

MARCH 15, 2026 || FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome to Worship at



**CARRY**  
THE **FLAME** 

**2025 - 2026 SERMON SERIES**

DEEPER *faith*

DEEPER *hope*

DEEPER *love*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

3.15.26 || FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT || BANNER #7 "CROWN OF THORNS"

<b>PRELUDE &amp; BELL</b>	Milianna Carlson
<b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING PRAYER</b>	Isaac Kubat
<b>OPENING HYMN</b> #415 <i>We Are Called To Be God's People</i>	
<b>GREETING &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Isaac Kubat
<b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG</b>	<i>I Am the Church</i>
<b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</b>	Conner Freerks
<b>SCRIPTURE READINGS</b>	Conner Freerks
<i>Mark 12:28-34; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; John 8:1-11</i>	
<b>APOSTLES' CREED</b>	Pastor Allison
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#678 <i>We Are An Offering</i>
<b>MESSAGE</b>	Pastor Allison
<i>Deeper Love: For God</i>	
<b>WORSHIP SONGS</b>	<i>Open the Eyes of My Heart</i> <i>I Stand Amazed</i>
<b>CLOSING PRAYERS &amp; LORD'S PRAYER</b>	Pastor Andrew
<b>BENEDICTION &amp; SENDING</b>	Pastor Andrew
<b>CLOSING SONG</b>	<i>In Christ Alone</i>
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Milianna Carlson

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

**Welcome to worship at Immanuel!** Let us join together in praising God and witnessing His goodness. To our visitors, your presence brings us special joy—please come again soon!

**Join us for dinner (5:45 P.M.) and worship (6:30 P.M.) on Wednesday nights during the Lent season.** This week, Myrtle's Closet volunteers will be serving baked potatoes with all the fixings!

All Immanuel members are invited to help at our **Spring Cleanup Day** on Saturday, March 21 from 9 A.M. to noon. It's a great opportunity if you need service hours for school or just need some time out of the house! We will have projects outdoors as well as indoors:

- Oiling Pews
- Dusting Altar and Woodwork
- Cleaning the furniture
- Mulching and general cleanup of landscape/exterior
- Other items as identified by the Trustees

The **Immanuel Senior Choir** will rehearse March 25 and April 1 at 7:30 P.M. in preparation of Holy Week services. Students (6<sup>th</sup> grade and up) and adults of all ages and singing experience are invited to join us!

**Healthy Leaders Workshop** - March 15 and 22 from 11 to 12:30 in the Cornerstone Room. This workshop is designed for anyone who has any influence over anyone, not just people in church leadership. Even if you haven't joined us yet, you're invited to jump right in the discussions with us!

**Merle & Phyllis Frette Scholarship** - Applications for the 2026-2027 School Year are due April 5! Please see the attachments on the slatwall (*or on our website*) regarding the guidelines and application process.

**Spring Break is coming up March 15 - 22:**

- March 18: No Musical rehearsal, EPIC or choir; there's still a meal at 5:45 and worship at 6:30, and Bible Study afterwards in the Social Hall
- March 19 & 20: Church Office is closed

**Attention all ladies!** We are looking to add a few more women to our Immanuel wedding coordination team! This is a paid position and is fairly straightforward with the use of our wedding handbook. All interested ladies are invited to a meeting on **Thursday, March 26 at 10 A.M.** in the church library. We will review the current handbook and brainstorm all things “weddings-at-Immanuel” related. Help us with some decision-making or recommendations to make our wedding ministry at Immanuel truly special! Contact Milianna in the church office with questions!

Sign up with Karen Hermanson or on the Sign Up Genius Link to provide treats for **Easter Sunday!**

IMMANUEL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

presents

**LIFE  
SCHOOL  
MUSICAL**

**PERFORMANCES**

Saturday, April 11 at 1:30 P.M.  
Sunday, April 12 at 4 P.M.

Free admission! Freewill offering will go towards a mission that the kids choose. Fellowship time with treats will follow in the Social Hall.

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**Did you know you can give a financial gift to Immanuel securely online?** You can give via a debit or credit card, Venmo, Apple or Google Pay, or directly from your bank. Contact the church office if you have questions about your giving!



**Sponsor any worship bulletin in honor or in memory of someone** - perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, or special remembrances. Sponsorship is \$20 and helps us offset our printing and paper expenses. Contact the church office to schedule your sponsorship!

**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

*Steve Skartvedt, Jon Mehl, Don Olson, John Johnson*

### READER

*Conner Freerks*

### TECH TEAM

*Brad & Karen Waline*

### ACOLYTE

*Welcome Team*

### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

*Patty Rathmacher*

### COFFEE CART

*Steve & Miriam Skartvedt*

### PRAYER PARTNERS

*Immanuel Deacons*

### BANNER/PARAMENT COMMITTEE

*Lisa Handeland*

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

# Easter Plants



We have ordered a limited number of **Lilies, Begonias, Hyacinths, Daffodils, Tulips** and **Mums** from Goode Greenhouses to decorate our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. *We have a Plant-Care Team this year that will be tending the flowers to keep them healthy between the time they are delivered and you taking them home!*

**If you would like to sponsor a plant for Easter Resurrection Sunday, please fill out the form (reverse side), include payment (cash or checks made out to "Immanuel Lutheran Church") and return to the church office.** You can also put the order and payment in the offering plate or hand to an usher. A list of the sponsors will be printed in our Easter Sunday bulletins.

**Easter lilies and flowering plants can be sponsored this year for \$15 per plant.**

**The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 22.**

After worship on Easter Sunday (April 5), you can pick out which lily or plant(s) you'd like to take home according to how many you ordered. First come, first served. If you have questions, please contact Milianna in the church office. Thank you!

***I/We would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ plant(s) at \$15.00 each.***

**Sponsors, please check the box to indicate if the plant is given in *honor* of or in *memory* of loved ones. Thank you!**

**Plant #1: Given in  Honor or  Memory of:**

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***Given by:*** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Plant #2: Given in  Honor or  Memory of:**

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***Given by:*** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Plant #3: Given in  Honor or  Memory of:**

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***Given by:*** \_\_\_\_\_

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# MY SERMON notes



today's scriptures

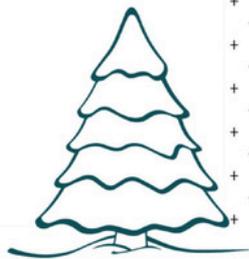
things to remember

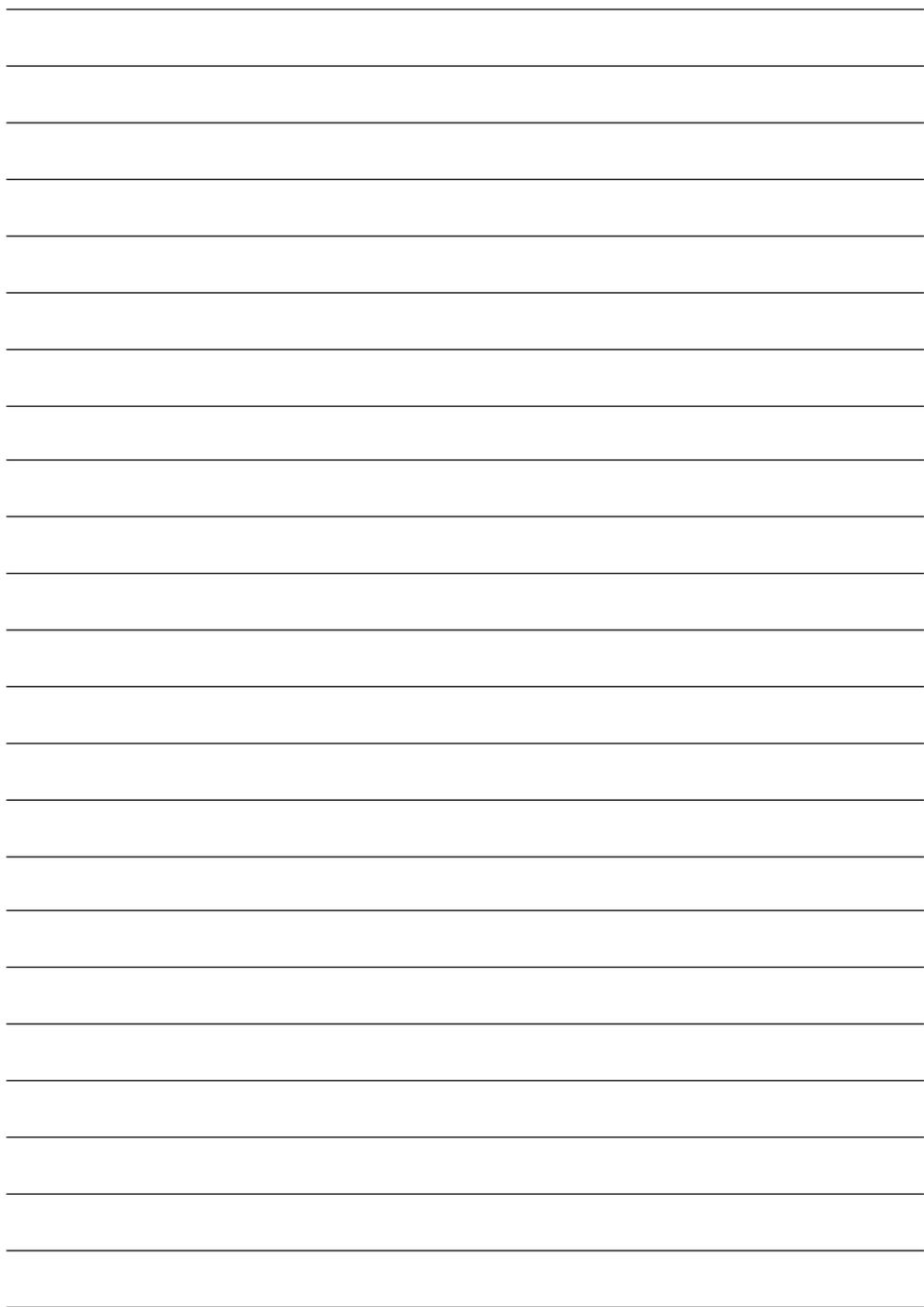


prayers



to study at home:





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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.)

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

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

**LIVESTREAM**

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



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