

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 26, 2020

Prelude

Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the kingdom of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit now and unto ages of ages Amen.

P: Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Silence for self-reflection

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, graciously hear us.

P: Hear the good news! Christ died for you, Christ rose for you, Christ reigns in power for you, Christ prays for you. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. (Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17) Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn

“That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright”

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Greetings

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Pulpit Hymn “The Strife Is O'er the Battle Done”

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Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Nicene Creed**Prayers of Intercession**

A.M.: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. After each petition respond with “**Graciously hear us.**”

A brief silence.

For those whose hearts are fervent with love for your gospel, that they are empowered to tell the story of your love in their lives and to show hospitality in response to this love. Lord, in your mercy, **graciously hear us.**

For the diverse natural world: for jungles, prairies, forests, valleys, mountains, and for all the wild and endangered animals who call these spaces home, that they are nurtured and protected. Lord, in your mercy, **graciously hear us.**

For broken systems we have inherited and that we continue to perpetuate, forgive us. Restrain the nations from fighting over limited resources. Redeem us from the cycles of scarcity and violence. Lord, in your mercy, **graciously hear us.**

For all who call upon your healing name, give rest. Stay with us, and walk with all those who are hungry, friendless, despairing, and desiring healing in body and spirit. We pray especially for Thelma, Esther, Barb, Pam, Kathrine Sylvia, Jezel, Joelle, Ibrahim and Odeh, Norm, April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis, Mary, Ashley, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff, Edie, Joan, Ted, Al. We also pray for the safety and courage to Brian Heidel, who works for US Govt-US Aid among Syrian Refugees in Ankorra, Turkey. Lord, in your mercy, **graciously hear us.**

Merciful God, we come before your throne of mercy praying for all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Lord, in your mercy,
Graciously hear us.”

Create in our hearts a yearning to rest in your promise of eternal and resurrected life. Give us thankful hearts for those who have died, even as we look forward to the hope of new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,
graciously hear us.

Pastor: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

The Lord’s Prayer

**Offering
Offertory**

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

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Offertory Prayer

A.M.: Let us pray in unison.

Risen One, **All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from these riches we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need. Amen.**

Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

**Closing Hymn
Dismissal**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

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Prayer Concerns: Thelma, Esther, Barb, Pam, Kathrine Sylvia, Jezel, Joelle, Ibrahim and Odeh, Norm, April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis, Mary, Ashley, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff, Edie, Joan, Ted, Al. Also Brian Heidel, who works for US Govt-US Aid among Syrian Refugees in Ankorra, Turkey. (Contact ILC office to update.)

News:

Congratulations **to Maggie Westaby!** Maggie has been assigned as a Pastoral Intern under Pastors Peter and Kathy Braafladt at Messiah Lutheran Church in Vancouver, WA. She will begin her new assignment on September 1, 2020. We at Immanuel Lutheran Church wish her many blessings in her new assignment. Well wishes may be expressed through cards.

THANK YOU! A big “Thank You” for donating to our Community Dinner on 4/26/20 goes to Lee’s Chicken for the box lunches and Graykowski Dairy for the chocolate milk cartons! We also will be serving the Community

Dinner on 5/17/20 as another group dropped out. The good news is it only takes 2 or 3 people to handle these prepared meals. Any questions call Linda Hulstrom.

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.

To reduce the potential spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau has cancelled all in-person services until further notice. During this time, ILC will move all services and ministries online:

- ❖ Our Facebook Page: @ILCWausau
- ❖ Our YouTube Channel: Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau Wisconsin, Inc.

Worship Services are on Charter Cable Channel 980 at 11:00am on Sunday or online: Wausau Area Access Media: waam.viebit.com (Left side, scroll to Immanuel Lutheran.)

Making Masks. We need your help to sew cloth face masks to help ELCA reach men, women, and children in vulnerable communities around the world. Lutheran World Relief is inviting us to join them in the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge. Our church can pledge to sew 200 face masks. The materials should be cotton fabric or quilting cotton. For more information about this Face Mask Challenge, please visit this link: <https://lwr.org/masks>.

Are you a Thrivent member? Members can apply for funds to engage in the activity of making face masks: <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/>

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the church office. Please let us know if you are interested in making masks or donating materials.

THANK YOU! Pastor Niveen and Jackie appreciate all the positive feedback on the online video services we are producing. It is a learning process. Your phone calls mean so much to both of us. We hope you receive a blessing from the videos. We miss you!

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Address is: c/o Moruti (Pastor) Rev. G.M. Nkale, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa. Email for Pastor: nkalesto@gmail.com