

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Love Well



Jesus Our Emmanuel

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I. Matthew 1:23

- A. The Promise of God
- B. And you will call the child Immanuel – which means, “God with us.”

II. Matthew 28:16-20

- A. The power of Jesus is laid out in verse 18. The implication is for us to go into the world in His power and authority, carrying with us His message to all whom the Holy Spirit sends us to.
- B. The purpose of Jesus is laid out in verse 19. Jesus commands us to go and make disciples of all nations. The church is to be engaged in making disciples, making Christ followers, making Christ learners, and teachers.
- C. The presence of Jesus is promised in verse 20. Jesus promises us that He is with us always to the end of the age! The real presence of Jesus is with us right now wherever we are. Therefore, we live in the confidence of God’s promise to never leave us nor forsake us! We live with the assurance that God was willing to come Himself among us so that we can always find Him!
- D. Where Do We Find God?
 - 1. We find God in the Word He provides for us in His story that is found in the Bible.
 - 2. We find God wherever the Name of Jesus is preached among us.
 - 3. We find God whenever we receive Him in His Holy Supper.

III. Psalm 139:7-18

- A. When Jesus is with us, there is no Fear!

- 1. There is no fear because we go with the one who promises to be with us always!
 - 2. There is no fear because there is no place we can go where Jesus is not already there.
 - 3. There is no fear for God loved us before the foundations of the world (Ephesians 1:4-6)
- B. Jesus demonstrated His love for us on the cross! “Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.” (John 13:1)

IV. Romans 8:31-39

- A. If God is for us, who can be against us?
- B. Nothing can separate us from the love of God! Nothing! No sickness, no sin, nothing in heaven, nothing on earth, nothing in hell, nothing from our past, present or future can snatch us from the hand of God. (verse 35-38) Not even death can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (verse 39)

V. What does this mean for us?

- A. There may be uncertainty about our lives, about our futures and about how we are going to accomplish the mission at hand. However, we know the promise of Jesus! We know the power of Jesus! We know the presence of Jesus! When Jesus is with us, He fills us with His strength, His peace, His courage, and His power as He carries us through our lives.
- B. We hold fast to our Lord Jesus Christ who is our Savior who never leaves us, and who never forsakes us, never abandons us.
- C. Because we live with the assurance and certainty Jesus is with us, we are able to stay focused on the mission to go and make disciples.
- D. Fear not for Jesus is still with us! Jesus is still in charge! The Holy Spirit is still guiding us and GSLC! Our Lord Jesus gave us these promises in writing!