

AUGUST 17, 2025 || TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to Worship at



SUMMER 2025 SERMON SERIES

EPHESIANS 6:12

VICTORY IN THE INVISIBLE WAR

JOINING IN GOD'S FIGHT
AGAINST THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS

listen online at immanuelstorycity.org and on Facebook

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8.17.25 || TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST || BANNER #20 "OPEN BOOK"

PRELUDE & BELL

Milianna Carlson

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Conner Freerks

OPENING HYMN

#526 *The Solid Rock*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conner Freerks

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Laura Severson

Philippians 1:1-11; Philippians 4:10-19; Romans 1:8-10

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor Allison

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

#678 *We Are An Offering*

MESSAGE

Tim Tjernagel

Gospel Gratitude

WORSHIP SONGS

Gratitude
Build My Life

CLOSING PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Allison

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Pastor Allison

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

Goodness of God

POSTLUDE

Milianna Carlson

CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to Immanuel! As we worship — indeed, as we live — we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses to our Lord Jesus Christ. So we can lay aside every weight and sin (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Our **Fall Quarterly Newsletter** is available online and paper copies are on the slatwall. Grab yours today and keep up to date with all of our events this fall!

Save the Date for community & church activities this fall:

- 5th - 12th Grade Youth Water Night is TONIGHT @ 6 P.M.
- 8/19: Immanuel Choir Meeting @ 5 P.M.
- 8/20: Adult Study with Pastor Allison @ 6:30 P.M.
- 8/20: RS Schools Community Prayer Night @ 7 P.M.
- 8/21: Immanuel Quilters meet 9 am to noon
- 8/23: RS CityServe's "We Heart Roland-Story Day"
- 8/24: Back to School Blessing during worship
- 8/27: EPIC & Confirmation Drop-In Registration Night
- 8/31: Sunday School Teachers' Meeting @ 11 A.M.
- 9/3: EPIC KickOff Night @ 6 P.M.
- 9/6: Men of Immanuel KickOff @ 8 A.M.
- 9/7: Rally Sunday - the start of the Sunday School year, and Immanuel is sponsoring free carousel rides from 1 - 4 at the Story City Carousel! We'll have treats, too!
- 9/8: Women's Bible Study KickOff @ 8:30 A.M. AND Toddler Music & Story Time KickOff @ 10 A.M.

The **Immanuel choir** (*all past and present members are invited!*) will meet on Tuesday, August 19th at 5 P.M. in the choir pews to clean and organize the choir pews and choir music. We will also discuss plans for the fall rehearsal schedule and performances. If you can't make it but would like to voice your opinion regarding the future of the choir, contact Milianna in the church office.

The **Quilters** are asking for a volunteer or two to help deliver quilts they've finished to Fort Dodge on September 13. These quilts will then be sent out locally and globally through Lutheran World Relief. Please reach out to Julie Thompson for more details.

As summer winds down
and a new season begins,
we welcome you with open
arms and grateful hearts.

Whether you've been
traveling, resting, or simply
soaking in the sunshine, we're
so glad you're here today!

"He refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for His name's sake."

Psalm 23:3

Immanuel delivers meals via Heartland Senior Services of Ames every September.

- **Sign up online or with the church office!**
- **Pick up meals** at Immanuel at 10:45 A.M.
- **One driver** is needed. Allow 1 hour for meal pickup, delivery, and bag return to the church.

If you have any questions regarding this volunteer opportunity, contact Milianna in the church office.



Pastor Andrew will be back in the office from his 3-month **sabbatical** on August 20. He'll be back in worship next Sunday.

Check our **website** & Facebook pages to keep updated on church events. Check out the slatwall for church and community announcements.

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

USHERS/ACOLYTES

Adam & Lauren Crawford, Cindy Blomberg, Cathy Braathun

COFFEE CART

Steve & Miriam Skartvedt

GREETERS

Joe Thomas, Patty Rathmacher

PRAYER PARTNERS

Immanuel Deacons

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Allison

BANNER/PARAMENT COMMITTEE

Gloria Hill

READER

Laura Severson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Potratz Family

TECH TEAM

Dean Kohlmeyer, John Rathmacher

Contact the church office or Mary Mechaelsen to volunteer at church!



ROLAND STORY

SHOWING THE LOVE OF JESUS
WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED

**ONE DAY, MANY CHURCHES
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**

**10-NOON: BLESSING THE COMMUNITY
3-6PM: FREE CAROUSEL, GOODIES,
AND ACTIVITIES AT NORTH PARK**

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO SIGN UP TO HELP
Visit Rcityserve.org/WeHeartRS**

Showing the love of Jesus with no strings attached!

Take part in our community wide blessings and projects on Saturday, August 23rd, and then enjoy some fun, games, and food at the park! On the next page is an itinerary of events for that day.

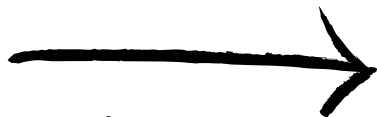
We are looking for volunteers to make this event happen! If you are active in one of our Roland-Story ministerial churches listed here, take a look at our sign up options below for the ones you are interested in.

Note: *only those 12 and up need to sign up on the form. Children under 12 are welcome to serve with their parent.*

Our RS CityServe partner churches include Bergen Lutheran, Bible Faith Church, Grace United Methodist, Harvest E-Free, Immanuel Lutheran, New Life Church, St. Petri Lutheran, Salem Lutheran, and St. Peter and St. Paul Catholic Church.

If you attend another Christian church not listed and are interested in helping, contact us at **rscityserve@gmail.com** BEFORE signing up. Thanks!

Sign Up to Volunteer!



Scan the QR code or contact the church office to see all the volunteer opportunities.



Schedule of Events for Saturday, August 23

Come volunteer AND participate in the activities - there's food and fun for everyone!

10 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Service Projects and Outreach in Story City

- Coffee / Lemonade Giveaways @ the Story City Pool Parking Lot AND RS CityServe Building
- Car Window Washing @ YesWay Gas Station
- Dollar Car Wash @ RS CityServe Building
- North Park Sidewalk Chalk & Trash Pickup
- Elementary and High School Sidewalk Chalk Artwork

Service Projects and Outreach in Roland

- Car Wash & Donut Giveaways @ Bergen Lutheran
- Middle School Sidewalk Chalk Artwork

1 P.M. to 3 P.M. - Set Up Crew @ North Park (Story City)

We need volunteers to set up the event and activity stations.

3 P.M. to 6 P.M. - Blessings in the North Park (Story City)

- Inflatables, Mini Golf, Carousel Rides, Cookies, Face Painting, Worship and Music, Prayer Tents
- Food Giveaways (while supplies last) - Water bottles, Freeze Pops, Ice Cream, Lemonade and Hotdogs

6 P.M. to 7 P.M. - Clean Up Crew @ North Park (Story City)

We need volunteers to clean up the event and activity stations.

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with 



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 **Church Office Hours:**
Mondays - Thursdays: 9 A.M. - Noon
Fridays by appointment only


Sunday Schedule


8:00 A.M. RADIO BROADCAST
(KASI, 1430 A.M.)

9:30 A.M. WORSHIP
LIVE STREAM

10:30 A.M. COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

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