

resources. Comfort with your merciful presence those who are distanced from family and friends and all who are lonely or distressed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us. Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

Offertory

“Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen”

#375 vss. 1,2,3

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

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The Lord’s Prayer

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

“We Who Once Were Dead”

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Blessing after communion

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“This Joyful Eastertide”

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Dismissal

NEWS

Prayer Concerns: Thelma, Esther, Kathrine-Sylvia, Abber, Jezel, Joelle, Odeh, April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis, Ashley, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff, Edie, Joan, Jamie & Mike, Pastor Mark (Dixie Burk’s Brother), Maggie Westaby, Pat Stolen, and Sonya (Jackie’s Sister-in-Law), Jim Palmer, and Duane (Joyce Lohr cousin)

Pastor Niveen will be out of the country to Mexico from **4/26/21-4/30/21**. Pastor Niveen has been invited by Augsburg Lutheran Seminary in Mexico and the Vice President of the Church Council of the Lutheran Church in Mexico to participate in symposiums.

A letter from Linda Hulstrom, ILC Vice President

Dear ILC Congregation,

We (our church family at ILC) are in desperate need of volunteers for many positions to keep our church council running smoothly. We need to fill positions for President, V.P. Community Dinner Supervisor, GWCS, Youth, & many committees would like to have additional members.

Everyone has busy lives but if we all can help a little, it goes a long way. Please contact Linda Hulstrom 715-297-9067 if you can help with just an hour or 2 per month.

I have loved being a member of this church family but will be leaving the area soon and want to help keep us all working together and be strong, as all churches will be facing struggles in the near future, as politics are trying to take God & religion away from us. Let's stand together for what we know is true, Jesus died for us! We all need to stand together to support our faith and church.

Yours in Christ,
May you all enjoy many blessings day by day,
Linda Hulstrom

Confirmation Class Camp

On February 16, 2021, the Church Council decided to launch a campaign to raise funds for our confirmation class to attend confirmation camp this summer. We have great news to share! We have raised \$1,030, which means we have met our goal. We have three participants: Grace and Emily Kallio, and Alex Munson. Thank you for your contributions! The church and the participants are very grateful.

ILC Worship In-Person Services:

- April 18, 2021, 9:00 AM masks required.
- April 25, 2021, 9:00 AM masks optional. **Service is provided by Lutherans Restoring Creation.**
- May 2, 2021, 9:00 AM masks required.
10:30 AM masks optional.

Reverend Kathy Tulman, a Supply Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Tomahawk, WI, will preach and cover for Pastor Niveen during her visit to Mexico.

- May 9, 2021, 9:00 AM masks optional -- Mother's Day!

Future dates and options will be published on our website.

An invitation to celebrate The National Arab American Heritage Month.

We are inviting you to an educational zoom presentation on Thursday, April 22nd, 2021, 7 – 8 PM EDT, Let Us be a Sign to You:

The Contributions of Lutheran Members of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage (ALAMEH in Arabic means Sign) to the ELCA

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpfu2tpzkuHN2R4_NGtnCU58fn1OEnB5c_

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Pastor Niveen is presenting for this event.

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 \$25.00. 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!

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.

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