

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Day of Pentecost
Service of the Holy Communion and Healing Service
Sunday, May 31, 2020**

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Confession and Absolution:

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father and before one another.

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen to your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Opening Hymn
Greetings**

“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

#401

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Numbers 11:24-30

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn of the Day

“Spirit of Gentleness”

#396

Prayers of Intercession

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.**”

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction. Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety.

In your great mercy,

Graciously hear us.

Mighty God, mercifully grant strength to the weak and comfort to those who suffer, that their sickness and pain may be turned into health.

In your great mercy,

Graciously hear us.

God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes.

In your great mercy,

Graciously hear us.

Holy God, Holy One, your Son prayed that your people may be one. May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church’s brokenness, and bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity.

In your great mercy,

Graciously hear us.

Loving God, mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world.

In your great 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. In your great mercy,

graciously hear us.

Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed Heal the pain of all who grieve.

In your great mercy,
Graciously hear us.

P: O God, we bring these intercessions before you, knowing that you will hear us as you have promised, and will answer according to the mercy shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Laying On Of Hands

Blessing

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Offertory **“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”** **#398**

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.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Thanksgiving At The Table

The Lord’s Prayer.

Communion hymn **“Taste and See”** **#493**

Blessing

Closing Hymn **“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”** **#400**

Dismissal

News:

JUNE 7, 2020. Holy Trinity Sunday is June 7, 2020. Our presiding bishop, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, will preach.

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 shares 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.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtGIA3X4ZB0nLGjeXSbG0JQ>
- ❖ 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 pledged 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.

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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