## Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church Service of the Word Sunday, January 31, 2021 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

**Announcements** 

**Thanksgiving for Baptism** 

Canticle of Praise Glory to God pg. 204

Greeting

Opening Hymn "Gather Us In" #532

**Prayer of the Day** 

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm: Psalm 111

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13** 

Gospel Acclamation pg. 205

**Gospel: Mark 1:21-28** 

Pulpit Hymn "Listen, God Is Calling" #513

Sermon Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras

Hymn of the Day "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" #519

# **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 all who share the gospel and proclaim freedom in Christ throughout the world: prophets, teachers, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders; for the church and its ministries, let us pray.

#### Have mercy, O God.

For all God's works in creation: plants and animals, water and soil, forests and farms; and for those tasked with protecting our natural resources and all that exists, let us pray.

## Have mercy, O God.

For government and leaders: cities and nations, rescue professionals and legal aid attorneys, elected officials and grassroots organizers; for all responsible for the well-being of civil society, let us pray.

## Have mercy, O God.

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: those who are sick and hospitalized, those living with HIV/AIDS, those struggling with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, and all in any need; for caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides, 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 Westaby, Pat Stolen, and Sonya (Jackie's Sister-in-Law), Jim Palmer, and Ruth and Susan Anklam (Patti Busche's Mother and Sister), let us pray.

#### Have mercy, O God.

For the covenant God made with us in the waters of baptism, in thanksgiving for the baptized who have died in the Lord, 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** 

**Offering** 

Offertory Hymn "We Give Thee but Thine Own" #686

**Offering Prayer** 

**Blessing** 

Closing Hymn "Son of God, Eternal Savior" #655

Dismissal

#### **NEWS**

**Thank you, Mary and Kathy** for cleaning up the church office hallway and removing the cardboard. It looks so spiffy. Thank you, **Holly and Dan** for removing the Christmas Tree from the Sanctuary. Thank you, **Janci** for taking care of the Mitten Tree and taking the items to be used within our community. The Mitten Tree was a huge success this year and will benefit so many. We appreciate you all so much!

**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 \$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: 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.