

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lectionary 32 / Service of the Word
Sunday, November 8, 2020**

Prelude

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Opening Hymn **“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”** **#632**

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 70

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Acclamation **pg. 124**

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Pulpit Hymn **“Wait for the Lord”** **#262**

Temple Talk **Stewardship Committee video**

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras**

Hymn of the Day **“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying** **#436**

The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession

A.M.: Longing for Christ’s reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God’s power on the church, the world, and all in need. After each petition, please respond with **“hear our prayer.”**

A brief silence.

Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both justice and mercy to prevail. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. 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. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died especially Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397 and Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855¹ and the church commemorates this week. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Peace

Offering

¹ **Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397. Wednesday, November 11, 2020**

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855. Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

Offertory	“Yours, Lord, Is the Glory”	#849
Offertory Prayer		
Blessing		
Closing Hymn	“Blessed Assurance”	#638

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).

***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

Watch for the news in the November 2020 Newsletter to be published soon.