

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Service of the Holy Communion
Sunday, January 17, 2021
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Canticle of Praise Spoken

Opening Hymn **“In Christ Called to Baptize”** **#575**

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalms: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: John 1:43-51

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras

Hymn of the Day **“Will You Come and Follow Me”** **#798**

Prayers of Intercession

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Lord we lift up before you all who are in need of your help . We pray especially for Thelma, Esther, Kathrine-Sylvia, Abber, Jazel, Joelle, Odeh, April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis, Mary, Ashley, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff, Edie, Joan, Jamie & Mike, Ted, Pastor Mark (Dixie Burk's Brother), Maggie, Sonya, and Jim Palmer. let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us (*especially Antony and Pachomius, renewers of the church¹*), that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Offering

Offertory Hymn

“That Boy-Child of Mary”

#293 vv. 1,6

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

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Dialogue

Preface

Holy Holy Holy

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The Lord's prayer

Communion Hymn

“Remember Me”

Written by Deborah Governor

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

#310

Dismissal

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

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

¹ **Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356. Sunday, January 17, 2021**

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346. Sunday, January 17, 2021

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

NEWS

HELP WANTED! VOLUNTEERS to clear the church office hallway. There is just a lot of miscellaneous items in the church office hallway that needs to be removed (2021 calendars, food donations, etc.) Also, the Good Gifts tree needs to be taken down as well as the tree in the Sanctuary. In the church office, there are boxes that need to be recycled. Thank you in advance!

2020 Contribution Statements. Your 2020 Contribution Statements are available for pickup. A table is set up by the entrance of the church office. Any statements that are not picked up will be mailed on Thursday, January 28, 2021.

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6pm. confirmation class (virtual).

Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 10am. Adult Forum: ELCA “Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy.” You are encouraged to read the social statement before attending the virtual adult forum. Check the link below:

<https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Government>

Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 10am. We will continue the Adult Forum: ELCA “Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement.”

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.

Stewardship Committee - - Reminder: Please get "gifting cards" handed in. Thank you.

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.

● **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!

● **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 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 to reach your pastor directly call 510-355-4352

ILC Weekly Word Search (based on John 1:43-51)

A P C D M A X F N S W O O B F
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BETHSAIDA
 LAMB OF GOD
 PHILIP

DISCIPLES
 NATHANAEL
 SON OF MAN

FIG TREE
 NAZARETH