at the heart of the Christian life, and joyfulness is a good indicator of spiritual health. As we learn about and practice other disciplines this year, hold on to gratitude and celebration as a piece of each one. Every practice of our faith should flow from a heart of grateful joy!

Emmanuel's Mission

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

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