

# Emmanuel Reformed Church

SPRINGFIELD, SD



# Worship

*Prelude*

## **We Come to God**

\* Call to Worship – Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1a

\* **“We Are God’s People” (#283)**

\* Opening Prayer and Greeting

**“People Need the Lord”**

## **God Speaks to Us**

Children’s Sermon

Prayers for Illumination

Matthew 5:38-48, “Love Your Enemies” *Pastor*

*Cody Raak*

## **We Respond to God**

**“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”**

Prayers of the People, and the Lord’s Prayer

\* **“Doxology” (#625)**

\* Closing Prayer

\* Sending – Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1b

\* Benediction

***\* We stand as able to worship Jesus Christ our Lord***

# The Week Together

## Sunday, October 19, 2025

- 9a Sunday School for all ages  
10a Worship Service  
Matthew 5:38-48, "Love Your Enemies,"  
Pastor Cody

## Monday, October 20, 2025

- 6p Consistory

## Wednesday, October 22, 2025

- 7p LIT & CREW

## Thursday, October 23, 2025

- 9a-11a Office open\*\*

## Sunday, October 26, 2025

- 9a Sunday School for all ages  
10a Worship Service  
Matthew 6:12, 14-15, "We Forgive," Pastor  
Cody

# The Bible Recap Discussion

## **Readings for the Week of October 19**

**Day 292, October 19** — Matthew 15; Mark 7

**Day 293, October 20** — Matthew 16; Mark 8

**Day 294, October 21** — Matthew 17; Mark 9

**Day 295, October 22** — Matthew 18

**Day 296, October 23** — John 7-8

**Day 297, October 24** — John 9-10

**Day 298, October 25** — Luke 10

## **Reflection and Discussion Questions**

1. Read Mark 9:30-32 aloud. Jesus explains His death clearly to the disciples. Why do you think they can't understand what He is saying will happen to Him?
2. Read John 7: 24 aloud. What do you think Jesus means by this? How do we judge "with right judgment"? Does this contradict what He said in Matthew 7: 1-3? Why or why not?
3. **What was your favorite "God Shot" this week? What did you learn about His character from these readings?**

# The Bible Recap

## Prodigal God

Prodigal: characterized by profuse or wasteful expenditure: lavish

The parable of the four soils, as it is often referred to, tells the story of a farmer spreading seed wherever it lands. Some fell on the path where birds ate it. Some fell in rocky soil where it could not take root. Some fell among weeds where it got choked out. But some fell on good soil where it produced a bountiful harvest. Jesus then explained to his disciples that God is the farmer, His word is the seed, and we humans are the soils. The way God's word affects our life shows what kind of soil we are.

But if we look at God, He doesn't seem to be a good farmer. Why would a farmer throw out seed wherever it might fall? Why wouldn't He just throw the seed onto good soil where He knows it will take root? God's word is not just for those who will accept it. It is for the whole world to hear. That is how much He cares for his creation. He gives everyone the chance to take His word and grow His fruit.

'Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.' -Mark 4:20

# **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**

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Kevin DeJong - Clerk\*

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Blane Nagel - Deacons' Chair\*  
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