

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Service of the Holy Communion
Sunday, May 17, 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 "What Wondrous Love Is This" #666

Greetings

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the

Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn of the Day

“By Gracious Powers”

#626

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.

your church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You are the creator of heaven and earth. Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs, glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way. (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,

hear our prayer.

Your commands are good and merciful. Give us courage to take hold of our baptismal promises to work for justice, advocate for the voiceless, and free the oppressed and imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit. 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.

You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end. We remember the saints who have gone before us. Unite us forever in your final victory over death. 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

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his banquet.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

“Taste and See”

#493

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

“I'll Fly Away”

Dismissal

News:

GENESIS FUND. By the grace of God that is manifested in your generosity, Immanuel Lutheran Church has used the Genesis fund to support those who are in need in our church. Now, the Genesis fund is low, so we urge you to consider rebuilding it through contributions so that we may continue to help others in the future. “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full” (Proverbs 19:17). We appreciate your generosity in this difficult time.

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. Find the devotional for this week on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/VvvivyJjLsw>

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.
- ❖ Our Website: <http://www.immanuelwausau.org> (Click on Video Gallery)

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.)



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.

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.

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

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