

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lectionary 28 Service / Service of the Holy Communion
Sunday, October 11, 2020

Prelude

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Opening Hymn “Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices” **#833**

Greeting

Canticle of Praise “Glory to God” **pg. 121**

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

Psalm: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Pulpit Hymn “Goodness Is Stronger than Evil” **#721**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn of the Day “Canticle of Turning” **#723**

The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession

A.M.: With confidence in God’s grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. After each petition, please respond with “**hear our prayer.**”

A brief silence.

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill. We pray *especially for* Thelma, Esther, Kathrine-Sylvia, Abber, Jazel, Joelle, Odeh, Norm, April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis, Mary, Ashley, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff, Edie, Joan and Norm, Jamie & Mike, Ted, Pastor Mark (Dixie Burk's Brother), Maggie Westaby, Pat Stolen, and Sonya. Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, especially Teresa of Ávila (Teresa de Jesús), teacher, renewer of the church and Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr whom the church commemorate this week.¹ comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Peace

Offering

Offertory

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

#691

Offertory Prayer

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#543

Dismissal

Prayer Concerns: Thelma, Esther, Kathrine-Sylvia, Abber, Jazel, Joelle, Odeh, Norm, April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis, Mary, Ashley, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff, Edie, Joan and Norm, Jamie & Mike, Ted, Pastor Mark (Dixie Burk's Brother), Maggie Westaby, Pat Stolen, and Sonya (Jackie's Sister-in-Law).

¹ **Teresa of Ávila (Teresa de Jesús), teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582. Thursday, October 15, 2020**

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115. Saturday, October 17, 2020

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. The address is: c/o Justice Pule, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa.



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.

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.

News:

ARTICLE PUBLISHED!

Dear Church family and friends,

Grace and peace to you. I am honored to announce that my article, *The Messianic Reign in Isaiah 11:1-10: A Message to Foster Children Post-Traumatic Growth*, was published yesterday in the *Journal of Lutheran Ethics (JLE)* website. The link below takes you to my article.

<https://www.elca.org/JLE/Articles/1345>

Pastor Niveen



East-Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

The Rev. Anne Edison-Albright elected Bishop of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin.

On September 26th voting members from the East Central Synod of Wisconsin met in the first ever virtual synod assembly hosted by the synod. The Rev. Anne Edison-Albright was elected Bishop of the synod on the 5th ballot with a total of one-hundred and fifty-one votes. Congratulations Bishop-elect Edison-Albright!

For the Women of ILC and ELCA

Dear Friend in Christ, a unique letter-exchange project

1. Write a letter. Use the "Dear Friend in Christ" salutation. Please share your thoughts on these questions: How is your faith in Jesus Christ sustaining you during the global pandemic? What words of encouragement can you offer the person who receives your letter? 2. You can handwrite or type the letter. 3. You could include a drawing, a photo, or a recipe, anything that fits into an envelope. 4. Offer up a prayer for the recipient. 5. You may include your mailing address in the letter if you do not wish to remain anonymous. 6. Print and sign the:

Dear Friend in Christ release form (<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DFICpermfill.pdf>),

or use our online form (<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/special-initiatives/dear-friend-christ/dear-friend-in-christ-release-form>). We cannot exchange letters without a release. 7. Mail your letter and signed release form to Dear Friend in Christ, Women of the ELCA, 8765 W Higgins Road, Chicago IL 60631. **Deadline for mailing letters to the churchwide organization is October 15, 2020.**

When you write to Dear Friend in Christ, your letter will be swapped with a letter from another writer. They will get

your letter; you will get their letter. The exchange is anonymous (unless you provide your contact information), so you can share as little or as much information about yourself as you like.



Terry Tackes and Sammy Nikolay (Non-members) announce their upcoming wedding nuptials on Saturday, October 10, 2020 here at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Ryan Swope and Hannah Weir announce their upcoming wedding nuptials on November 7, 2020 here at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Pastor Sean Motley will officiate.

COMMUNITY DINNER! Sun, October 25, 2020 is the Community Dinner. We are in search of a Coordinator and 2 volunteers for this event. Volunteers hand out food only for this event.

Sun, October 25, 2020 is Reformation Sunday. Please wear Red if you are attending church or a red mask.

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.)

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