# Enter the Ark 2 CHRONICLES 5

Worship

**Worship:** Worship, for the fully devoted disciple, is a response to God who has called us to reflect in awe upon who He is: Our Creator, Deliverer, and Sustainer. Worship may take various forms, but the purpose is always to bring God praise and to celebrate God's abiding love for his people. Not only is worship an integral part of the Christian's daily walk with God, it is also part of the corporate experience of God's family. —"Six Habits of a Fully Devoted Disciple"

to the to Worship Then Solomon summoned to Jerusalem the elders of Israel, all the heads of the tribes and the chiefs of the Israelite families, to bring up the ark of the LORD's covenant from Zion, the City of David. And all the Israelites came together to the king at the time of the festival in the seventh month2 Chronicles 5:2-3
to the to Worship  When all the elders of Israel had arrived, the Levites took up the ark, The priests then brought the ark of the LORD's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, and put it beneath the wings of the cherubim2 Chronicles 5:4,7
in Worship The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." -2 Chronicles 5:13
Then the temple of the LORD was filled with the cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.  -2 Chronicles 5:13-14
Presence Response Awe Sanctuary Temple Enthroned

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

PASTOR KEVIN MUYSKENS June 8, 2025

Morning Worship: Today Pastor Kevin will complete his four-part series on the building of the temple. 2 Chronicles 5 presents the worship celebration that took place when the Ark of God was carried into the completed temple. All the elders, tribal leaders, and heads of families were summoned to Jerusalem for the great event. After an extravagant procession and worship event the glory of the LORD filled the temple. We'll look more closely today at worship that invites the LORD to be enthroned on the praises of his people.

**Evening Worship:** This evening, Pastor Kevin is going to begin leading us on a journey through the story of Jacob using Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son, which some see as a retelling of Jacob/Israel's story, as a lens to focus our attention. Jacob means deceiver; Israel is the one who wrestles with God. This evening we'll see Jacob living up to that name and note the rebellion echoed in the disturbing request of the prodigal.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today we will ordain and install** our newly elected elders, deacons, and ministry partners in our morning worship service. We ask the LORD to pour out his equipping Spirit on elders Bart Peters, Dave Vande Brake, deacons Wade Heemskerk, Julie Jacobsma, and ministry partners Chris Dykstra and Kim Heemskerk.

We thank God for those who are finishing their terms: Matt Hanenburg, Lyle Hoekstra, Lorna Kraayenbrink, Shawn Wassenaar, Gail Anderson and Roz Geels have given willingly of their time, energy, and wisdom over these last three years and served Immanuel well. May God bless them as they set aside this responsibility, and may He open other doors for them to serve his Kingdom purposes.

**Next Sunday**, Rev. Steve Boersma will preach for us in both morning and evening services. Pastor Kevin is taking a vacation week as the family celebrates Karyss' wedding.

**THANK YOU to** Dane and Kerri Buren who have spent more than a decade as custodians of Immanuel Church. In that time they have kept our sanctuary, fellowship space, educational space, restrooms, kitchen, nursery, etc in immaculate condition. They have set up for gatherings, cleaned up after them, opened doors, scooped sidewalks, and done maintenance work so that our facilities were welcoming to enter and always ready to host the next event. As they step back from this position, please make a point to express to them your appreciation for this work that is so easily taken for granted.

**Card Shower for Gloria:** It's Gloria Evink's birthday on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month and her family is requesting a card shower from her church family. She certainly misses the connections at Immanuel and her family knows she would be tickled to receive birthday greetings. All cards should be brought to the church office and Shonna will mail out batches each week.

June Unity Meal: As a part of our outreach to the community, Immanuel will be in charge of preparations and serving at the Sheldon Area Unity Meal on Monday, June 16 which is hosted by Living Water Church. Volunteer positions are filled but your presence is requested to share a meal and fellowship with those in our community.

**Summer Teen Bible Study & Hangout:** The area youth directors are inviting teens to a Bible study and hangout time on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Breu Haus starting <u>June 11 and running through August 13</u>. If you are entering the  $7^{th}-12^{th}$  grade, and are available to come for a short Bible study and games, then show up!

**FREE Summer Lunch Program is up and running!** Lunches are served Monday – Friday through August 15 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. at East Elementary! Children 18 and under eat free! Parents are welcome! Busing is available at in-town stops.

## PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS

**We rejoice with Brayden and Alexis Stuit** on the birth of their daughter Saylor Renae who was born on Tuesday, May 27 and weighed in at 9lbs 8oz. May the LORD bless this family as they adjust to this great blessing.

**Praise the LORD, Helen Van Den Berg's hip replacement went well.** She was able to return home the same day and is rejoicing at experiencing less pain than her previous replacement. Pray that her pain would remain subdued and that she would quickly regain strength and mobility.

**Continue be in prayer for Cort and Trudy Victoria.** Cort was to be released from the hospital on Friday. Trudy has a confirmed diagnosis and is making progress but remains hospitalized.

**The 2025 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church** convenes Friday at Redeemer University in Ancaster, Ontario. Brad Kraayenbrink will attend as an elder delegate from Classis Heartland. Pray for Brad and all the delegates as they deliberate and decide on important matters facing our denomination.

**Karyss (Muyskens) and Jacob Folkerts** will be united in marriage at Immanuel on Friday, June 13. Pray for this new family as they establish patterns and habits. May the Lord be the center of their marriage.

### Offering Schedule:

Today: AM: Christian Education Society

PM: Center for Financial Education

June 15: AM: Love INC

PM: Christian Education Society

#### **Welcome Team:**

Today: Main Door – Mark Wieringa

Fellowship Hall Door – Tracy Wieringa

Welcome Table - Tom & Dianne Schemper

June 15: Main Door – Adam Tebben

Fellowship Hall Door – Wade Heemskerk Welcome Table – Lee & Arlene Scholten

**Nursery:** (The library is available during the service as a private space for nursing moms)

Today: Krista Hanenburg, Mollie Schemper, Leddy Hanenburg

June 15: Chris Dykstra, Alyssa Schmidt, Elsie Hanenburg

#### **Morning Worship Team:**

Today: Jeff Schemper, Aidyn Schemper, Addison Jacobsma

Box: Alyssa Schmidt Pianist: Jill Schemper

June 15: Shonna Wassenaar, Kristina Wolf

Guitars: Pete Hamill, Chad Hamill

Pianist: Trey Schemper

Audio:Video:PowerPoint:Today: JaraceToday: LandanToday: AnnieJune 15: MicahJune 15: KolbyJune 15: Matthew

#### **Coffee Servers:**

Today: Roger Boer, Sandy Muyskens, Teresa Hoekstra

June 15: Beth Hamill (more volunteers needed)

# THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL: June 8 - 14

SUN:	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
WED:	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting with Ministry Partners
		Deacons Meeting and Elders Meeting

THU: 6:00 p.m. Folkerts/Muyskens Wedding Rehearsal

FRI: 4:00 p.m. Folkerts/Muyskens Wedding