

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Service of the Word
Sunday, May 10, 2020**

Prelude

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Opening Hymn

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

#377

Greetings

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Gospel: John 14:1-14

Pulpit Hymn

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

#816

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn of the Day

“Love Divine All Loves Excelling”

#631

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.

Build us up, mothering God, as living stones united in your spiritual house. Continually strengthen your church as it is sent forth to proclaim your love. We pray especially for new congregations and those in redevelopment. Lord, in your mercy,

Graciously hear us

Humble us, creator God, as part of your creation. Fill us with respect and awe for the world you have made, including volcanoes, ocean currents, tropical rainstorms, glaciers, and other forces that both destroy and create. Lord, in your mercy,

Graciously hear us

Align our ways to your love, O God. We pray for countries, leaders, and other organizations as they prepare places for those seeking refuge and safety. We pray especially for *Lutheran* Immigration and *Refugee Service*. Lord, in your mercy,

Graciously hear us

Nurturing God, we pray for those who tend and teach young children, for the safe pregnancies of expectant parents, and for families who struggle with infertility and miscarriage. We give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult. Lord, in your mercy,

Graciously hear us

God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens. 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. 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.

Generous God, you call into your brilliant light all who have died. Give us faith to take hold of the promise of your eternal life. 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

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

#811

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.

Dismissal

News:

RETURNING TO CHURCH: Here is a great article published by the Wisconsin Council of Churches on the phases we need to reach and the steps we need to take to reopen our churches: <https://www.wichurches.org/2020/04/23/returning-to-church/>. It includes a model for returning to church. Our ILC church council create a plan for ILC to reopen when it is determined by the Governor that we can safely return to church.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL: Pastor Niveen will share a weekly devotional video each Wednesday based on the book, "Where is God in a Coronavirus World?" by John C. Lennox. These devotionals will be comforting and each one will offer hope for the challenges we face. Each devotional will be about 5 minutes and will last for six weeks.

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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