

Sunday, March 7, 2021
Third Sunday in Lent, Year B
Service of the Holy Communion

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Greeting:

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn **“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

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First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel Acclamation. **“Return to the Lord”**

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Gospel: John 2:13-22

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibraheem Sarras

Hymn of the Day

Canticle of the Turning

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Prayers of Intercession

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your people place their trust in nothing beside you. Your name is holy. Guide your church, that in every situation your people's words and actions honor your name. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The heavens declare your glory. Renew your creation. Provide leaders in the struggle for clean air and water; protect creatures and crops that rely on healthy ecosystems; give all people the willingness to repent when our way of life pollutes the earth and skies. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Fill leaders with the foolishness of your peace and mercy. Your law defends the vulnerable. Work through legislators, judicial systems, and systems of law enforcement to protect the wellbeing and freedom of all (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your weakness is stronger than human strength. Protect those who are vulnerable and give courage to all who are suffering (*especially*). Defend victims of crime and bring redemption to those who have harmed others. Give sabbath rest to all who labor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call us to proclaim Christ crucified. Give clarity to this congregation and our leaders, so that we might follow Christ beyond our own habits and comfort. Clear out anything in our common life that would obscure the gospel or that serves our own interests. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The cross of Christ is your power for all who are being saved. Thank you for (*Perpetua, Felicity,¹ and*) all the martyrs whose witness reveals the power of the cross. Give us the same trust in life and in death. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

Offertory Hymn

Restore in Us, O God

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Offering Prayer

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Prayer Concerns: Thelma, Esther, Kathrine-Sylvia, Abber, Jezel, Joelle, Odeh, April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis, 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 Duane (Joyce Lohr cousin)

ILC Worship In-Person Services:

- **Sunday, March 7, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks required, 10:30 AM masks optional.

¹ Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202.

- **Sunday, March 14, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks optional.
- **Sunday, March 21, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks required.
- **Sunday, March 28, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks optional.
- **Sunday, April 4, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks required, 10:30 AM masks optional.

Future dates and options will be published in the newsletter and posted on our web site.

All Lenten Services will be virtual with the option of a virtual Sunday Service.

The following ILC services and ministries will continue to be online, via telephone and Spectrum TV:

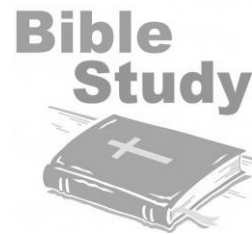
- Our Facebook Page: @ILCWausau
- Our YouTube Channel: Search “Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau Wisconsin, Inc.” on Sunday afternoon. Our Website: <http://www.immanuelwausau.org> (Click on Video Gallery)
- Spectrum TV Cable Channel 980 at 11AM Sunday, 5:45 PM Tuesday & 9:15 AM Thursday or online: Wausau 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.

“No Wonder They Crucified Him”

4 Virtual Session Bible Studies at 10:30 AM

Of all the people admired in the world today, Jesus of Nazareth continually ranks at the top of the list. Even those who don't call themselves Christians regard Jesus as one of the wisest teachers and most loving leaders the world has ever known. He is still making the covers of magazines and being talked about in coffee shops with a popularity like no other person who has walked this earth. So why did his contemporaries kill him?



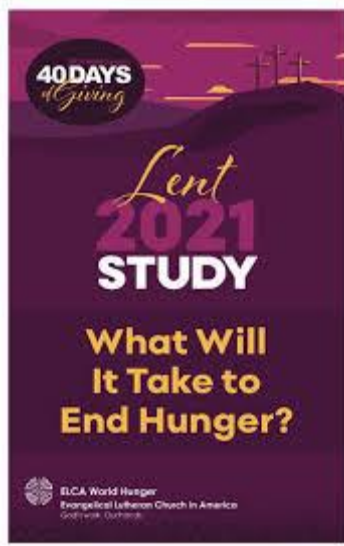
This five-session study examines Jesus as not simply meek and mild, but as a dangerous man because he was and is the God who is dangerously good. Take a fresh look at Jesus' call to action.

Session Two: March 14, 2021 - Complete the Circle of Grace and Works

Sometimes Jesus sets conditions on grace.

Luke 6:37–42

As Christians, we know that we get to spend eternity in heaven, not because we're such great people, but because Jesus is. Yet, what does that mean as we respond to the remarkable grace God has shown us in Christ?



The series I am using for Lent on Sundays is from the ELCA World Hunger; *what will it take to end hunger?* I have ordered 25 copies of the study booklets with 25 calendars. You are encouraged to pick up your copy from the church.

The church council have decided to launch a campaign to donate money for the ELCA World Hunger. As part of our Lent spiritual practices, you are encouraged to set aside every single day the amount of money you choose to designate for the ELCA World Hunger. For example, set aside \$2 every day until Easter Sunday, which will be \$80 and then write a check to ILC and put in the memo ELCA world hunger.

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!

Special Tax Deduction for 2020: This year, there's an additional component at play with so many people, businesses and organizations struggling due to COVID-19. Many people may not realize it, but there's a special tax deduction available for them through Dec. 31, 2020 for cash donations up to \$300 to qualifying charities. This deduction is designed especially for people who choose to take the standard deduction, rather than itemizing. Please consult with your tax professional to see if you qualify.

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