

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Lectionary 14 | Service of the Holy Communion  
Sunday, July 5, 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.

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"</b>	<b>#836</b>
<b>Greeting</b>		
<b>Kyrie</b>		<b>pg. 184</b>
<b>Canticle of Praise</b>	<b>"This is the Feast"</b>	<b>pg. 187</b>

**Prayer of the Day**  
You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**First Reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67**  
**Psalm: Psalm 45:10-17**

**Gospel Acclamation** **pg. 188**

A.M. Alleluia. Blessed are you, Lord of | heav'n and earth;\* you have revealed these | things to infants. Alleluia. (Matt. 11:25)

**Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras**

**Hymn of the Day “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**#742**

**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.*

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations (*especially the United States and Canada, celebrating their nationhood*). Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed *especially those who name in our hearts*. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Most merciful and Triune God, We come to you in our weakness. We come to you in our fear. We come to you with trust. For you alone are our hope. We place before you the disease present in our world. We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors. Give understanding to scientists. Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity. Bring healing to those who are ill. Protect those who are most at risk. Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one. Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in your care. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our sister church, Lobatha Parish in South Africa that they will be able to continue to hear the good news despite lacking the technology and worship in-person. Help them to stand firm amid this pandemic. May the experience your love and compassion through us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those who have died in faith especially Jan Hus,<sup>i</sup> whom we commemorate today. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. 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.

### **Sharing of Peace**

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

### **Offering**

#### **Offertory**

**"We Are an Offering "**

**#692**

### **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.**

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

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#### **Thanksgiving At The Table**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Invitation to Communion**

### **Lamb of God**

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#### **Communion Hymn**

**"Remember Me"**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Closing Hymn**

**"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory "**

**#890**

#### **Dismissal**

# News:

**Today, Sunday , July 5, 2020,** We will have Holy Communion. You will receive only the body of Christ. According to Lutheran theology, receiving one element of the Holy Communion, bread alone or wine alone, means that the communicant receives the full communion.

**In-Person Worship Service today (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: <a href="http://www.immanuelwausau.org">http://www.immanuelwausau.org</a> (Click on Video Gallery)	Spectrum TV Cable Channel 980 at 11:00am on Sunday or online: Wausau Area Access Media: <a href="http://waam.viebit.com">waam.viebit.com</a> (Left side, scroll to Immanuel Lutheran.)
<i>Would you like to read for our video worship services? Please contact Jackie to set this up. Thank you!</i>	

**Monday, July 6, 2020,** The church office will be closed in observation of the Independence Day in United States.

**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.

The Summer Edition of the ILC Newsletter is done. You will receive a copy either via mail or email. If you do not receive one, please let the church office know.

**2020 ILC ‘Saucy’ Food Drive.** Thank you to everyone who donated food to The Neighbor’s Place who feeds over 400 families every week. Pastor Niveen and I will deliver the items on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!



**Gifts of Stamps are always appreciated.**

**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](mailto:nkalesto@gmail.com)

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<sup>i</sup> **Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415**

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Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.