



Emden Christian Reformed Church
 Pastor David Zigterman
 Sunday, November 1, 2020



**Sunday evening
 5:00 pm**

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
 Welcome and announcements
 *Call to worship on screen
 *God's greeting
 *Greet one another

Praise the Lord.
**How good it is to sing praises to our God,
 how pleasant and fitting to praise him!**
 Psalm 147:1

*Song of Praise *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* PH 408

Psalm 147
 World Hunger video
 Litany for World Hunger Sunday

READER 1: Oh God, what love you have lavished on us that we can call ourselves your children. (1 John 3:1)

READER 2: We are no longer foreigners and strangers. We are fellow citizens with your people. We are members of your household. Your welcome is extravagant! (Ephesians 2:19)

PEOPLE: Welcoming God, you invite us to the feast of both heaven and earth, to your table of plenty. You provide for all that we need.

READER 1: You have made us alive in Christ and you seat us next to him at your table. The riches of your grace are ours to enjoy. (Ephesians 2:4-6)

READER 2: But your table is not just for us. Your banquet is for the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind. You remember the poor. You are the hope of the afflicted. (Luke 14:13, Psalm 9:18)

There will be a prayer meeting this Sunday at 5pm. This will be hosted on Google Meet. To join the video meeting, go to this link:

<https://meet.google.com/mex-esp-fbs>.

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.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Elders:

Duane Mulder - President
 Nick Daugherty - Vice President
 Doug Groen - Clerk

Deacons:

Samantha Link - Chairman
 Curt Groen - Bldg / Benevolent Fund
 Todd Groen - Treasurer

PEOPLE: We wonder if we can be like Jesus, who said his food was to do your will and finish your work. Can we set aside our own interests and carry one another's burdens? (John 4:34)

READER 1: You call us your handiwork. You say you created us in Christ Jesus to do good works. You have prepared those works in advance. (Ephesians 2:10)

PEOPLE: Oh, holy mystery!

READER 2: You say that if we hunger and thirst for righteousness that we will be satisfied. You promise that we will be made strong with all the strength that comes from your glorious power. (Matthew 5:6)

PEOPLE: This is the feast of heaven and earth. Let this be all that we need.

READER 1: Loving God, we will stand on those promises as a rock. Let your Love flow through us and do immeasurably more than we can even ask or imagine. (Colossians 3:11)

READER 2: Let us share this love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. Let us not withhold good when it is in our power to act. (1 John 3:18, Proverbs 3:27)

PEOPLE: And to you, God of plenty, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:21)

Children's Message

Praise the Lord.

**How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!**

Psalm 147:1

Song *In Christ There is No East or West* PH 540
Congregational Prayer

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how pleasant and fitting to praise him!**

Psalm 147:1

Song *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* PH 528

Prayer for illumination:

*Scripture Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message

Christ the King

Song

Boundless Grace

The Lord's Supper

The invitation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Song

Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord

PH 309

A Eucharistic Prayer for the Election

Electing God, you chose humanity when you created us in your image;

you chose a people for yourself when you called Abraham;

you chose freedom when you led your children with Moses through the Red Sea.

In Jesus you chose us despite the folly and failure of our own choices;

and in his resurrection and ascension you chose us for yourself, forever.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and celebrate the glory for which you have elected us.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Living God, as you rejoice in making all things new,

create your new community of love among us gathered here,

that in this holy meal we may together glimpse

your new heaven and new earth.

As we remember Christ's saving passion,

transform your church through the renewing of our minds,

that we may discern your good and pleasing and perfect will

and walk the paths that lead to peace.
Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and cup
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.
Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.”
After supper he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Everlasting God, you have taught us
to search for you with all our heart and
to seek the welfare of the land where you have placed us.
Send your Spirit upon those who lead,
pour your wisdom on those who are elected,
and restore by your mercy all who are not chosen.
Through your same Spirit, visit your people
in the struggles that no vote can resolve;
show us where what you call from us is
love and forgiveness and mercy;
empower your church to overcome evil with good.
Since here we have no abiding city,
give us a yearning for the city that is to come.
Hasten the day
when all that would separate us from one another will fall away,
when we rejoice to enter that dwelling place
where you have chosen to be with us forever,
where all is redeemed in the presence of the Son
through the power of the Spirit, God most high Amen.

*Written by Sam Wells, Vicar at London's St. Martin in the Fields and former Dean
of the Chapel at Duke; and Abby Kocher*

Preparing the Bread and Cup

[breaking the bread] The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

[pouring the cup] The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord. The gifts of God for the people of God.

Passing of the Elements

Prayer

Ministry of Music *King of Kings* by Hillsong sung by Heather Link

Thank Offering video from Anthony and Sara

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Song *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* PH 501

Today we will be receiving Holy Communion together. We're pleased that you're here to worship and partake in Christ's body and blood. May the warmth of Christ's love be in all of us.

From Back to God Ministries International

GROUNDWORK: CHRIST GLORIFIED: LOVE AND HUMBLE SACRIFICE - The Gospel of John dedicates five full chapters to Jesus' teaching in the Upper Room. Join Groundwork as we study John 12-14:14 to study what Jesus teaches his disciples about the true work and purpose of their long awaited Messiah. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Chaplaincy and Care Ministries

Chaplaincy Sunday is November 15 - The CRCNA encourages churches to celebrate Chaplaincy Sunday on November 15. Find out more about these dedicated front line workers who work outside of the walls of your church. Search the website: crcna.org/Chaplaincy

From Disability Concerns

Thanks for Giving on Disability Sunday - The CRC Office of Disability Concerns would like to thank you for offering up your tithes and prayers on October 18. If you did not have a chance to give, please consider donating to this special ministry online here: crcna.org/Disability.

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Generosity: A grateful heart overflows in generosity. How might your gratitude for God's good gifts overflow to bless your neighbor? If you're grateful for the gift of good food, for example, how might that spur you on to help make sure your community is fed? If you're grateful for your family, how might you extend a sense of love and belonging to others? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)

From World Renew

World Hunger Sunday - Today we are having an offering to support the work of World Renew and help put food on tables around the world. World Renew has the plans, the systems, the partners, and the people to come alongside communities experiencing hunger. We are excited to join this program as a faithful response to the God who can accomplish abundantly more than all we ask or imagine. Thank you for giving as you are able to help solve World Hunger.

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TODAY

Paul Knapper
Mission Emphasis (Sytsma's)
World Hunger - Peter Fish
Communion - The Broken Church

*Sound System
Offering*

NEXT SUNDAY 11/8/20

Brad Link
Ministry Shares

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today: 9:00 am *Intergenerational Sunday School* with coffee & donuts
5:00 pm *Prayer Time*
Nov. 11 7:00 pm *Council meeting*
Nov. 25 7:00 pm *Thanksgiving Service*

CHURCH FAMILY

I want to thank everyone for the kind words of encouragement shared with me last Sunday. Serving at Emden is a blessing and I'm grateful for the care and support you show to me and my family. --Pastor David

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship will continue at 10:00 am. The use of face masks is encouraged as well as social distancing. **PLEASE SIT IN EVERY OTHER PEW.** If you do not feel well, we request that you refrain from coming. If you are unable to come or 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/emdenrcr/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.emdenrcr.org/online-giving> for more information and directions.

Sunday School this year will be intergenerational. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Our next time together will be Dec. 6. Sunday School will meet the first Sunday of each month from 9-9:30 over coffee and donuts.



Next Sunday, November 8, we will be hearing God's word from Amos 8:1-7 and Lord's Day 42 in the Heidelberg Catechism.

Please consider this prayer challenge: Pray 1 minute each night at 8 pm for our nation.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Holy Redeemer Catholic Church annual Turkey Dinner.

Take out only from the back of Bart's Place, 10:30 - 1:00. Turkey & Stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrots, cole slaw, cranberries, pumpkin bar. \$13.00 Serving until food is gone.



Haitian Spaghetti Meal Pick Up/Delivery: November 6 mark your calendars for a night off from cooking. Let us cook for you! Meal includes Haitian spaghetti, Caesar salad, bread, and dessert. Pick up or delivery options are available between 5-7pm on Friday, Nov. 6. Suggested donation of \$15 per person. Contact Christy Groen (320-212-9643) to place your order by November 2! They will be cooking at Unity CRC and you can pick it up or if that is not possible, they will do their best to deliver it.



CMCS would like to inform you about a ministry opportunity that we have through NY-SUM (New York School of Urban Ministry). This is the organization where our students have served throughout the years when they have gone on the New York Mission trip. Through their connections with the USDA and a food relief program, they will be sending us a truck load of FREE food to distribute in the Willmar area. We do not have all the details, but if you would like to participate in this opportunity, please contact Michelle Schwitters at the school if you would like to help.

Ruby's Pantry food distribution: sharing the love of Christ through food.

3rd Tuesday of every month 4:30pm - 6:00pm. RW County Fairgrounds (check our facebook page for current location - Ruby's Pantry Redwood Falls) Bring your own boxes or baskets for food. \$20 cash donation (no checks). Everyone who gets hungry qualifies! You receive an abundance of grocery items. Hosted by: First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls.

Enrollment forms for the Back-the-Pack program can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/backthepackprogram/>. If you know of anyone who might be interested or in need of this program, please share this link with them.

CCT buses are available to pick up and take seniors/shut-ins to the grocery store, etc OR, they can deliver groceries to them. CCT Olivia: 320-523-3589; if you have any questions, you can contact Tiffany at the Willmar office at 320-214-7433.

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Ephesians 1:15-23 and Lord's Day 19
Christ the King

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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, John Aalderks, Carson Groen

**The Persecuted Church: Uganda
Woman Poisoned by Family**

A Voice Of The Martyrs-supported Christian woman died earlier this month from complications due to poisoning. Anna came to Christ from a Muslim background and her family did not accept her choice. She fled to a pastor's home in earlier August, but by then she was already ill and rapidly losing weight. After several days, she was struggling to walk and in great pain. Her family knew she was ill, and her father sent a message to her saying she would not survive. After a month in the hospital, she succumbed to the illness and passed away. Doctors found damage to her internal organs from poison, which her family likely administered to her while she still lived at home. Anna is survived by two children, ages 12 and 6, who are being cared for by the pastor. "It is a very sad moment for us losing Anna," the pastor said. "It is very sad for the children as well. Thank you for coming to Anna's aid. She died grateful. God brought you to show her the real love of God." Please pray for her children.

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.

A prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator,
as I prepare to go into the world,
help me to see the sacrament
in the wearing of this cloth -
let it be "an outward sign
of an inward grace" -
a tangible and visible way
of living love for my neighbors,
as I love myself.
Christ,
since my lips will be covered,
uncover my heart,
that people would see my smile
in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
help me to speak clearly,
not only with my words,
but with my actions.
Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears,
remind me to listen carefully -
and full of care -
to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth
be shield and banner,
and each breath that it holds,
be filled with your love.
In your Name and
in that love,
I pray.
May it be so.
May it be so.

~Richard Bott

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

