

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

Prelude

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Hymn

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

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Greetings

Prayer of the Day

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel Acclamation

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

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Gospel: Gospel: John 15:1-8

Sermon

Rev. Kathy Tulman

Hymn of the Day

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

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Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

P: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. After each petition respond with “Your mercy is great.”

A brief silence.

God of all fruitfulness, you abide in your church and your church abides in you. Cleanse us by your word and give yourself to the whole church on earth so that it bears fruit and witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have created the heavens and the earth. As we wonder at the beauty of creation, may we seek vital connections among all that depends on the earth for life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You rule the nations with justice and love. Give the leaders of the earth assurance of your abiding presence, that they lead not by fear but with love for those they are called to serve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have loved us so that we can love others. We pray for all in need of your love: those who are poor, lowly, outcast, weak, or fearful. Provide for the needs of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for our relationship with our sister Parish, Lobatla in the Republic of South Africa. Sustain them as they are facing new Covid-19 surge, and help us to continue to grow in the spirit of mutuality and respect. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You gather us with all the saints by the power of your Spirit (*especially with Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria and those we name before you*). With them, may our hearts live forever in your keeping. 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

Great Thanksgiving

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Holy, holy, holy Lord,

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The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome at the Lord’s table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine, that is his body and blood are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. If you do not wish to receive communion but wish to receive a blessing, please come forward during the distribution of communion. If you are unable to come forward during distribution and wish to receive communion, please let the usher know and the pastor will come to your seat.

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

“Shout to the Lord”

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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, and Sonya (Jackie's Sister-in-Law), Jim Palmer, and Pastor Sean Motley

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 \$1,100, 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:

- May 2, 2021, 9:00 AM masks required.

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.

Volunteer Needed: Media Assistant. We will gradually be eliminating the videos that we have been producing for upload to YouTube. Our in-service worship services will be live streamed to YouTube from the sanctuary each Sunday. We are looking for someone to volunteer as a media assistant. Jackie will train you on filming the live feed. Please let Pastor Niveen or Jackie know if you are interested and can provide this valuable service for 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.

A Canaan Olive Oil Update. In the last year, the value of the dollar has dropped by 15% against the local currency in Palestine. In addition, farm gate prices increased by 15%, the 2020 olive harvest season was exceptionally low compared to previous years, the Canaan products were significantly undervalued in the market in previous years, and actions to correct the issue by adjusting prices were never taken. Of course, the impact of COVID 19 resulted in restrictions to their business and to the farmers also.



As a result of these factors, Canaan has needed to make necessary financial adjustments. The price of the olive oil has increased. We will now buy a bottle at a cost of \$25.00. While the increase is significant, please consider that you are not merely buying olive oil. You are also investing in the welfare of the Palestinian farm families, making their lives less burdensome. You are providing hope.

Our olive oil ministry will continue, *God's Work, Our Hands*.

- 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.