

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lectionary 11 | Service of the Word
Sunday, June 14, 2020

Prelude

Announcements

Opening

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Kyrie

Canticle of Praise

"Praise To the Lord the Almighty"

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Greetings

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-15 [21:1-7]

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]

Pulpit Hymn

"Blessing, Honor, and Glory"

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Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn of the Day

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

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The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

A.M.: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Holy One, you bring us together and call us your own. Bless theologians, teachers, and preachers who help us grow in faith (*following the examples of Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory of Nazianzus, and the teacher Macrina, whom we commemorate today*). Guide your church, that we might be a holy people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of counsel, all authority belongs to you. Encourage the leaders of this and every land to seek peace, equality, and unity. Instill wisdom in advocates who work toward justice in often ignored communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sister Parish

God of care, you created us in your image. Help us see your likeness in one another. Open our eyes to see and attend to all who face oppression and suffering. Console, heal, and nourish all in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Help us to follow your example, by looking out for those who each day feel that they are marginalised, who cannot find hope, who believe that they have little to offer, who are overcome by the challenges of poverty. Help us to widen our horizons, to make space for the stranger, to watch out for those who feel invisible, to give time to the outsider, to talk to the person facing silence, to restore justice and value. Give us the courage to undertake this, the determination to join with others in seeing grace in every human face, and the faith to embrace the opportunity in your name. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord we join St. Francis in his prayer for peace. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord, in our shock and confusion, we come before you. In our grief and despair in the midst of hate, in our sense of helplessness in the face of violence and looting we lean on you. For Gorge Floyed family and friends we pray. For the police offices—help us to pray, Lord. For the communities that dealing with anger, grief, fear—we pray. For shop keepers who lost their businesses. For the churches striving to be your light in darkness beyond our comprehension, we pray. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of compassion, you comfort us in our grief with the promise of the resurrection. We give you thanks for the saints of all time and in our lives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always **C: and also with you.**

Offering

Offertory

"Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil"

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Offertory Prayer

A.M.: Let us pray in unison.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling"

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Dismissal

News

A Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) Advocacy Summit will be held on Monday, June 22, 2020 / A 1-Day Digital Event.

“And the second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:31

Join us online **June 22, 2020** for our annual advocacy summit where we will work to remove the obstacles that prevent us from seeing both Israelis and Palestinians as human beings and deserving of human rights and help us move toward seeing everyone as equal in God's eyes and the actions that follow out of that belief. CMEP embraces an impassioned call for justice and peace for all people of the Middle East. Speakers will explore topics like Palestinian dignity, inalienable rights, and the future of the peace process. We will provide training, instruction, and time for you to contact your Congressperson's office as we advocate for legislation around the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Come be part of our Advocacy Summit and be an advocate for equality for all people in God's eyes! **Price tiers available based on ability to pay. Click here to register:** <https://cmep.salsalabs.org/summit2020/index.html?page=register/>

ELCA Church Council Appoints Rev. Sarras to Task Force. The ELCA Church Council has appointed Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras to the ELCA task force charged with the development of a social statement on government, church, and civic participation. Eighty clergy and lay leaders applied to serve on this task force, but the ELCA Church Council selected 15 persons. Pastor Sarras will be part of an outstanding task force of

knowledgeable, diverse, and dedicated church people. Each member brings unique gifts to the challenging responsibility the task force faces. The responsibility is to prepare a social statement that addresses significant theological, ethical, public, and pastoral challenges surrounding the social institution of government. The task force will serve until February 2025, when it delivers a Proposed Social Statement to the ELCA Church Council.

Commemoration of the Emanuel Nine — Wednesday, June 17, 2020: As part of the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, voting members adopted a resolution designating June 17 as a commemoration of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9—the nine people shot and killed on June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. [Read more online at: <https://elca.org/EmanuelNine>]

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. Find the devotional for this week on our website: <http://immanuelwausau.org/weekly-devotionals>

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 **June 21, 2020**. During this time, ILC services and ministries are online:

- ❖ Our Facebook Page: @ILCWausau
- ❖ Our YouTube Channel: Search “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 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.

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