

# Welcome to Worship at



Happy  
New Year

A large, thin gold circle is centered on the page. Inside the circle, the words "Happy New Year" are written in a large, flowing, gold script font. The circle is surrounded by several gold-colored fireworks or sparkler illustrations.

“The steadfast love of the  
Lord never ceases...  
they are new every morning.”  
Lamentations 3:22-23

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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1.4.26 || SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS || BANNER #32 "GIVEN FOR YOU"

## PRELUDE & RINGING OF THE BELL

Milianna Carlson

## VIDEO

*Christmas Really Happened*

## WELCOME & PRAYER

Conner Freerks

## OPENING HYMN

#290 *As With Gladness Men of Old*

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conner Freerks

## KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE

*This is the Feast*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Laura Carlson

*Psalm 1; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 17:1-5, 20-26*

## APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor Allison

## OFFERTORY

#247 *Let's Worship and Adore Him*

## MESSAGE

Pastor Allison

*Prayer in the New Year*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

#389 *Spirit of the Living God*

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Confession & Forgiveness*

*Words of Institution*

*Lord's Prayer*

*Distribution*

## BENEDICTION & SENDING

Pastor Andrew

## CLOSING HYMN

#811 *Another Year Is Dawning*

## POSTLUDE

Milianna Carlson

# Scripture Keys to a Joyful New Year

**Hold fast to your faith** (*Hebrews 4:14*)

**Assemble with the saints** (*Hebrews 10:25*)

**Pray earnestly every day** (*1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18*)

**Pray for great blessings** (*Malachi 3:10*)

**Yield not to temptation** (*1 Thessalonians 5:22*)

**Neglect not your talents and opportunities** (*Galatians 6:10*)

**Examine yourself daily** (*2 Corinthians 13:5*)

**Work diligently for the Lord** (*1 Corinthians 15:58*)

**Yield your members to righteousness** (*Romans 6:11, 16*)

**Exercise yourself in godliness** (*1 Timothy 4:7*)

**Aim at sinless perfection** (*Hebrews 6:1*)

**Redeem the time** (*Ephesians 5:15, 16*)

— Gus Nichols

# MY SERMON notes

## things to remember



## prayers



to study at home:





## CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

**Welcome to worship at Immanuel!** New Year's resolutions can be tricky to keep, but if your goal is to grow in faith and bless those around you, you're in the right place. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen you as you walk into this new year. We're glad you're here — may 2026 be a year of spiritual growth, renewed faith, and joyful obedience.

Our **quilters** meet this Thursday at 9 A.M.!

**Important dates:** Sunday School, Confirmation Class, and Adult Bible Study will resume next Sunday. EPIC resumes on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Save the date for Family Sunday School on Sunday, January 25th!

Bless our church & staff with gifts any time with our most-needed (*& most-wanted*) items on our **wish list**: postage stamps; Kleenex boxes; reams of white 8.5x11 paper; paper towels; sparkling water. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. Drop off to the church office anytime. **We thank you for supporting our church & staff!**

**Riverside Bible Camp has opened registration for the summer 2026 season!** Get your camper registered early - Early Bird Registration ends after February 15th! Immanuel is also blessed to provide camperships to all Immanuel members. Contact the Church Office directly for this code. Are you sending a first-time camper or would like a campership for family camp? Contact the Church Office to submit your request to our Board of Trustees.

**An announcement from Bible Faith Church:** Please join us in celebrating Gladys Peter's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! An open house will be held Sunday, January 11, 2026, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at Bible Faith Church in Story City. Your presence is the only gift needed! If unable to attend you're welcome to send a card to 519 Marwick Ave., Story City, IA. This celebration is given by her family.

Any articles, pictures, or other newsletter submissions for our **Spring Quarterly Newsletter** (February/March/April) are due to the church office by January 15th.

Join us for a special **Prayer Service** on Sunday, January 25 at 6:30 P.M. This will be a peaceful and quiet guided prayer service along with music and communion. The pastors and other prayer partners will be available for personal prayer during the service.

**Have something to share with the Immanuel church community?** All bulletin, worship and/or weekly email announcements are due to the church office by 10 A.M. on Thursday mornings for inclusion in our church communications.

**Access and act on next steps** to get involved at Immanuel by checking out the kiosks in the lobby, browsing our website ([immanuelstorycity.org](http://immanuelstorycity.org)), or signing up for our weekly emails with the church office.

## THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

### **WELCOME TEAM**

*Doug & Mary Mechaelsen, Shelly Rivera, Cindy Bloomberg*

### **READER**

*Laura Carlson*

### **FELLOWSHIP (SOCIAL HALL)**

*Brent & Diane Christian*

### **COFFEE CART**

*Steve & Miriam Skartvedt*

### **PRAYER PARTNERS**

*Immanuel Deacons*

### **TECH TEAM**

*Dean Kohlmeyer, John Rathmacher*

### **BANNER/PARAMENTS**

*Lori Whipple*

### **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

*Laura Carlson*

### **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

*Chuck Carlson, Julie Skaar*

*Visit the Immanuel Kiosk in the lobby or contact Mary Mechaelsen to volunteer at church!*

# get CONNECTED

with



# IMMANUEL

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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#### **Church Office Hours:**

Mondays - Thursdays: 9 A.M. - Noon  
Fridays by appointment only



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Story City, IA

## Sunday Schedule

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

**8:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR**  
(CONFIRMATION & ADULT BIBLE STUDY)

**9:30 A.M. WORSHIP**  
**LIVE STREAM**

**10:30 A.M. COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**