

OCTOBER 5, 2025 || SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# Welcome to Worship at



## FALL 2025 SERMON SERIES

BASED ON JIM CYMBALA'S

# CARRY THE FLAME

...BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND...

ROMANS 12:2

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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10.5.25 || SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST || BANNER #33 "GRAPES"

**PRELUDE & BELL**

Milianna Carlson

**WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

Isaac Kubat

**OPENING HYMN**

#571 Trust and Obey

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Isaac Kubat

**KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE**

*This is The Feast*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Brad Skaar

*Ephesians 5:8-20; Galatians 5:16-25; Luke 9:18-27*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

Conner Freerks

**OFFERTORY**

#678 *We Are An Offering*

**SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM**

*I Love You, Lord*

**MESSAGE**

Conner Freerks

*Carry the Flame: Keep on Being Filled*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

#656 *Take Time to Be Holy*

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Confession & Forgiveness*

*Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer*

*Distribution*

**BENEDICTION & SENDING**

Grant Severson

**CLOSING HYMN**

#630 *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

**POSTLUDE**

Milianna Carlson

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

**Welcome to worship.** Jesus, you gave your body and shed your blood so we might be made whole. As we come to your table, quiet our hearts and help us remember your sacrifice with gratitude and awe. Amen.

There will be no **Women's Bible Study or Toddler Music and Story Time** on Monday, October 6th.

EPIC students and families are encouraged to RSVP for the **Fields of Faith** outing on Wednesday, October 8 at Ballard High School. Contact Pastor Allison for questions or if you're able to drive students to/from the event.



Study guide & digital streaming resources for **"Carry the Flame"** are available for small groups or private purchase online. Contact Pastor Andrew for more information or scan the code.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are celebrating their **first communion** with the congregation this morning!

Pastors Andrew and Allison, Grant Severson, Isaac Kubat, Conner Freerks and Milianna Carlson are all headed to the **LCMC's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering and Convention** in Lakeville, Minnesota this week. Please be in prayer for their safe travels and the discussions they will have with other LCMC church leaders. Carol Lake will be in the office this week in Milianna's absence - please reach out to her during office hours or call the office at 515.733.4972.

# IMMANUEL SUNDAY SCHOOL'S



## Fall Mission Project

COLLECTING FROM SEPTEMBER 14 - OCTOBER 12

The Immanuel Sunday School is collecting items for nursing homes & senior care facilities in the surrounding communities - Hubbard, Story City, & Zearing.

You can donate NEW (*or gently used/good condition*) items OR you can donate financial gifts to help purchase items to bless the residents of these facilities.

### Examples of items to donate:

Small hairbrushes or combs  
Small compact mirrors  
Travel Size Kleenex  
Small Trinket Boxes  
Candy Bars-no nuts or coconut  
Christian bracelets

Please place your items in the designated boxes in the lobby. Contact Pastor Allison with questions.

**A reminder to our congregation:** Any concerns you have regarding church-related business or operations are to be directed to church council president, Joel Danielson, or vice president, Steve Olson. These concerns can then be addressed by the members of the Immanuel church council.

Any articles, pictures, or other newsletter submissions for our **WINTER Quarterly Newsletter** (Nov. - Dec. - Jan.) are due to the church office by October 15th.

Salem Lutheran Church in Roland is hosting a **Chicken and Biscuit Lunch** (*dine in or carry out*) on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. Come enjoy a delicious meal! Free will donations accepted.

### **ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION**

**Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 19 after the worship service.** All confirmed, active members are encouraged to attend and vote. Items on the agenda include:

- election of council, committee members & delegates
- ministry highlights
- missions commitment
- Endowment Fund update
- pastoral compensation for 2025

The church office ladies (*Carol and Milianna*) kindly ask that if you have any documents, pictures, financial reports, or highlights from the year (Jan - Sept. 2025) to include in the annual meeting agenda or the annual report, please turn them ASAP so that the church council can review them at their meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9th.

**The Immanuel Deacons are providing a catered lunch from Hickory Park after our annual meeting on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.** We hope you can join us for the meeting to vote and stay for the lunch!





# Let's Celebrate!

***50 years ago, the Quang family traveled from Southeast Asia to settle in Story City.***

Immanuel invites everyone to celebrate with Em & her family on **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** for a special fellowship time after worship.

Em & Som are preparing egg rolls & Immanuel is providing a light lunch with photos & memories!

*If you have a memory to share OR would like to help with the luncheon (serving or providing food), please contact the church office or Laura Carlson.*

Save the date for November 2 for our **"Lunch and Learn"** with Trevor Rubenstein. He will lead a discussion on the Arab and Israel Conflict. Stay tuned for more information!

Check out the cart in the lobby for our **Kringla and Jesus t-shirts** - they are \$20 each. Our **garden produce swap** is also on the cart - if you have extra garden produce you'd like to share, put it on the cart. Leave what you have and take what you need.

Visit our **kiosks** in the lobby to sign up to volunteer, browse our Immanuel website and contact the church office! A reminder that you can access our website and act on next steps to get involved at Immanuel anytime, anywhere, by visiting our website, **immanuelstorycity.org**. And check out the slatwall for church and community announcements and our quarterly newsletter.

## THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

### USHERS

*Larry & Claudia Fuhrman*

### READER

*Brad Skaar*

### COFFEE CART

*Steve & Miriam Skartvedt*

### ACOLYTE

*Annabelle Potratz*

### GREETERS

*Jim Oberender, Linda Thompson*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*Heston McIlrath*

### COMMUNION PREP

*Gloria Hill, Lori Whipple*

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

*Patty Rathmacher, Julie Skaar*

### PRAYER PARTNERS

*Immanuel Deacons*

### TECH TEAM

*Brad & Karen Waline*

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

*Brad & Julie Skaar*

### BANNER/PARAMENT COMMITTEE

*Charlotte Loots*

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