

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lectionary 34 / Service of the Word
Christ the King Sunday, November 22, 2020**

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Opening Hymn	“Shout to the Lord”	#821
Greeting		
Canticle of Praise	“Glory to God”	pg. 121

Prayer of the Day

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel Acclamation	pg. 124
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	

Pulpit Hymn	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”	#634
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Sermon	Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras
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Hymn of the Day	“Oh, Worship the King”	#842
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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 **“Your mercy is great.”**

A brief silence.

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages (*especially in Armenia and Azerbaijan*). Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord we lift up before you all who are in need of your 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. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Especially Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100, Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927, Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748, and pastors in North America Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894. Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748¹ and the church commemorates this week.

Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. 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.
Amen.

¹ **Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100.** Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927. Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748. Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America. Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

From Linda Hulstrom:

Immanuel Lutheran Church members made a huge impact on the RESTOCK Food Drive we held on Nov 7th. We were able to deliver over 500 pounds of food to the Salvation Army and with the cash donations we received, we gave \$500 cash to the Neighbors place & \$500 to the Salvation Army as well! "Thank you" for your donations! "God's work. our Hands" ~ Linda Hulstrom

We are looking for 2 items for ILC: A 24" or 30" circular rug for the Gathering room to go under the plant as watering has caused a stain in the carpeting, if you have one you could donate. **Also**, we need a new bag-less vacuum, the one we have isn't doing its job. Since we will have furnace expenses coming up, I hate to take it out of the Properties Budget.

● **Please remember to mail your Gift Giving Card to the church.**

● **Mitten Tree:** The Mitten Tree is set up. It will be available through the end of January. You may bring donations of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and sweaters to put under the tree. The items collected will be taken to the Neighbor's Place. Please contact Janci for additional information.

● **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.

● **Olive Oil is Here!** Canaan Fair Trade olive oil is available in the church office. The 500 ml bottles are available in the church office for \$15.00. The purchase of this excellent olive oil supports the Palestinian farmers who are part of the cooperative. In addition to using it for your own purposes, it also makes a wonderful gift to give someone!

● **Thursday, November 26, 2020:** Church Office Closed – Thanksgiving Day.

● **Wednesday, December 2, 2020:** Digital Advent Service.

● **In-Person Worship Service has been suspended until further notice.** 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." on Sunday afternoon.
- Our Website: <http://www.immanuelwausau.org> (Click on Video Gallery)
- Spectrum TV Cable Channel 980 at 5:45 PM Tuesday & 9:15 AM Thursday or online: Wausau Area Access Media: waam.viebit.com (Left side, scroll to Immanuel Lutheran.)
- 📞 **Dial-a-Sermon is Live. Dial 1-715-200-9495.** Pastor Niveen's weekly sermon is now available on any telephone.