**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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**Sunday, November 26, 2023,**

**26th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Christ is King**

Please welcome Pastor Gary Froseth to Immanuel as he leads us in Worship and celebrates Holy Communion with us today.

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Introduction**

*Please stand if able.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

in whose image we are made,

who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin**

**that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming,**

**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**

**open our hands to serve your creation.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, we are God’s children,

and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ☩ Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us

from the foundation of the world.

**Amen.**

Opening Hymn **“Crown Him With Many Crowns” # 855**

Greetings: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” ( 2 Corinthians 13:14).

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

### Prayer of the Day

### P: 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.

*Please be seated.*

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

R: A reading from Ezekiel.

R: Word of God, Word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-7a

R: Let us read responsively.

1Come, let us sing | to the Lord;  
  let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.  
 2Let us come before God’s presence | with thanksgiving  
  and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.  
 3For you, Lord, | are a great God,  
  and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.  
 4In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
  the heights of the hills are | also yours.   
 5The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
  and your hands have molded | the dry land.  
 6Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
  let us kneel before the | Lord our maker.  
 7aFor the Lord| is our God,  
  and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep | of God’s hand.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

R: A reading from Ephesians.

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

Alleluia. They are before the **|** throne of God,\* and the one who is seated on the throne will **|** shelter them. Alleluia. (Rev. 7:15)

**Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

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**

**Hymn of the Day**  **“For The Fruit Of All Creation” # 679**

*Please stand if able.*

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

*Please be seated.*

**Prayers of Intercession**

R: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. After **“Hear us O God”**, please respond with “**Your mercy is great.”**

R:We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

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

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn “Praise And Thanksgiving” # 689 vss. 1 & 4**

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

### *Please stand if able.*

### Offertory Prayer

### P: God of all goodness,

### generations have turned to you,

### gathered around your table,

### and shared your abundant blessings.

### Number us among them

### that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,

### and give thanks for your rich blessings,

### we may feast upon your very self

### and care for all that you have made,

### through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

### ****Amen.****

**Holy Communion**

### 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.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord pg. 207**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

### Invitation to Communion

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

*All are welcome at the Lord’s table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine, that is his body and blood are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. If you do not wish to receive communion but wish to receive a blessing, please come forward during the distribution of communion. If you are unable to come forward during distribution and wish to receive communion, please let the usher know and the pastor will come to your seat. Wine and grape juices are available as well as gluten free wafers upon request.*

*Please be seated.*

**Lamb Of God pg. 208**

**Communion Hymn “The King Of Love, My Shepherd Is” # 502**

### Blessing after communion

### Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray together.

**Lord Jesus**, **in this simple meal you have set a banquet.**

**Sustain us on the journey,**

**strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,**

**and give us glad and generous hearts**

**as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

*Please stand if able.*

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn *“*Rejoice! For Christ Is King” # 430**

### Dismissal

**P:** Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Prayer Concerns:** Barb West,Joan Bonstead’s daughter (Contact ILC office to update.)

***In remembrance of Pastor Kenneth Melby:***  Pastor Melby passed away Friday November 10th, 2023, in Decorah, IA. The family asked that in lieu of flowers donations should be made to First Lutheran Church and Barthell Eastern Star Home. The funeral will be held Saturday, December 02,2023 11:00 a.m. at First Lutheran Church 604 West Broadway Decorah, IA 52101.

November 29, 2023. There will be 4 bible studies for the four weeks of Advent. The first one titled *“Revelation”* will be held on Wednesday November 29th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you wish you may bring your lunch, and Bob Henning, the study leader, will make coffee as you join him for a lively discussion. The first week’s study guide for the 29th will be on the table in the narthex on Sunday November 26th. This will then continue through the month of December. We have also invited the local ELCA churches to attend. If you have any questions, please check with Bob*. I am looking forward to seeing you there as we prepare for Christmas.*

November 30, 2023. In the spirit of shared ministry, are two announcements for events happening at Pilgrim in the months of November and December. Your congregation members, friends, and family members are invited to attend. *A Day of Prayer in the Pilgrim sanctuary on Thursday, November 30th., A Christmas singalong in the Pilgrim sanctuary on Saturday, December 16, at 2:00 p.m. It is followed by light refreshments.*

December 03, 2023. 1st Sunday of Advent.

December 8-9, 2023. Wausau Pro Musica and Karen Zuidema are presenting “Love Came Down At Christmas.” First Presbyterian Church 406 Grant Street, Wausau. The show for Friday December 8th @7:00 p.m. has guest musicians: Wausau West Master Singers. The show for Saturday December 9th @ 3:00 p.m. has guest musicians: Marathon High School Chamber Singers. *In lieu of tickets, a free will donation would be appreciated.*

December 24, 2023. *Christmas Eve* C*andlelight Servic*e *and Holy* *Communion* will be held at Immanuel at 4:00 p.m.

December 25, 2023. *Christmas Day* service will be held at Immanuel at 10:00 a.m.

January 7th, 2024. New Year, new time. Church Service at Immanuel will start at 10:30 a.m.! Mark your calendars.

The Mitten Tree is Back!! Each Holiday season Immanuel decorates our Mitten Tree with mittens and warm hats, these can be handmade or purchased. The items are then given to those in need in our community. You may place your gifts on or under the tree in the Narthex. Thanks to everyone for their continued support of the Mitten Tree!

*The Mitten Tree and other Christmas decorations will be put up after the service today!* Your help to beautify our church today is needed and much appreciated!

2024 Wall Calendars. Do you have any extra 2024 wall calendars? Please drop them off at the church office for delivery to area nursing homes. You can leave them on the pew by the office. Thank you from the Wausau Golden K Kiwanis.

**Bell Choir** is starting up again this fall. We would love to have you join us! No “musical talent” needed! Just come join us for friendship and fun. Practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. For more information call Joanne at 715-573-7379. Just give me a ring!

The Men’s Discussion Group Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Koinonia Room. New participants are most 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 host coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.**

**Missing hardware for your pegboard?**

For several weeks there has been a tote bag containing hardware for installing hooks on a pegboard in the church kitchen. If this is yours, please claim.  If not claimed, it will be donated to a thrift store.

**Attendance on 11/19/23: 31**

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Address is: c/o Moruti (Pastor) Rev. G.M. Nkale, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa. Email for Pastor: [nkalesto@gmail.com](mailto:nkalesto@gmail.com)

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| **November 2023 Worship Servers** | | | | | |
| **Worship Leader: Pastor Gary Froseth** | | | | | |
| **DATE** | **PIANIST / ORGANIST** | **READER** | **USHER / GREETERS** | **VIDEO TAPER** | **COMMUNION** |
| 11/26/2023 | Karen Zuidema | Sue Schwede | Mike Schwede | V | Joanne Diestelhorst |
| **Altar Guild: Holly Westaby & Kathy Knox** | | | | | |

**\*Next Week 12.03.2023 Worship Service**

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