

Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, May 31, 2020



**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship

Welcome and announcements

God's greeting

Song of Praise *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Psalm 119

Congregational Prayer

Song of preparation *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Prayer for illumination

\*Scripture Acts 2:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Lord's Day 20

Message

**United In Christ Through The Spirit In Order To Serve**

Prayer

Song *Boundless Grace*

Parting Blessing

Closing Song *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Whatever The Weather**

No matter the forecast, weather can remind us of God's presence:

- When it's sunny, remember that Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12).
- When it's cloudy, remember that God often spoke to and guided his people from a cloud (Exodus 13:21-22.)
- During a thunderstorm, remember the thunder and lightning when God beckoned Moses to Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:16).
- When it rains or snows, remember that God's Word serves his purpose just as precipitation does (Isaiah 55:10-11).
  - When it's windy, remember that "*a wind from God*" came at Creation (Genesis 1:2), and God's Holy Spirit arrived at Pentecost like a mighty wind (Acts 2:2).

**Elders:**

Duane Mulder - President  
Kim Mulder - Vice President  
Doug Groen - Clerk

**Deacons:**

Todd Groen - Chairman  
Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund  
Bob Swyter - Treasurer

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:00 am Catechism  
(1st & 3rd Sunday Sept.—May)  
10:00 am Morning Worship

**~ OUR MISSION ~**

*Our mission is affirming the Lordship of Christ, expressing our faith through worship, fellowship, growth and service.  
We would welcome you to share with us the joy of this exciting venture of faith.*

*Welcome to Pentecost Day worship!  
As we celebrate how the Holy Spirit called Christ's church into being,  
let us keep eyes and hearts open to how the Spirit is working today.*

**From The Banner**

The Banner magazine wants to hear from you! - Please take our survey at [thebanner.org/Survey](http://thebanner.org/Survey). Help us improve to serve you better. Your participation is voluntary, confidential, and will only take about 10 minutes. Thank you!

**From Other**

SERVE 2020 - SERVE@Home - In light of the current pandemic situation, Youth Unlimited has made some changes to this year's SERVE program. Rather than sending students across the country to serve, SERVE@Home equips local churches and home congregations to serve in their home communities. Groups who participate in SERVE@Home will receive resources from Youth Unlimited to make the week more than just a community service project. Learn more at [www.youthunlimited.org/covid-19-creates-opportunity-for-new-servehome-outreach-program/](http://www.youthunlimited.org/covid-19-creates-opportunity-for-new-servehome-outreach-program/)

**From Back to God Ministries International**

GROUNDWORK: THE WAY OF FOLLY - We know God’s perspective is distinctly unlike many of our human expectations. Studying Proverbs to learn how the Bible characterizes a fool and the way of folly in passages like Proverbs 9:13 -18 can lead us to a greater understanding of what God desires from us. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**From Faith Formation Ministries**

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - Today, Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Check out [thebibleproject.com/explore/holy-spirit/](http://thebibleproject.com/explore/holy-spirit/) for a wonderful five-minute video that traces the movement of God’s Spirit from Genesis to today. How might you or your family become more aware of the Spirit’s work in your everyday life? (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

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**You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.**

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council met on Thursday, May 28. We decided that we will hold services in church. We look forward to meeting together in person. Worship will begin at 10 am. The use of face masks is encouraged as well as social distancing. Please sit only in pews that have bulletins on them. If you do not feel well, we request that you refrain from coming. If you don’t feel comfortable attending, we will also be livestreaming the service using Facebook Live. You can view it by using this link: <https://www.facebook.com/emdenrcrc/live/>. The sermon will continue to be made available on the website.

If you would like to continue giving during this time and are unable to join us Sunday morning, you may send your offering to PO BOX 390, Renville, MN 56284 or drop it off in the clay pot in the narthex. There is now also an online option. Visit <https://www.emdenrcrc.org/online-giving> for more information and directions.

There will be a prayer meeting this Sunday at 6pm. This will be hosted on Google Meet. To join the video meeting, go to this link: <https://meet.google.com/mex-espfbts>. Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 432-955-6421 and enter this PIN: 315 976 625#. This number will stay the same for the following weeks. Phone participants can press \*6 to unmute their phone.

Please consider this prayer challenge: spend 1 minute each night at 8:00 pm to pray for our nation.

Next Sunday, June 7 we will be hearing God’s word from Matthew 28:18-20 and reflecting on Lord’s Day 8 of the Heidelberg Catechism.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dear CRC Church Member,  
With so many of us staying at home and having extra time on our hands, The Banner would love to send you our weekly update. It’s free and you can cancel



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**PRAYER**

~ Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns: Marge Link, Linda Mayer, Gerald Mulder, Darla Ruschen, DeeDee Johnson, Lilah Kleinhuizen, John & Dorothy Aalderks, Carson Groen

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**The Persecuted Church: Nigeria**

**Pandemic Hasn't Stopped Attacks or Aid**

The global pandemic has not stopped Muslim militants from continuing their attacks on Christian villages in northern Nigeria. VOM workers have documented attacks on 15 cities in Plateau and Kaduna states since Jan. 8, 2020. At least 86 people have been killed, 13 kidnapped and 24 injured in the attacks, and more than 400 families have had to relocate. In the most recent attack, on May 5, eight militants shot a pastor, his wife and their two children at their home; thankfully, all survived. Despite pandemic lockdown measures, VOM workers have been able to distribute food aid on the three days per week when travel is permitted, and safety measures are in place to protect those receiving the aid. “We continue our commitment to serve the persecuted in the midst of the pandemic,” VOM’s regional director for Africa said.

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Continue to pray for area churches: Ebenezer Presbyterian, St. John’s Lutheran, First Lutheran, United Methodist, Holy Redeemer, Our Saviors Lutheran, Temple of Jesus Christ, Hispanic Church and Emden. Ask God to continue to move through His church to the glory of His kingdom. Remember, we are part of God’s kingdom and need to always be following Him.

Are you continuing to pray that God would use us to share His love and the Good News of the Gospel with our community? Pray that the presence of God will shine through us, the Emden Church Family, and that He will use us in His Kingdom will.

**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God”  
Philippians 4:6**

