

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lectionary 17 | Service of the Word
Sunday, July 26, 2020**

Prelude

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Opening Hymn "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" #771

Greeting

Kyrie pg. 184

Canticle of Praise "Glory to God" pg. 185

Prayer of the Day

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 29:15-28

Psalm: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Gospel Acclamation pg. 188

Gospel: Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Pulpit Hymn "Touch the Earth Lightly" #739

Sermon Bob Henning

Hymn of the Day "What A Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" #774

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.

Merciful God, your reign is revealed to us in common things: a mustard shrub, a woman baking bread, a fishing net. Help your church witness to the surprising yet common ways you encounter us in daily life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. Increase our understanding and awe of your creation; guide the work of scientists and researchers. Treasuring the earth, may we live as grateful and healing caretakers of our home. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

As the birds of the air nest in branches of trees, gather the nations of the world into the welcoming shade of your merciful reign. Direct leaders of nations to build trust with each other and walk in the way of peace. We pray especial to Middle East and Africa. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for the saints according to your will. Help us when we do not know how to pray. Give comfort to the dying, refuge to the weary, justice to those who are oppressed, and healing to the sick 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. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You show steadfast love and direct us to ask of you what we need. Help this congregation ask boldly for what is most needed. Refresh us with new dreams of being your people in this place and time.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In you our lives are never lost. Strengthen us by the inspiring witness of your people in all times and places. Embolden our witness now and one day gather us with all your saints in light (especially Olaf, King of Norway and martyr, who died in year 1030,¹ and we will commemorate this coming Wednesday). 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"

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Offertory Prayer

Blessing

Closing Hymn

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

#545

Dismissal

¹ Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

From sundaysandseasons.com.

News:

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

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:

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

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>

Men’s group meets on Wednsdays (subject to change) at 8:30 AM at Marathon Park at the shelter on the west wing of the park across from the RV and camping area. Bring your own chair. Men’s group do social distancing. Contact Rick Lohr if you have any question.

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

ELCA partners with census for neighbor and ourselves.

Our communities are significantly shaped by census data, and Census 2020 will update these numbers for the first time in 10 years. The ELCA is an official partner of the 2020 Census to encourage the most accurate count possible.

It's so important that we take 10 minutes to respond to 9 simple questions that will deliver 10 years of benefits to our community. ELCA is strongly encouraged to respond to the 2020 Census online using a desktop computer, laptop, smartphone, or tablet, and can also respond by phone or mail.

Respond to the 2020 Census to help inform the distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds to communities each year for things like health care, emergency services, infrastructure, education, and food assistance.