

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, May 16, 2021**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year B**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**Hymn**                                   **“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**                                   **#843**

**Greetings**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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 1:15-17, 21-26**

**Psalm: Psalm 1**

**Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13**

**Gospel Acclamation**                                   **“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**                                   **#172**

**Gospel: John 17:6-19**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras**

**Hymn of the Day**                                   **“Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”**                                   **#657**

**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.*

**Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ’s body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need (*especially*). Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints (*especially*). 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**                      *you are welcome to leave your offering as you leave the sanctuary.*

**Offertory**                      **“Lord, Be Glorified”**

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**Offertory Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

**Great Thanksgiving**

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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. Wine and grape juices are available as well as gluten free wafers upon request.*

**Lamb of God**

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**Communion Hymn**

**“One Bread, One Body”**

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**Blessing After Communion**

## Prayer After Communion

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

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## 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**

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*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 16, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks required.
- **May 23, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks optional. **Pentecost Day. Please remember to wear red.**

*Levi Nickolai, Son of Jorden and Karma Nickolai, will be baptized on Pentecost day. Come witness and celebrate this significant event in the life of this seven-month-old boy.*

- **Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 6:05 pm** church council meeting.
- **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.

**ILC Summer Edition Newsletter.** The next newsletter will be the Summer Edition which will include the months June, July, and August. The deadline for submissions will be May 24, 2021.

**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](http://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.*