

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B



Call to Worship Litany

Canticle of Praise “Glory Be to God in Heaven” pg. 204

Greetings

Prayer of the Day

Maternal God, where would we be without our mother’s love? Lord, bless our mothers with wisdom to teach and guide their children in a way that will help them to follow You and to become men and women who will be pleasing in Your sight. Give all mothers the patience to deal with the difficulties of their job and, most of all, give them a special blessing as they care so lovingly for the gifts that You have allowed them the honor of raising. Amen. through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Hymn “Now Thank We All Our God” #840

First Reading: Isaiah 49: 13-16

Psalm: Psalm 71:1-9, 23-24

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” #172

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Pulpit Hymn “For All the Faithful Women” #419

Sermon Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras

Hymn of the Day “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth” #735

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

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, please respond with “**Hear our prayer.**”

Silence

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb. Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children. Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

For every mother who is with child: watch over each them and strengthen them faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child. Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

For mothers, You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being with fathers, a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

For all those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earn their step children's love and respect. Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

For all those women who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own. Lord in your mercy... For all those women who have show maternal care us through their professional and personal relationships as mentors and guides. Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

For all mothers who weep for children, or who are ill, or estranged from their families, or are in trouble or danger of any kind or who have died. Send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter to be

with grieving mothers, teaching them to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children. Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

For all those to whom You have entrusted the vocation of motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-sacrificing love. Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

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, who taught us to pray

The Lord's Prayer
Sharing of Peace

Offering		
Offertory	"Borning Cry"	#732
Offering Prayer		

Blessing

Closing Hymn	"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"	#543
Dismissal		

NEWS

Prayer Concerns: Thelma, Esther, Kathrine-Sylvia, Abber, Jazel, 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.

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

ILC Worship In-Person Services & Other Meetings:

- **May 9, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks optional -- Mother's Day!
- **May 14th & 15th, 2021.** Our Virtual Synod Assembly. Al & Vonnie Solomonson will represent ILC.
- **May 16, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks required.
- **May 23, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks optional
- **May 30, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks required-- Trinity Sunday.
Trinity Lutheran Seminary will be offering a complete pre-recorded online worship service, as well as a version with just the sermon by the Rev. Dr. Kit Kleinhans).

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.

A Canaan Olive Oil Update. The price of the olive oil has increased to \$25 per bottle. 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.