

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Service of the Word
Sunday, May 24, 2020**

Prelude

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the kingdom of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit now and unto ages of ages
Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Wade in the Water”

#459

Greetings

Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Hymn

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

#650

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Gospel: John 17:1-11

Pulpit Hymn

“We Are All One in Christ”

#643

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn of the Day

“You Are Mine”

#581

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

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A.M.: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. After each petition respond with “**Graciously hear us.**”

A brief silence.

O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your church in the truth of your gospel, the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your reign to all people. Lord, in your mercy,
Graciously hear us.

Living God, our refuge and strength, even the wind and sea obey your voice. In the light of the Catastrophic flooding in Michigan, we pray that you put the wind back in its place, and say to the sea: Peace! Be still! Fill us with great faith, and save us from the surging water, so that we may tell the good news of your saving love. Lord, in your mercy,
Graciously hear us.

Come to the aid of your children. We pray for those engulfed in grief, those without supportive families, and for all who are isolated, powerless, or afraid, that all may rest their anxieties in your care. Lord, in your mercy,
Graciously hear us.

We lift up before you all people who are serving, who have served and especially those who have died during their service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, we give thanks to our loving God that your heart was filled by the Holy Spirit to protect your neighbor. Lord, in your mercy,
Graciously hear us.

We lift up before you the families of these people who have sacrificed the loss of mothers, fathers, sons and daughters in their daily life, during those special days of celebration; birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and during times of sorrow; sickness, dying, funerals and grief, we pray for strength and preservation until your loved ones come home. Lord, in your mercy,
Graciously hear us.

We lift up before you those who have returned from the battle lines and continue to suffer the memory of serving in the worst conditions of war, scarred by the effects of watching lives of friends taken and taking the lives of others, we pray for healing, comfort and peace to return to your lives. Lord, in your mercy,
Graciously hear us.

God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens. We pray especially for Thelma, Esther, Barb, Pam, Kathrine Sylvia, Jezel, Joelle, Ibrahim and Odeh, Norm, April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis, Mary, Ashley, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff, Edie, Joan, Ted, Al. Lord, in your mercy,
graciously hear us.

Merciful God, we come before your throne of mercy praying for all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Lord, in your mercy,

Graciously hear us.

Raise all your saints to eternal life. Until that day, we give you thanks for the faithful examples of those who have listened to your voice and now rest in you. Lord, in your mercy,

Graciously hear us.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

#811

Offertory Prayer

A.M.: Let us pray in unison.

Risen One,

All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from these riches we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need.

Amen.

Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “On This Memorial Day (Armistice Hymn)”

Dismissal

News:

GENESIS FUND. By the grace of God that is manifested in your generosity, Immanuel Lutheran Church has used the Genesis fund to support those who are in need in our church. Now, the Genesis fund is low, so we urge you to consider rebuilding it through contributions so that we may continue to help others in the future. “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full” (Proverbs 19:17). We appreciate your generosity in this difficult time.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL: Pastor Niveen will share a weekly devotional video each Wednesday based on the book, “Where is God in a Coronavirus World?” by John C. Lennox. These devotionals will be comforting and each one will offer hope for the challenges we face. Each devotional will be about 5 minutes and will last for six weeks. Find the devotional for this week on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/VvvivyJjLsw>

Secured Mailbox: There is one installed next to the church office. It is on the outside the building on the wall. You are encouraged to drop your offering there.

To reduce the potential spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau has cancelled all in-person services until further notice. During this time, ILC will move all services and ministries online:

- ❖ Our Facebook Page: @ILCWausau
- ❖ Our YouTube Channel: Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau Wisconsin, Inc.
- ❖ Our Website: <http://www.immanuelwausau.org> (Click on Video Gallery)

Worship Services are on Charter Cable Channel 980 at 11:00am on Sunday or online: Wausau Area Access Media: waam.viebit.com (Left side, scroll to Immanuel Lutheran.)



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.

Making Masks. We need your help to sew cloth face masks to help ELCA reach men, women, and children in vulnerable communities around the world. Lutheran World Relief is inviting us to join them in the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge. Our church can pledge to sew 200 face masks. The materials should be cotton fabric or quilting cotton. For more information about this Face Mask Challenge, please visit this link: <https://lwr.org/masks>. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the church office. Please let us know if you are interested in making masks or donating materials.

Thank you! Thank you all so much for the cards, phone calls and encouragement. Pastor Niveen and I appreciate it when you take the time to check on us. A special “thank you” to Mary McDonell! You are here every Monday with a smile to do the church’s counting duties.

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Address is: c/o Moruti (Pastor) Rev. G.M. Nkale, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa. Email for Pastor: nkalesto@gmail.com

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