

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 || THIRTEENTH 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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9.7.25 || THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST || BANNER #21 "TRAIN UP"

**PRELUDE & BELL**

Milianna Carlson

**WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor Andrew

**OPENING HYMN**     *#415 We Are Called to Be God's People*

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Grant Severson

**BIBLES & PRAYER BOOKS PRESENTATION**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG**

*We Are the Church*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Dan Kirk, *"The Juggler with the Yellow Shoes"*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Grant Severson

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Romans 12:1-2; John 5:24-27*

**BAPTISM OF MACKENZIE ANN CHICK**

**Parents:** Brandon & Melissa Chick

**Sponsors:** James & Erin Martin, Alex & Linsey Riesberg

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY**

*#678 We Are An Offering*

**SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM**

*God Will Make A Way*

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Andrew

*Carry the Flame: The Gospel*

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Confession & Forgiveness*

*Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer*

*Distribution*

**BENEDICTION & SENDING**

Pastor Allison

**CLOSING WORSHIP SONG**

*Blessed Assurance*

**POSTLUDE**

Milianna Carlson

**Welcome to Immanuel!** Welcome, friends — new and familiar! The psalmist reminds us: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (*Psalms 118:24*). May our hearts be open today to God’s presence, peace, and purpose.

Today is **Rally Sunday** - the beginning of our Sunday School year! We welcome Christian Entertainer Dan Kirk, “The Juggler with the Yellow Shoes”, to worship today! We’ll be collecting a freewill offering for Dan’s ministry - please place your financial gifts in the designated offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary.

**Adult Bible Study** (“Adult Ed”) will begin Sunday, September 14 from 8:30 - 9:15 A.M. in the Social Hall. Join us anytime to discuss scripture related to each Sunday’s sermon theme.

We invite you to join us for **coffee fellowship** on the patio after worship! There will be limited seating in the lobby. *The Social Hall is reserved this morning.*

Stop by the **Story City Antique Carousel** this afternoon between 1 and 4 P.M. for free rides and treats, sponsored by Immanuel!

Our **Women’s Bible Study** will be moving to Monday mornings, beginning September 8, with Lisa Harper’s newest study, “A Jesus Shaped Life”. We’re having a women’s breakfast that day; if you’d like to bring an item for the meal, contact Pastor Allison.

**Toddler Music & Story Time** begins September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M. in the Chapel! If you’d like to volunteer & help this program grow, reach out to Pastor Allison.

**Myrtle's Closet** is open Monday, September 8 from 10 - 11:30 A.M. for shopping!

Beginning next Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, we will no longer be passing the **offering plates** during the worship service. Instead, we will collect your financial gifts in the offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary, where the ushers are posted.

Ladies, join us for our **Women's Fall Get-Together** on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M.! We'll meet at Jaynee Christian's "She Shed" for some *"Faith, Flannel and Fellowship"* time - wear your favorite fall flannel & bring a fall finger food to share. Contact the church office if you'd like to carpool or need a ride to and from the event.

Kim Combes, Christian Mentor and Counselor (associated with our Steady Hands Ministry here at Immanuel), will be leading a discussion on **Spiritual Warfare** on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. in the Immanuel Social Hall. Come to listen, learn, heal, ask questions, and pray - we know the war is already won in Jesus' name!

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 register for Sunday School, 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](http://immanuelstorycity.org). And check out the **slatwall** for church and community announcements and our quarterly newsletter.



# You are **INVITED**

## Chaplaincy Dinner **September 21, 2025**

Join us for a night of fellowship, delicious food, and meaningful conversation to raise money for our Chaplaincy program at Bethany Life. Support a cause that makes a real difference in the lives of many! Tickets are \$100 per person and are tax deductible. RSVP to Arizza Lynch at Bethany Life by September 17.

### THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

#### **USHERS**

*Joel & Mary Danielson, Gary & Sue Uthe*

#### **GREETERS**

*Marv & Sue Braland*

#### **COFFEE CART**

*Steve & Miriam Skartvedt*

#### **ACOLYTE**

*Annabelle Potratz*

#### **PRAYER PARTNERS**

*Immanuel Deacons*

#### **WORSHIP TEAM**

*Pastor Andrew and Pastor Allison*

#### **BANNER/PARAMENT COMMITTEE**

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#### **READER**

*Grant Severson*

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*Gloria Hill, Lori Whipple*

#### **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

*Dion Whipple, Grant Severson*

#### **TECH TEAM**

*Bradey Haberl, Jim Oberender*

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

# Dinner & Wine Tasting Survivor Style Show



Thursday, September 18, 2025

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Prairie Moon Winery

3801 W190th Street, Ames, Iowa

Style and Accessories Show by

Tres Teal and Moorman Clothiers

Join us for an evening of good food, wine & music

Raffle and Door Prizes

To Benefit Life is Bliss

Dragon Boat Team

\$35.00 per person

Pay in advance<sup>or</sup> at the door

Please RSVP to:

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## Life is Bliss Dragon Boat Team



The Life Is Bliss Dragon Boat Team was 'born' in 2012. The team was formed with the encouragement and support from members of the Fighting Angels Abreast Dragon Boat Team from Fort Dodge and Bliss Cancer Center to form a team in the Story County area to participate in the annual Badger Lake Dragon Boat Bash held in Fort Dodge. They wanted to spread the word about the benefits of this activity for those battling and recovering from breast cancer. Life Is Bliss Dragon Boat team was formed and it's members both survivors and supporters have found this activity to be personally rewarding. It has also been beneficial by helping to change attitudes toward "life after breast cancer," and encourages women and men to lead full and active lives. Dragon boating events help to raise funds for breast cancer research, provides awareness about living with breast cancer and the importance of early detection, as well as providing an opportunity for physical activity.

To find out more about Life Is Bliss please visit us at:  
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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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