

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter
Service of the Word

Prelude

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Hymn	“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”	#384
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Greetings

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm: Psalm 133

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2

Gospel Acclamation	“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”	#172
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Gospel: John 20:19-31

Pulpit Hymn	“Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen”	#375
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Sermon	Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras
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Hymn of the Day	“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”	#387
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Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others (especially Thelma, Esther, Kathrine-Sylvia, Abber, Jezel, Joelle, Odeh, April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis, Ashley, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff, Edie, Joan, Jamie & Mike, Pastor Mark (Dixie Burk's Brother), Maggie Westaby, Pat Stolen, and Sonya (Jackie's Sister-in-Law), Jim Palmer, and Duane). Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Dear Lord, pour out your Spirit upon Anne Edison-Albright to empower and enlighten her ministry as a bishop of The East-Central Synod of Wisconsin . Sustain her as a shepherd who tends the flock of Christ with love and gentleness, and oversees the ministries of the church with vision and wisdom. Uphold her as a faithful steward of your holy word and life-giving sacraments and a strong sign of reconciliation among all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy (*especially our brother Ted Sanders, and the renewers of the church Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573;*¹ and the church commemorates them this week). Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

Offertory

“This Joyful Eastertide”

#391 vss. 1 & 3

Offering Prayer

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

#377

Dismissal

¹ These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

NEWS

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

Be sure to check out the ILC March/April 2021 Newsletter. It has lots of news and updates.

Confirmation Class Camp

On February 16, 2021, the Church Council decided to launch a campaign to raise funds for our confirmation class to attend confirmation camp this summer. 2021 confirmation camp cost for each youth is \$465.00. We have three participants: Grace and Emily Kallio, and Alex Munson.

In the past, the youth were able to raise these funds through soup suppers and Easter breakfast, but because of the pandemic, they could not raise these funds.

ILC Worship In-Person Services:

- **Sunday, April 11, 2021, 9:00 AM masks optional.**
- **April 18, 2021, 9:00 AM masks required.**
- **April 25, 2021, 9:00 AM masks optional.**

An invitation to celebrate The National Arab American Heritage Month.

We are inviting you to an educational zoom presentation on Thursday, April 22nd, 2021, 7 – 8 PM EDT, Let Us be a Sign to You:

The Contributions of Lutheran Members of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage (ALAMEH in Arabic means Sign) to the ELCA

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpfu2tpzkuHN2R4_NGtnCU58fn1OEnB5c_

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Pastor Niveen is presenting for this event.

The next Confirmation Class will be held on April 14, 2021 at 6pm. Location to be announced.

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.

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 \$25.00. 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!

Thank you, Dan and Holly Westaby, for removing all the ceiling tiles in the Choir Loft Entrance. It was a lot of hard work and is very much appreciated.

Thank you, Kathy Knox, Mary McDonell, Joanne Diestelhorst, and Dan and Holly Westaby for beautifying our church with Easter Flowers.

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 11AM Sunday, 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.

Church office phone number is 715-842-3644. Pastor Niveen’s direct line is 510-355-4352.

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