

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 || SIXTEENTH 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

9.28.25 || SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST || BANNER #40 "FOR GOD SO LOVED"

PRELUDE & BELL

Milianna Carlson

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Conner Freerks

OPENING HYMN #93 God Our Father, We Adore Thee

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conner Freerks

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG

We Are the Church

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Isaac Kubat

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jaynee Christian

Galatians 6:1-10; 1 John 3:16-24

APOSTLES' CREED

Grant Severson

OFFERTORY

#678 We Are An Offering

MESSAGE

Grant Severson

Carry the Flame: The Gift of Encouragement

WORSHIP SONGS

*Spirit of the Living God
Holy Forever*

CLOSING PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Andrew

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Pastor Andrew

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

Come Thou Fount

POSTLUDE

Milianna Carlson

CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to worship as we enter a new season. Autumn's turning leaves remind us of God's creative power and faithful rhythm of change. May this hour be one of reflection, gratitude, and renewal.

We will no longer be passing the **offering plates** during worship. Instead, please place your financial gifts in the offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

All 6th - 12th graders and adults of all ages are invited to **Senior Choir rehearsal** after coffee fellowship this morning! We'll meet in the choir pews from 11 - 11:30 A.M. to practice next week's anthem. We will also meet this Wednesday, October 1 from 7:45 - 8:30 P.M.

There will be no **Women's Bible Study or Toddler Music and Story Time** on Monday, September 29.

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 **First Communion Class** for all 5th graders will be this Wednesday, October 1st from 7-8 P.M. Students will come at 6 for pizza and large group worship at EPIC, parents are then invited to join us for the lesson and communion portion of the evening at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. We will then celebrate all First Communion students on Sunday, October 5th during our morning worship service at 9:30 A.M. All are welcome to join us!

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 legitimate concerns 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 18th from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. Come enjoy a delicious meal! Free will donations accepted.

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

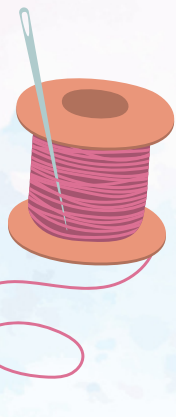
Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 19 after the worship service. All confirmed, active members are encouraged to attend and vote. Items on the agenda include:

- 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 in by **Friday, Oct. 3rd** 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 19th. We hope you can join us for the meeting to vote and stay for the lunch!

GOT TOO MUCH thread?



The Quilters of Immanuel could use it! Those that sew blocks together from the fabric people donate go through miles of thread each week at their own expense. If you have extra thread or want to donate "Serge" (*a special larger spool of thread we bind the edges of quilts with*) or "regular" spools of thread, it would be greatly appreciated.

In September 2025, 99 quilts were given to Lutheran World Relief to bring comfort to many people around the world. We share 30-40 quilts with Hope Ministries in Des Moines and many baby quilts with Myrtle's Closet here in Story City caring for the needs of others.

Please continue to support us by donating sheets and cotton fabric. A back for a quilt takes 4 yards of fabric, blocks can be cut out of any size piece of cotton fabric. Our batting is \$121 that supplies us with batting for approximately 25 quilts.

The next time we wrap up in our throw blanket, consider saying a prayer for those who are cold or lonely and need someone to provide them with a comforting quilt. **Thank you for all who pray for, or donate time, money and energy to provide quilts to those who are in need of warmth and comfort in our world.**

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

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Joel & Mary Danielson

READER

Jaynee Christian

COFFEE CART

Steve & Miriam Skartvedt

ACOLYTE

Elsey Haberl

GREETERS

Edgar & Jaynee Christian Family

WORSHIP TEAM

Conner Freerks, Pastor Andrew

PRAYER PARTNERS

Immanuel Deacons

TECH TEAM

Bradey Haberl, Jim Oberender

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Edgar & Jaynee Christian

BANNER/PARAMENT COMMITTEE

Cathy Braathun

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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