

MARCH 22, 2026 || FIFTH 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

3.22.26 || FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT || BANNER #7 "CROWN OF THORNS"

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| PRELUDE & BELL | Milianna Carlson |
| WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER | Grant Severson |
| OPENING HYMN | <i>#648 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i> |
| GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Grant Severson |
| CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG | <i>I Am the Church</i> |
| CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Isaac Kubat |
| SCRIPTURE READINGS | Kelly Dahl |
| | <i>Psalm 119:97-104; Colossians 3:1-17; Matthew 6:28-34</i> |
| APOSTLES' CREED | Pastor Andrew |
| OFFERTORY | <i>#678 We Are An Offering</i> |
| MESSAGE | Pastor Andrew |
| | <i>Deeper Love: For the Things of God</i> |
| WORSHIP SONGS | <i>Run to the Father</i> <i>Build My Life</i> |
| CLOSING PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER | Conner Freerks |
| BENEDICTION & SENDING | Conner Freerks |
| CLOSING SONG | <i>Firm Foundation</i> |
| POSTLUDE | Milianna Carlson |

CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to worship at Immanuel! As we worship you, Lord, unite us in heart and purpose. Let our songs rise as one voice, our prayers blend as one offering and our faith be strengthened through our fellowship. May our worship today draw us closer to you and to one another. Amen.

General Fund activity for February 2026

| <i>Beg. Balance</i> | <i>Receipts</i> | <i>Expenses</i> | <i>End. Balance</i> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| \$20,252 | \$29,359 | \$36,176 | \$13,435 |
| Monthly General Fund expenses average \$37k | | | |
| <i>Details are posted on the slatwall next to the printer room.</i> | | | |

Join us for dinner (5:45 P.M.) and worship (6:30 P.M.) this Wednesday for our final week of Lent. The Men of Immanuel will be serving French toast and ham for the meal.

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


Healthy Leaders Workshop - today is our last session from 11 to 12:30 in the Cornerstone Room.

Merle & Phyllis Frette Scholarship - Applications for the 2026-2027 School Year are due April 5!

Immanuel Sunday School Superintendent Needed: Our church is seeking a faithful and organized individual to serve as our next Sunday School Superintendent. Jaynee Christian has lovingly served in this role for many years, and we thank her for her commitment to this ministry. This volunteer role is a meaningful way to invest in the spiritual growth of our children and to support the families of our congregation. The superintendent oversees and plans the Sunday School curriculum, coordinates materials, and recruits, equips, and encourages our teachers throughout the year. Please contact Pastor Allison or Katie Brouwer for more information.

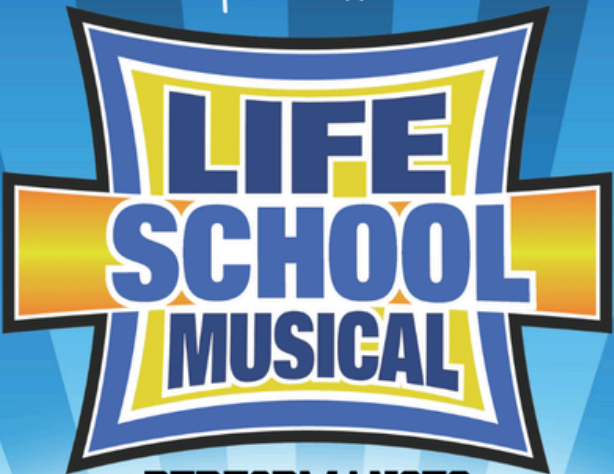
Attention all ladies! We are looking to add a few more women to our Immanuel wedding coordination team! This is a paid position and is fairly straightforward with the use of our wedding handbook. All interested ladies are invited to a meeting on **Thursday, March 26 at 10 A.M.** in the church library. 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), 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

Kelly Dahl

TECH TEAM

Craig & Nancy Sargent

ACOLYTE

Welcome Team

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Edgar & Jaynee Christian

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!



JOIN US FOR

Holy Week



Easter
SUNDAY



LENT 2026 WORSHIP & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PRAYING OUR WAY TO THE CROSS



The Psalms in Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY [6:30 P.M.]

February 18



WEDNESDAY LENT WORSHIP [6:30 P.M.]

February 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25

PALM SUNDAY [9:30 A.M.]

March 29



Kingdom Kids, Young Disciples and Senior Choir sing during worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY [7:00 P.M.]

April 2



Senior Choir sings; service of Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY [7:00 P.M.]

April 3



Youth-led service

"SONRISE" SERVICE [7:00 A.M.]

EASTER RESURRECTION SERVICE [9:30 A.M.]

April 5



Fellowship in the lobby inbetween services

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:

Given by: _____

Plant #2: Given in Honor or Memory of:

Given by: _____

Plant #3: Given in Honor or Memory of:

Given by: _____

MY SERMON notes

today's scriptures

things to remember

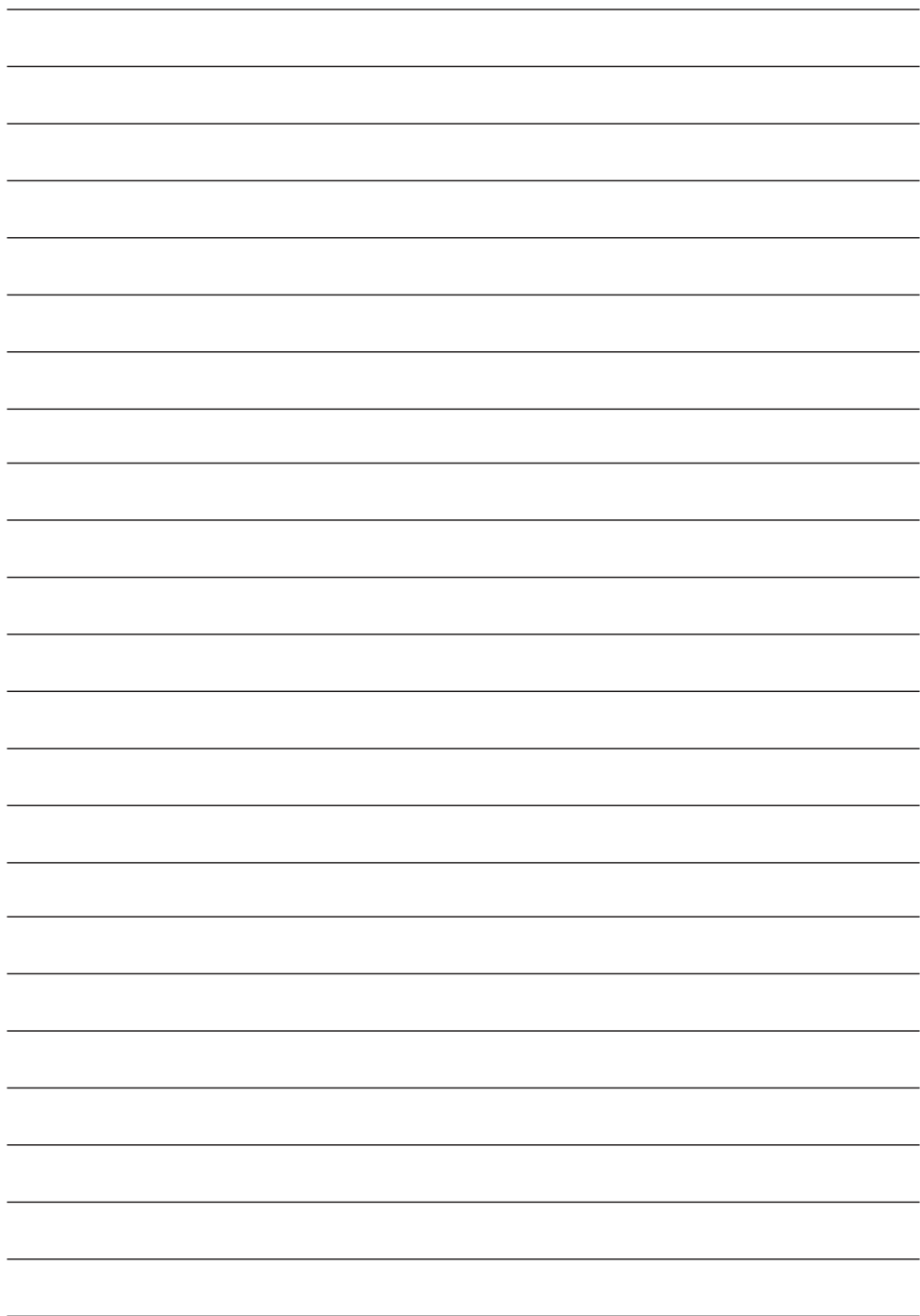


prayers



to study at home:





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with 



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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

