

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sunday, March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year B
Service of the Word

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Greeting

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

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First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel Acclamation

“Return to the Lord”

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Gospel: John 3:14-21

Pulpit Hymn

“God Loved the World”

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Sermon

Bob Henning

Hymn of the Day

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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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.

You sent your Son that the world might be saved through him. Inspire the witness of the church throughout the world. Empower missionaries, Bible translators, and ministries of service in your name. Bless our partners in ministry, our ELCA global partner churches, and Young Adults in Global Mission. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

From east to west your steadfast love is shown. Nourish seas and deserts, wilderness areas and cities. Give water to thirsty lands; nurture spring growth that feeds hungry creatures; bless farmers as they prepare for the growing season. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You sustained your people in the wilderness. Give courage to all who lead in times of crisis and scarce resources. Prosper the work of those who aid victims of famine and drought (*especially*). Bring peace in places where scarce resources cause violence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your mercy endures forever. Deliver all who cry to you, especially those who are hungry or without homes. Give life in places where death seems triumphant; give healing to those who are sick and comfort to those who mourn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

By grace we have been saved. Fill this congregation to overflowing with that grace, that we show mercy to others. Nourish any in our midst who are hungry, especially children, and bless our ministries of feeding and shelter (*especially*). Give us patience and courage when the way seems long. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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, 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) Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Son was lifted up that whoever believes might have eternal life. We praise you for all who have died in Christ, especially Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, and Joseph, Guardian of Jesus¹, whom the church commemorates this week. Bring us with all the saints into the fullness of your promises. 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, who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Peace

Offering

Offertory Hymn

“Restore in Us, O God”

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Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

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Dismissal

¹ Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461. Wednesday, March 17, 2021

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.

Joseph, Guardian of Jesus. Friday, March 19, 2021

Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

ILC Mission Statement: We are a fellowship of believers committed to live and share God's love by serving our community and the world.

NEWS

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)

Be sure to check out the [ILC March/April 2021 Newsletter](#). It has lots of news and updates.

Pastor Niveen leading Catholic Church Service.

Pastor Niveen will lead the entire midweek Lenten worship service at St. Michael Catholic Church, 621 2nd Street, Wausau, WI 54403, on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The theme will be "God's Story with the Poor." You are welcome to attend. The usher will take your name and phone number for COVID-19 tracking purposes. Your information will be shredded in two weeks. Masks are required.

ILC Worship In-Person Services:

- **Sunday, March 14, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks optional.
Bob Henning will lead the worship service.
- **Sunday, March 21, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks required.
Rev. Sarras & Crossways Camping Ministries provide worship service.
- **Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021, 9:00 AM** masks required, **10:30 AM** masks optional.
- **Easter 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.

"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?

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!

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.

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



Spring Forward! Daylight Savings begins on Sunday, March 14. Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour Saturday night!