

Welcome to Emden CRC

March 23, 2025

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

\*Call to worship



Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;  
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

**We will praise God with all our heart  
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

\*Songs of praise

The Wideness of God's Mercy SJ 379 vs 1-4

Amazing Grace SJ 299 vs 1-4

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin:

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and  
save the lost.

**We confess that we have strayed from you and  
turned aside from your way.**

**We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained  
and great when we are small.**

**We have failed in love, neglected justice, and  
ignored your truth.**

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Song: My Hope is Built On SJ 315 vs 1-3

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund

Noisy Offering

Song: Ah, Holy Jesus PH 386 vs 1-4

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination

Matthew 26:69-27:10 pg.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Message: Denial and betrayal

\*Song of response (words on screen)

In God the Father I Believe

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

\*Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

\*please stand if you are able

*Our mission: God has called us to be his faithful  
and grateful family in the Renville area by  
practicing hospitality, enjoying the gift's God has  
given us, while embracing and supporting God's  
mission in our own neighborhood and the world.*

## Sermon notes:

March 23		March 30
Doug and Anne Groen	Greeters	Kevin and Dani Engstrom
Evelyn Zigterman	Nursery	Rachael Zigterman
Paul Knapper	Sound system	Brad Link
Nick and Alannah Daugherty	Coffee Hour	Kevin and Dani Engstrom
General Fund	Offering	General Fund

Elders:

Brad Link - President

David Daugherty - Vice President

Doug Groen- Clerk

David Zigterman - Pastor

Deacons:

Jake Groen - Chairman

Josh Groen - Building Fund

Kevin Engstrom- Treasurer

**Upcoming dates:**

- April 2: Gems; Council
- April 13: Renvilla service, 2pm
- April 17: Maundy Thursday service, 7pm

**Church announcements:**

Next Sunday, March 30, we will be hearing God's word from Matthew 27:11-26.

Sunday School schedule:  
March 23, April 13 and 27

Please keep Linda Mayer in your prayers as she recovers from her surgery. If you would like to send her mail her address is:  
2507 10th St SW  
Willmar, MN 56201-5059

Shepherding elders:  
March: Harold Groen  
April: Duane and Verla Mulder

I want to thank everyone who so thoughtfully filled my blessing bag with all the goodies and happy thoughts and wishes. Thank you all and God bless you, my church family. Sincerely, Harriet Link

Thank you church family and friends for the special gift bag with cards, notes, candy, popcorn, and visits too. Thanks to the Gems girls for the warm butterfly tie blanket you made for me! Think of you often! Love, Char Groen

Dear Emden, my, what a surprise when I got your bag of goodies, cards and well wishes, and the homemade rose. That was so thoughtful of you. Thank you all so much! I have been here 5 years already and I miss you all. May God's joy and love fill your hearts as you are going into the New Year and may you have a blessed Easter, filled with hope and peace! In His love, Ida Huisman

Thank you for your congregation's on going commitment to minister to men and women who are incarcerated. Your congregation's blessing will help sponsor one student this year and send 4 Bibles to students without their own. Blessings,  
Crossroads Prison Ministries

**Requested Announcements**

Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2025 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit [crcna.org/survey/6377](http://crcna.org/survey/6377) to answer the survey questions by March 31.

The Central MN Christian School Drama Department is preparing for its Spring Play, "The Glass Slipper," by Vera Morris. The cast includes 17 High School students and two Middle School students in this retelling of the Cinderella story. Performances will be on Thursday, April 3, and Friday, April 4, at 7:00pm in the Central Event Center. A Dinner Theater experience will be offered on Saturday, April 5, at 6:00pm. Tickets go live on Wednesday, March 12, at [centralbluejays.org/resources](http://centralbluejays.org/resources). Tickets for Thursday and Friday will be \$10 a person. Dinner Theater tickets will be \$45 a person.