

**Welcome to Worship at
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
STORY CITY, IOWA
November 9, 2014**

Mission Statement
Building Strong Relationships in Christ,
And Making Him Known to All



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The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost November 9, 2014

We Prepare to Meet God

The Prelude
The Opening Hymn
 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” No. 225
The Prayer
The Time for Greeting
The Special Music
 The Kingdom Kids – Nicole Engelhardt, Director
The Children's Message
The Announcements
The Testimony
 “Who's Got the Story BAG?”
The Worship Song
 “Yes, Lord, Yes” No. 601

We Hear God's Word

The Lesson – Joshua 24:14-15
 ⁴“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

The Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13
 ¹“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ ⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

⁹ “No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

¹⁰ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

¹² “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

¹³ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

We Confess Our Faith

The Apostles’ Creed (on screen)

We Respond to God’s Blessings

The Offering

The Offertory “We Are An Offering” (on screen)

We Hear God’s Word Proclaimed in Song and Word

The Anthem

“I Found It All in Jesus” Mercer

The Senior Choir – Susan Amensen, Director

The Sermon

“The Freedom of Choice” Pastor Anenson

The Hymn

“The Family Prayer Song” No. 454

We Receive God’s Promise to Go with us into Daily Life

The Prayers of Praise and Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

The Hymn (please use your hymnal - not on screen)

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” No. 602

The Postlude

Organist: Emily Anderson

Candlelighter: Dylan Matheason

Greeters: Kent & Tammy Nicholson

Ushers: Tim & Tami Marienau, Jeff & Charlotte Loots

Reader: Rick Richie

Sound Engineer: Trent Whipple

Visitors: We welcome you to worship today! We sincerely desire that everyone present will feel welcome in the Lord’s house. Please make a special effort to greet those around you in the spirit of Christian fellowship.

Today is our monthly Improvement Fund offering. This fund is used for capital expenditures to maintain and improve our church buildings. You may put your gifts to this fund in the recessional offering box in the narthex as you are ushered out.

Special Congregational Meeting

The church council has called for a special congregational meeting today following the 9:30 A.M. worship service.

The purpose of this meeting is to vote on changes to the wording in our constitution concerning our endowment fund. You recently received a letter detailing these changes.

There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Social Hall following the worship service and following the special meeting.

Who’s Got the Story BAG? We’re going to do a little show-and-tell during worship again today to help us know each other’s faith stories better. If you’d like to be on the list to share a story, please contact the church office or one of the Deacons. We’re looking forward to hearing what you have to share; everyone has a God story to tell!

“Heaven - It’s Not What You Think” DVD series will continue through next Sunday in the Social Hall from 8:30-9:15 A.M.

Simplify: Ten Practices to Unclutter Your Soul is held Sunday mornings at 8:30. It will conclude next week in the Cornerstone Room. In this four-week study, Bill Hybels shares his own story of the wake-up call that changed everything—and the steps he took to simplify his life before it was too late. Join Bill to discover the power of simplicity in your schedule, work, finances, relationships, and soul. Let Pastor Kurt know if you’d like to order the optional book (\$15) and/or the workbook (\$9) that accompanies this series. ***This class will be repeated in the Social Hall November 23 - December 14.***

Trick or Canning - During our High School Youth Trick or Canning event, we were able to collect 70.66 pounds of food to donate to Loaves & Fishes. Thank you to all who graciously gave something to help fight Hunger in Story City!

Attendance last Sunday: 261

Nursery Help Needed: *Do you love little kids? Would you like to help young parents grow in faith?* Each Sunday we are offering two different Sunday morning Adult Education opportunities in the Social Hall and Cornerstone Room. To encourage young couples with small children to attend these classes, we want to offer childcare in the nursery during Sunday School (8:30-9:15 A.M.) and during worship as well (9:30-10:30 A.M.). Would you be willing to help occasionally with this ministry during one of these two time slots? Please contact the church office at 733.4972 or immanuel@iowatelecom.net.

We are looking forward to having a number of new members join our congregation on Sunday, November 23. All those joining are asked to attend an orientation class on Sunday, November 16. Please let Pastor Anenson, Pastor Jensen or the church office know if you would like to join our faith community!

Our 2015 Mission Trip Team - Is holding a Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser from now until December 4th in order to raise funds for our Mission Trip next summer to Indianapolis. There are over 20 different products to choose from and all of them are excellent quality! By purchasing one (or more) of these items from any member of the Mission Trip team you will be helping us fund our trip. We make 5 dollars for every item sold and our goal is 100 items thus raising 500 dollars towards the trip!! Thank you, in advance, for your support! The 2015 Mission Trip Team is Theresa Haskin, Jillian Lykins, Graham Nicholson, Lily Rathmacher, Leila Seaton, Sierra Tate, Gayle Tate and Zachary Bauknecht.

Immediately following the service and congregational meeting, there will be a brief meeting in the Cornerstone Room, to discuss a Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 6. This is the first day of the Tour of Homes in Story City. There will be discussion about the menu, decorations, bazaar, and ideas of how the proceeds might be spent. Even if you are not available to be there on the 6th, you could help by baking Scandinavian goodies or other treats. Check out crafts on Pinterest and make a donation for the bazaar. All ideas are welcome. If you can help in any way, please contact Jaynee Christian at 733.2710 or jlchristian@hotmail.com.

You are invited to the 11th annual combined choral music concert today at 2 P.M. at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northwestern Ave. in Ames. This is a benefit concert for the Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance organization that we help support. Fifteen choirs from the Ames area will perform.

Upcoming Events

- **Young Adults Potluck today at 5:00 P.M.** *Recipes from the Immanuel Cookbook!* Join us for an evening of fun and great food! Bonus points if you share a dish from a recipe you find in our church cookbook! We'll have cards to list the name of the recipe and the page number by each dish on the table. *Don't have a copy of the cookbook yet? Need some for gifts?* Stop by the church office during the week or the welcome table in the narthex. They're now just \$10 each!
- **Quilt Tying.** We have a half day scheduled for quilt tying this Thursday, Nov. 13, from 9 A.M.-12 noon in the Social Hall. Drop in for an hour or stay for the morning. Coffee time at 10:30 A.M. Treats are welcome but certainly not required! Come share in the fellowship with others while providing a service to people in need.
- **The LCMC Annual District Gathering** will take place at Immanuel this Saturday, November 15, from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch served by Hickory Park. All members are welcome. Pastor Anenson will be preaching at the opening worship service.
- **Story County Veterans Affairs** is sponsoring *Supermarket of Veterans Benefits* this Friday, November 14, from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. There will be a program at 9 A.M. Flu shots and blood pressure checks for veterans are available from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. This will be held at the Ames Moose Lodge, 644 W. 190th Street, Ames. Donuts, coffee and door prizes provided as long as they last! All information and services are free of charge!
- **Little Dresses for Africa work weekend.** The Workspace at the Iowa State Memorial Union is hosting a work weekend for the non-profit organization "Little Dresses for Africa" November 15 from 10 A.M.- 4 P.M. and November 16 from 1-4 P.M. Volunteers can assist with making dresses from pillow cases, providing relief and hope for children in Africa. From cutting fabric and ironing to sewing, there is a place for anyone that has an hour or two to spare. Those with basic sewing skills are especially appreciated to help lead the volunteers. The Workspace will provide the supplies, however if you would like to donate new or gently used pillowcases or notions you may bring them that day. There is no charge to participate and no pre-registration is necessary. The Workspace is at 2229 Lincoln Way on the ISU campus in Ames. For more information visit www.workspace.mu.iastate.edu or call 515.294.0970. To date The Workspace has sent over 465 dresses to children in need.

Reminders

- **Hearing devices** for those who have a difficult time hearing the service can be found on the shelf in the narthex. If you have been thinking of

trying a unit, please ask an usher to assist you. We have several extra units at this time.

- **Tune in** to the Immanuel Lutheran Radio Broadcast each Sunday morning at 8 A.M. on KASI Radio (AM 1430).
- **The Children's Activity Bulletins** are available from the ushers for young children.
- **The new issue** of the "Our Daily Bread" devotional book is on the shelf in the narthex. The new "Lutheran Digest" magazine is also there.
- **A nursery** is available across from the restrooms on the main floor of the educational wing.



As a congregation, let's be in prayer for:

- Our upcoming District Gathering this Saturday at our church.
- For Pam Maurer and others going on the Honduras mission trip this coming weekend.

We praise God for:

- The freedom and choices He gives us in our relationship with Him.
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Youth Activities

High School Youth Group Activities

Our next meeting - Will be TODAY from 3:30-5:00 PM. I hope to see you there! Bring a friend! It is going to be a great time of fun, friends and fellowship! We will continue our discussion on "Koinonia".

Middle School Youth Group Activities

Our next meeting - Will be TODAY from 2:00-3:20 PM. I hope to see you there! Bring a friend! It is going to be a great time of fun, friends and fellowship! If the weather is nice we will be going outside, so dress accordingly. We will also continue our discussion on "Going where God wants you to Go!"

November 9 - November 16, 2014 **Worship & Study Opportunities at Immanuel**

Sunday, November 9

8:00 A.M.	Radio Broadcast on KASI (1430 AM)
8:30 A.M.	Sunday School
9:00 A.M.	Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)
9:30 A.M.	Worship - Kingdom Kids Sing (3 year olds - 1st graders)
10:30 A.M.	Special Congregational Meeting
10:30 A.M.	Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)
2:00 P.M.	Middle School Youth Group
3:30 P.M.	High School Youth Group
5:00 P.M.	Young Adults Potluck

Monday, November 10

Tuesday, November 11

9:30 A.M.	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, November 12

6:30 P.M.	Junior Choir
6:30 P.M.	Pizza Supper for Trinity & Confirmation
7:00 P.M.	Trinity & Confirmation Classes
7:15 P.M.	Senior Choir

Thursday, November 13

8:30 A.M.	Women's Weekly Bible Study on Ezekiel
9:00 A.M.-12 noon	Immanuel Women's Ministry Quilt Tying Work Day
7:00 P.M.	Board of Trustees Meeting
7:00 P.M.	Board of Deacons Meeting
7:45 P.M.	Board of Education Meeting
8:15 P.M.	Church Council Meeting

Friday, November 14

Saturday, November 15

8:00 A.M.	Men of Immanuel
9:30 A.M -3:30 P.M.	Iowa District LCMC Convention at Immanuel

Sunday, November 16

8:00 A.M.	Radio Broadcast on KASI (1430 AM)
8:30 A.M.	Sunday School
9:00 A.M.	Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)
9:30 A.M.	Worship
10:30 A.M.	Service of Holy Communion
10:30 A.M.	Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)
2:00 P.M.	Middle School Youth Group
3:30 P.M.	High School Youth Group
4:00 P.M.	New Member Orientation