MARCH 8, 2026 || THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

# Welcome to Worship at

IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# CARRY THE FLAME

**2025 - 2026 SERMON SERIES**

DEEPER *faith*

DEEPER *hope*

DEEPER *love*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

3.8.26 || THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT || BANNER #7 "CROWN OF THORNS"

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| **PRELUDE & BELL** | Milianna Carlson |
| **WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER** | Grant Severson |
| **OPENING HYMN** | *#92 O How I Love Jesus* |
| **GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS** | Grant Severson |
| **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG** | *I Am the Church* |
| **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** | Grant Severson |
| **SCRIPTURE READINGS** | Deb Olson |

*Psalm 113; Luke 23:44-49; John 15:9-17*

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| **APOSTLES' CREED** | Pastor Andrew |
| **OFFERTORY** | *#678 We Are An Offering* |
| **MESSAGE** | Pastor Andrew |

*Deeper Love*

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| **WORSHIP SONGS** | *I Love You Lord/I Exalt Thee King of Kings* |
| **CLOSING PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER** | Conner Freerks |
| **BENEDICTION & SENDING** | Conner Freerks |
| **CLOSING SONG** | *How Great Thou Art* |
| **POSTLUDE** | Milianna Carlson |

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

**Welcome to worship at Immanuel!** As we spring forward into a new season, may we also step into the fresh grace God provides each day. Though we may have lost an hour of sleep, we gain time together in His presence—a reminder that His mercies are new every morning.

**Join us for dinner (5:45 P.M.) and worship (6:30 P.M.) on Wednesday nights during the Lent season.** This week, Karen Hermanson and the Immanuel Deacons will be serving soups and sides.

The **Immanuel Senior Choir** will rehearse March 11 & 25, and April 1 at 7:30 P.M. in preparation of Holy Week services. Students (6th grade and up) and adults of all ages and singing experience are invited to join us!

**Healthy Leaders Workshop** - March 8, 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. Please RSVP to the church office or Isaac Kubat so we have enough materials for participants.

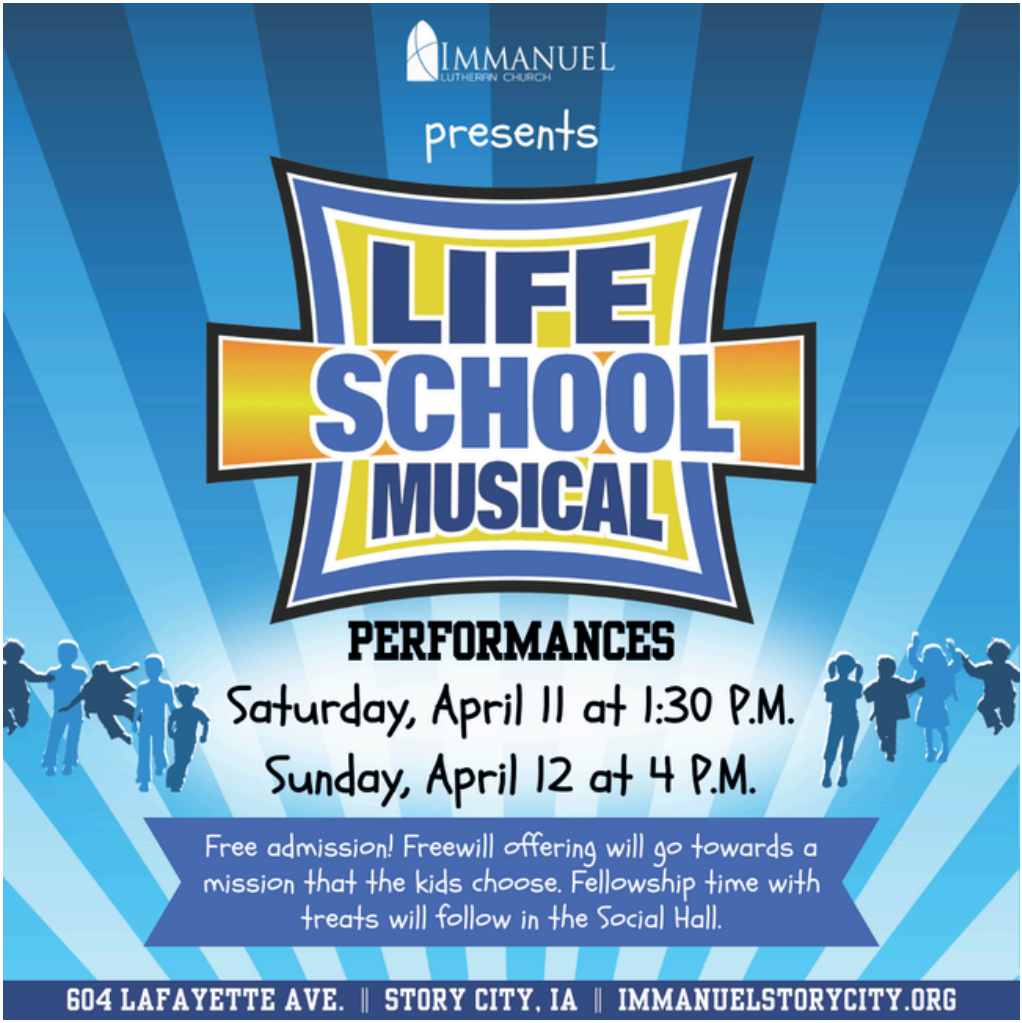
**Merle & Phyllis Frette Scholarship** - Applications for the 2026-2027 School Year are due April 5! Please see the attachments on the slatwall *(or on our website)* regarding the guidelines and application process.

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

- March 15: No Sunday School; Adult Ed will still meet
- 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**!



**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**
*Deb Olson*

***TECH TEAM***
*Trent Whipple, Karen Waline*

**ACOLYTE**
*Luke Winecoff*

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS**
*Steve & Deb Olson*

**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 <u>or</u> ☐ Memory of:**

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***Given by:*** _____

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**Plant #2: Given in ☐ Honor <u>or</u> ☐ Memory of:**

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***Given by:*** _____

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**Plant #3: Given in ☐ Honor <u>or</u> ☐ Memory of:**

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***Given by:*** _____

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# MY SERMON notes

## todays scriptures

## things to remember

## prayers

## to study at home:

# get CONNECTED with IMMANUEL 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.)*

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

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

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

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