

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lectionary 12 | Service of the Word
Sunday, June 21, 2020

Prelude

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the great abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyrie **pg. 184**
Canticle of Praise **"Amen, We Praise Your Name"** **#846**

Greetings

Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn **"Lift High the Cross"** **#660**

First Reading: Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel Acclamation **pg. 188**

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Pulpit Hymn

“Blessing, Honor, and Glory”

#433

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn of the Day
The Apostles’ Creed

“Faith of Our Fathers”

#813 vv. 1,2,3

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.

Expansive God, you bring diverse voices together to form your church. Open our hearts and unstop our ears to learn from one another, that differences might not overshadow our baptismal unity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Protecting God, sustain and keep safe all who work to defend others across the world (*especially*). Revive and strengthen organizations dedicated to caring for refugees and migrants while their homelands struggle for peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, you promise to be with all who are persecuted for your sake. Guide all who speak your word of justice and console any who are tormented or targeted for being who they are. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate God, you are with us and we are never alone. Bless all fathers and father figures who strive to love and nurture as you do. Comfort all who long to be fathers and all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reigning God, you bless us with guides and caretakers in the faith. As we give thanks for those who have died (*especially Onesimos Nesib, translator and evangelist*), increase our care for one another until we walk with them in newness of life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Offering

Offertory

"Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil"

#512

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

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#661

Dismissal

News:

Welcome Back! **In-Person Worship Services to Resume on June 21, 2020 (Masks Required).** In addition to in-person worship services, the following ILC services and ministries will continue to be online and Spectrum TV:

- ❖ 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)
- ❖ Spectrum TV Cable Channel 980 at 11:00am on Sunday or online: Wausau Area Access Media: waam.viebit.com (Left side, scroll to Immanuel Lutheran.)

Would you like to read for our video worship services? Please contact Jackie to set this up. Thank you!

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. Read more here:

<http://immanuelwausau.org/elca-church-council-appoints-rev-sarras>

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.



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.

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