

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Lectionary 29 Service / Service of the Word  
Sunday, October 18, 2020**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Opening Hymn**                      **“God is here!”**                      **#526**  
**Greeting**

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

**First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23**

**Psalm: Psalm 99**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**Gospel Acclamation**                      **pg. 124**  
**Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22**

**Pulpit Hymn**                      **“O God of Every Nation”**                      **#713**

**Sermon**    **Bob Henning**

**Hymn of the Day**                      **“Lift Every Voice and Sing”**                      **#841**

**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 God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, doubt, or in need of any help. (We pray *especially* for Thelma, Esther, Kathrine-Sylvia, Abber, Jezel, 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, and Sonya). Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you (*especially* Luke, Evangelist, and James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62 and the church will commemorate them this week)<sup>1</sup>. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. 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                **You Servants of God**    **#825**

#### Dismissal

**Prayer Concerns: Thelma, Esther, Kathrine-Sylvia, Abber, Jezel, 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).**

***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.

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<sup>1</sup> **Luke, Evangelist. Sunday, October 18, 2020**

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

**James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62. Friday, October 23, 2020**

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

**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:



**Dial-a-Sermon is Live.** We have been working on something special for those we can't reach through TV, YouTube, and FB. We have set something up for our church called Dial-A-Sermon. Yes! Our home-bound members (or anyone) will now be able to call a phone number to hear Pastor Niveen present her Sermon each week. Give it a try it: You simply dial **1-715-200-9495**. Then sit back with a cup of coffee or tea to enjoy Pastor Niveen's Sermon. Let us know what you think.

### *For the Women of LLC 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) (<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) (<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.



**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.

**Pastor's Lip Balm is once again available.** Each one is created using only organic ingredients. Only \$2 for each lip balm. Proceeds from the sale of the lip balm will go toward the Genesis Fund.

**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, via telephone 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](http://waam.viebit.com) (Left side, scroll to Immanuel Lutheran.)
  - Dial-a-Sermon: Dial **1-715-200-9495**. Pastor Niveen’s weekly sermon is now available on any telephone.
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From Bob Henning:

Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church:

On Thursday, October 08, 2020, a Special Executive Committee Meeting was held and followed by a Special Council Meeting to discuss the In-person and Virtual Services because of the recent Governor’s Order. The Council discussed and made the following decisions:

- 1.) In-person worship is going well with about 15-18 in attendance. The guidelines we have in place are keeping members safe and comfortable. Therefore, we will continue In-person worship without any changes.
- 2.) Currently there are 2 videos created every week which is very time consuming for the Staff working on them. Therefore, it was decided to create only the short video, used for In-person worship, and **stop the video for the Sunday, 11:00 AM public access broadcast beginning November 08, 2020**. Further, the In-person worship will be videotaped and used for the 5:45 PM Tuesday & 9:15 AM Thursday, Charter Cable Channel 980 broadcast.
- 3.) Or on YouTube: Search for **Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau, WI** or view the services on our website: [immanuelwausau.org](http://immanuelwausau.org)

The Church Council feels that with these 4 options you will be able to experience the worship services and continue your Christian growth.

Comments or thoughts can be sent to me. Bob Henning, 152667 Menton Lane, Wausau WI 54401-3313. Cell: 715-571-4065. Email: [rhenning4065@gmail.com](mailto:rhenning4065@gmail.com).

Yours in Christ,  
Bob Henning, President