

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Service of the Holy Communion
Sunday, May 3, 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!

Canticle of Praise "This is the Feast" #167

Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #836

Greetings

Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your

house, 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: Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn of the Day “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

#789

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

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, please respond with “**hear our prayer.**”

A brief silence.

Creating God, we praise you for those who maintain and operate farm equipment, for those who plant and harvest crops, for local farmers’ markets, and for those involved in agriculture of any kind. Strengthen their hands as they feed the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift up before you the families of those who have been shot and killed in Milwaukee and for the communities that have lost members—their anger, grief, fear. We also bring before you the shooter. 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. and even more so, Lord, those who we consider to be our enemies. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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,
hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

Give rest, O Lord to the soul of the victims of the deadly shooting in Milwaukee: Demetrius Thomas, Tera Agee, Lakeitha Stokes, Marcus Stokes and Teresa Thomas. We thank you for their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Offering

Offertory

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

#811

Offering Prayer

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.

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

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Holy, holy, holy Lord,

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Thanksgiving at The Table

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

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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 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

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Dismissal

News:

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Niveen has completed a Bible study on Martin Luther's article, "Whether One May Flee from A Deadly Plague." It is available in video on our website, our YouTube channel and Facebook. Pastor Niveen would love to hear any questions you may have about the Bible study.

COMMUNITY DINNER! We will be serving the next Community Dinner on 5/17/20. 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.

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