

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Service of the Holy Communion
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Ash Wednesday

Announcements

A Call To Return

As We Gather

Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" #608

Imposition of Ashes

Opening Sentences Psalm 25:1–5

Hymn "Out of The Depths I Cry to You" #600

Confession and Absolution

Greetings

Prayer of The Day

O Lord, You bid Your people return to You in repentance and have promised forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Grant that, forgiven and free, we may live each day in joyful hope as Your beloved children; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Joel 2:12–19

Psalm Psalm 51:1–13

Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

Gospel Acclamation Pg. 151

Holy Gospel Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Sermon Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibraheem Sarras

Hymn of The Day Ecumenical Choir

Prayer of The Church

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.
A brief silence.

O God, you call your church to be ministers of reconciliation throughout the world. Inspire your church in its proclamation of the gospel and guide its ministries to build up the body of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God, you created the earth and all its inhabitants and you declared that it is good. Protect mountains and valleys, animals and plants, and direct us to be good stewards of all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God, you desire peace. Direct governments and leaders to work for the well-being of all people and raise up advocates to speak and serve on behalf of the downtrodden. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God, you are our hope in the midst of despair, our help in the midst of sorrow, and our consolation in the midst of affliction. Grant comfort to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (especially) and support caregivers who attend to all in need. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God, you are love, and you call us to love one another. Accompany with your grace those journeying toward baptism and call us all to repentance as we prepare to celebrate Christ's death and resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God, you are our life and our salvation. We give you thanks for the righteous who have died in faith. Inspire us by their example to proclaim your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

Offertory Hymn

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Preface

Holy, Holy

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Thanksgiving at The Table

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymns “What Wonderous Love Is This”

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Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Hymn

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

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Dismissal

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NEWS

You will have an opportunity to watch the service on Charter Cable Channel 980 at 1:30 PM or on YouTube.

ILC Worship In-Person Update

Letter to the Congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau.

Date: January 29, 2021

Subject: In-person Worship Update

From: Robert J. Henning, President

At the last council meeting on January 19, 2021, The majority of the ILC Church Council decided to return to in-person worship services. This decision is effective Sunday, February 21, 2021, following Ash Wednesday, with two services: one at 9:00 AM with masks required and one at 10:30 AM with masks optional. Pastor Sarras will offer ashes at both services with Holy Communion, being as this is the third Sunday of the month. These two services will be held the first Sunday of every month as we advance. The remaining Sundays of the month will be according to the schedule below:

- **Sunday, February 21, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks required, 10:30 AM masks optional.
- **Sunday, February 28, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks required.
- **Sunday, March 7, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks required, 10:30 AM masks optional.
- **Sunday, March 14, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks optional.
- **Sunday, March 21, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks required.
- **Sunday, March 28, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks optional.
- **Sunday, April 4, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks required, 10:30 AM masks optional.

Future dates and options will be published in the newsletter and posted on our web site.

All Lenten Services will be virtual with the option of a virtual Sunday Service.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Yours in Christ,



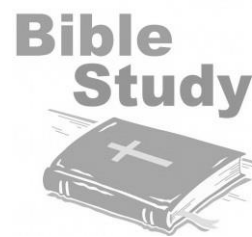
Bob Henning, President ILC

- The following ILC services and ministries will continue to be online, via telephone and Spectrum TV:
 - Our Facebook Page: @ILCWausau
 - Our YouTube Channel: Search “Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau Wisconsin, Inc.” on Sunday afternoon. Our Website: <http://www.immanuelwausau.org> (Click on Video Gallery)
 - Spectrum TV Cable Channel 980 at 11AM Sunday, 5:45 PM Tuesday & 9:15 AM Thursday or online: Wausau Area Access Media: waam.viebit.com (Left side, scroll to Immanuel Lutheran.)
 - **Dial-a-Sermon is Live. Dial 1-715-200-9495.** Pastor Niveen’s weekly sermon is now available on any telephone.

Church office phone number is 715-842-3644. Pastor Niveen’s direct line is 510-355-4352.

4 Virtual Session Bible Studies at 10:30 AM

Of all the people admired in the world today, Jesus of Nazareth continually ranks at the top of the list. Even those who don't call themselves Christians regard Jesus as one of the wisest teachers and most loving leaders the world has ever known. He is still making the covers of magazines and being talked about in coffee shops with a popularity like no other person who has walked this earth. So why did his contemporaries kill him?



This five-session study examines Jesus as not simply meek and mild, but as a dangerous man because he was and is the God who is dangerously good. Take a fresh look at Jesus' call to action.

Session One: February 28, 2021 - Get Off the Fence

Jesus won't accept neutrality.

Matthew 12:22–32

We have to buck life in a fence-walking world. Ground yourself on God's side of the fence through spiritual disciplines.

Session Two: March 14, 2021 - Complete the Circle of Grace and Works

Sometimes Jesus sets conditions on grace.

Luke 6:37–42

As Christians, we know that we get to spend eternity in heaven, not because we're such great people, but because Jesus is. Yet, what does that mean as we respond to the remarkable grace God has shown us in Christ?

Session Three: March 21, 2021 - Check Your Bags

What are you dragging around with you?

Matthew 19:16–30

All of us carry loads that are often of our own making. Lent is a great time to look at those loads and see what needs to be repacked and what needs to be tossed.

Session Four: March 28, 2021 - Come Die with Me

Sometimes Jesus is really scary.

Matthew 16:21–28

There are few words Jesus ever spoke that are scarier: "If anyone would come

after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it."

Our Virtual Synod Assembly will be on Friday and Saturday, May 14th & 15th, 2021. Al & Vonnie Solomonson will represent ILC.

Holy Communion is now available at ILC. This table is located by the front office. Each package contains the Body of Christ and a prayer. Pastor Niveen has blessed each one. All the packages were assembled using the highest sanitizing measures.

● **Olive Oil is Here!** Canaan Fair Trade olive oil is available in the church office. The 500 ml bottles are available in the church office for \$15.00. The purchase of this excellent olive oil supports the Palestinian farmers who are part of the cooperative. In addition to using it for your own purposes, it also makes a wonderful gift to give someone!

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. The address is: c/o Justice Pule, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa.