#### Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church Service of the Word Sunday, January 24, 2021 Third Sunday after Epiphany

#### Announcements **Confession and Forgiveness Canticle of Praise** "Heaven Is Singing for Joy" **Opening Hymn** #664 Greeting **Prayer of the Day** Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm: Psalm 62:5-12 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 **Gospel Acclamation** pg. 205 **Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 Pulpit Hymn** "Jesus Calls Us: o'er the Tumult" #696 **Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras** Sermon Hymn of the Day "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" #817

### **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 church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray.

# Have mercy, O God.

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, 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, Jezel, Joelle, Odeh, April, Brieanna, 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.** 

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.** 

For reconciliation among families and friends divided. May we learn to love each other despite our differences and focus on the work that continues beyond this election: the work of unity, respect for one another and for all life, and peace in our land. let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.** 

Father, we pray for our nation, its politicians and its people: for the imagination and the will to seek the reconciliation that will bring us stability and peace. Send your Holy Spirit to break down division, that in Christ we may recognize our common humanity, and in that freedom work to honor all people by bringing an end to suspicion and misunderstanding. let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.** 

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, especially the martyr Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, the martyr Agnes, and the ministers Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, the missionaries Timothy, Titus, and Silas and the theologian Thomas Aquinas,<sup>1</sup> that they point us to salvation through Christ, 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, Who taught us to pray...

# The Lord's Prayer Sharing of Peace

Agnes, martyr, died around 304. Thursday, January 21, 2021

Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries. Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the fait. Wednesday, January 27, 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156. Tuesday, January 19, 2021

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae. **Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274. Thursday, January 28, 2021** 

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter. From sundaysandseasons.com.

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Blessing Closing Hymn "In Thee Is Gladness" #867 Dismissal	Closing Hymn	"In Thee Is Gladness"	#867	

#### **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 20, 2021 at 6pm. confirmation class (virtual).

**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.

**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 <u>has been suspended until further notice</u>. 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: <u>http://www.immanuelwausau.org</u> (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 Mark 1:16-20

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