**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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## Sunday, October 15, 2023 20th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

## Please welcome Pastor Gary Froseth to our Immanuel family as he does the Holy Communion service for us today.

## Prelude

### Announcements

*Please stand if able.*

**Gathering Hymn**  **“Gather Us In” # 532 vss. 1, 3, 4**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be God,

the one who forms us,

☩ Jesus who bears the cross,

the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,

confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice,**

**yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed**

**by the world’s violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have**

**for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,**

**known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others**

**and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away**

**from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you**

**and set us on the right path;**

**in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God’s compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In ☩ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: 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.**

*Please be seated.*

**First Lesson: Isaiah 25:1-9**

R: A reading from Isaiah

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

R: Let us read responsively

1The Lord| is my shepherd;  
  I shall not | be in want.  
 2**The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures**  
  **and leads me be- | side still waters.**  
 3You restore my | soul, O Lord,  
  and guide me along right pathways | for your name’s sake.  
 4**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;**  
  **for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.** R  
 5You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
  you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.  
 6**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,**  
  **and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

Second Lesson: **Philippians 4:1-9**

R: A reading from Philippians

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

P: *Let us stand* for the Gospel.

C: Alleluia! Lord and Savior pg. 205

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

P:The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*.

**Sermon Pastor Gary Froseth**

*Silence for reflection*

**Hymn of the Day “We Eat The Bread Of Teaching” # 518 vss. 1 & 3**

*Please stand if able.*

**Apostles’ Creed** *See the yellow sheet in the back of your hymnal***.**

Prayers of Intercession

R: Trusting in the transformative power of God’s loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. After “**God of grace**”, please respond with “**hear our prayer”.**

R: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

R: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

**Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And, also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

Offertory Hymn “In The Singing” # 466

*The usher will bring up the offering plate, bread, and wine.*

*Please stand if able.*

**Offering Prayer**

P: God of power, God of plenty,

all things belong to you.

**We bring your gifts to the table,**

**that all might be fed.**

**Form us into the body of your Beloved,**

**Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy; that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise….we praise your name and join their unending hymn…

Holy, Holy, Holy pg. 207

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

P: Behold the Lamb of God

That takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his banquet.

*Please be seated.*

**Lamb Of God** **pg.** **208**

**Communion Hymns “Come, Let Us Eat” # 491**

**Blessing**

P: The God of glory, ☩ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Prayer**

P: Blessed be your name, O God,

**for we have feasted on your Word,**

**Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.**

**Strengthened by this food,**

**send us to gather the world to your banquet,**

**where none are left out and all are satisfied.**

**In Jesus’ name we pray.**

**Amen.**

*Please stand if able.*

**Benediction**

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “****Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart!” # 873 vss. 1, 2, 3, 6**

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**C:Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Prayer Concerns:** Joan Bonstead, Thelma Bursik, Esther Osterby, Judy Blanchfield, Charlotte Traeger(contact ILC office to update)

**Attendance on 10/08/2023: 25**

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October 21, 2023. Highland Community Church Women’s Ministry is hosting a one-day women’s conference “Dancing in the rain”. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Wausau campus. The cost of $20 includes lunch. (For those with dietary requirements, you are welcome to bring your own meal). Register before October 08 at <https://hcc-register.com> Note: please bring a feminine product to donate to local high schools. For more information contact Sue McDonald at [smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com). (Additional $5 for charcuterie and craft activity to be paid in cash on the day of the conference).

October 22, 2023. ILC Community Dinner. We will be preparing the meal at Immanuel after the service. Volunteers are needed. Preparation will take about an hour. We will distribute the meals at the Presbyterian Church from 4 – 5 pm. If interested contact Kathy Knox. 715-675-7812

November 18, 2023. Celebration Of Life for Tara (Zanda) Larson, Immanuel Lutheran 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

**Stewardship News: “Immanuel’s Mission Through Stewardship”.**  ***Musings from your Stewardship Committee:***

Your Stewardship letter will arrive soon with your “Estimate of Giving” and “Time and Talent” cards. Now is the time to reflect on your role in the Immanuel congregation, and how you can express your stewardship. November 5, 2023, will be “Commitment Sunday” when the filled in cards should be turned into the church.

This is an important time, as we reflect on the exciting things going on at Immanuel. We are working on partnering with another church for a two-point parish, so we can call a new pastor. We are renting the second floor of our educational wing. We are improving the lighting systems within and outside the church building. We are studying the heating and cooling systems in order to make our church building more energy efficient.

We are members of a congregation that has a strong historical narrative. How do we continue the rich tradition of the past, carry on a active mission in the present, and plan for the future? That is the role of stewardship, and the subject of our meditation. We express our role in the congregation by meditating, praying and creating our stewardship identity for 2024.

Immanuel Trivia: What are the committees whose chairs serve on the Church council?

**The Men’s Discussion Group** meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

**Strong Bones Senior Exercise Group** meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the old Nursery at 10:30 am. The class is open to anyone wishing to improve balance and maintain strength to prevent falls. New faces are happily welcome.

**Volunteers needed to visit the homebound and ill. If interested, contact Jane Reilly-Smith 715-581-4629**

**Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.**

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| **Worship Leader** | | | | | |
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| 10/15/2023 | Judy Kort | Sue Schwede | Mike Schwede | V | Joanne Diestelhorst |

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