Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church Sunday, April 4, 2021

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day, Year B

Prelude

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" #365

Greetings

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" #172

Gospel: Matthew 28:1–10

Sermon Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibraheem Sarras

Hymn of the Day "Hallelujah! Jesus lives!" #380

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

A.M.: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve (*especially*). Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

God, our hearts are broken with pain at the senseless death and injury caused by the shooters in Atlanta. GA and Boulder, CO. We lift up before you the families of those who have been killed and for the communities that have lost members. We also bring before you the shooters asking to bring them to repentance. We pray for those who have been spared and those whose lives are changed forever that they may find solace, sustenance, and strength in the hard days to come. We also give thanks for first responders. In the face of hatred, we ask you to help us to claim love, to love those who are strangers and those who are friends. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for our relationship with our sister Parish, Lobatla in the Republic of South Africa. Sustain them as they are facing new Covid-19 surge, and help us to continue to grow in the spirit of mutuality and respect. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with (Ted Sanders and Benedict the African and) all who have gone before us in proclaiming: "your mercy endures forever!" Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering Offertory Offertory Prayer	"This Joyful Eastertide"	#391 vss. 1 & 3		
Holy Communion Great Thanksgiving Holy, holy, holy (Santus) The Lord's Prayer Invitation to Communion		pg. 206 p. 207		
Communion Hymn Blessing after communion Prayer after Communion	Lamb of God "Now the Green Blade Rises"	pg. 208 #379		
Blessing Closing Hymn Dismissal	"We Know That Christ Is Raised"	#449		

NEWS

Prayer Concerns: Thelma, Esther, Kathrine-Sylvia, Abber, Jezel, Joelle, Odeh, April, Brieanna, 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:

- Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021, 6 PM masks required.
- Good Friday, April 2, 2021, 1 PM masks required.
- Easter Vigil, April 3, 2021, 6 PM masks required.
- Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, 9:00 AM masks required, 10:30 AM masks optional.
- Sunday, April 11, 2021, 9:00 AM masks optional.
- April 18, 2021, 9:00 AM masks required.
- April 25, 2021, 9:00 AM masks optional.

Sunday, April 11th, 2021 10:30 AM. Installation of Bishop Anne Edison-Albright. More information to come.

Thursday April 22^{nd} , 2021, 7-8 PM EDT. As part of the National Arab American Heritage Month, you are invited to an educational zoom. Let Us be a Sign to You: The Contributions of Lutheran Members of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage (ALAMEH in Arabic means Sign) to the ELCA.

Register in advance for this meeting:

 $\underline{https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpfu2tpzkuHN2R4_NGtnCU58fn1OEnB5c_register/tZEpfu2tpzkuHN2R4_register/tZE$

Check your email.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Congratulations to Karma and Jorden Nickolai for their new baby Levi who was born on Saturday, March 20, 2021.

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 \$25.00. 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.

ILC Easter Word Search

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Angels Do Not Be Afraid

Easter Galilee guards

Mary Magdalene Resurrection

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