

Gospel: Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Pulpit Hymn

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

#739

Sermon

Pastor Niveen

Hymn of the Day

“We Plow the Fields And Scatter”

#680

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.

God of the harvest, you sow the good seed of the gospel of Jesus Christ into your field. Help your church throughout the world to be both diligent and patient, full of resolve and gentleness, that our witness may be faithful to your intentions. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all space and time, your whole creation groans in labor pains, awaiting the gift of new birth. Renew the earth, sky, and sea, so that all your creation experiences freedom from the bondage of decay. We pray for the one million Bangladesh people fleeing their homes because of floods. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the nations, teach us your ways, that we may walk in your truth. Mend the fabric of the human family, now torn apart by our fearful and warring ways specifically in the Middle East and Latin America. Guide us by your mercy, grace, and steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of hope, you accompany those who suffer and are near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to your children who are lonely and abandoned, who feel trapped by despair, and all who suffer in any way. 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, and Ted. We pray for all who are impacted or are suffering from COVID-19. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints of all times and places and saints close to us (*especially* Mary Magdalene, Apostle, who we will commemorate this coming Wednesday). Gather us with them on the day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing of Peace

Offering
Offertory "We Are an Offering" #692
Offertory Prayer

Blessing
Closing Hymn "For the Fruit of All Creation" #679
Dismissal

News:

Pastor Niveen will be gone from Wednesday, July 22, 2020 until Monday, July 27, 2020 for Continuing Education. On July 26, 2020, Bob Henning will lead the worship service.

Because of COVID-19, Pastor Niveen will be working from home in the coming months. She will be at the church occasionally and upon your request. However, she is only a phone call away and the church office will remain open Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm. If you want to speak with Pastor Niveen, simply call the church office and leave a message. Pastor Niveen has access to voice mail and checks voice mail on a regular basis. You may also email her at Pastor.Immanuel.Wausau@gmail.com

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:

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| 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.) |
| <i>Would you like to read for our video worship services? Please contact Jackie to set this up. Thank you!</i> | |

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.



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