



For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand. We also pray for those who are affected by Hurricane Isaias (ees-ah-EE-ahs) and for the first responders. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day. 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, Jamie and Mike. We pray for all who are impacted or are suffering from COVID-19. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself *especially* Lawrence,<sup>1</sup> deacon, martyr, who died in the year of 258 and will commemorate his death tomorrow and Mary, Mother of Our Lord,<sup>2</sup> and will commemorate her this coming Saturday. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Sharing of Peace**

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<sup>1</sup> As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

<sup>2</sup> The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title Theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

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**Offering**  
**Offertory**  
**Offertory Prayer**

**"We Give Thee but Thine Own"**

**#686**

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn "My Life Flows on in Endless Song"**

**#763**

**Dismissal**

**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, Jamie & Mike, and Ted.**

**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](mailto:nkalesto@gmail.com)

## News

**Saturday, September 26th, 2020:** The East Central Synod of Wisconsin assembly will be on September 26th. Further assembly details and registration information will be coming in upcoming weeks.



**Congratulations on your engagement August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Hilary Steltenpohl and Joe Novak!** May God's grace guide you both in this new journey.

**Lutheran World Relief Kits** - due to the current situation, we will not be collecting items for the Personal Care and School kits for LWR. We will be collecting monetary donations that will be sent to LWR in early September. If you would like to donate, please send your donation to the church office. Checks should be payable to Immanuel. We will send one check in early September. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Busche or Vonnie Solomonson.

**ELCA partners with census for neighbor and ourselves.**

Our communities are significantly shaped by census data, and Census 2020 will update these numbers for the first time in 10 years. The ELCA is an official partner of the 2020 Census to encourage the most accurate count possible.

It's so important that we take 10 minutes to respond to 9 simple questions that will deliver 10 years of benefits to our community. ELCA is strongly encouraged to respond to the 2020 Census online using a desktop computer, laptop, smartphone, or tablet, and can also respond by phone or mail. Respond to the 2020 Census to help inform the distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds to communities each year for things like health care, emergency services, infrastructure, education, and food assistance.

**Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau, WI** is no longer part of the ELCA. Rev. Steven Gjerde and Rev. Chris Johnson joined the Roster of Ministers of Lutheran Congregations in Mission in Christ (LCMC). The LCMC began in 2001 in response to some liberal views of the ELCA. The LCMC permits, but does not require, the ordination of female clergy. LCMC does not bless same sex partnerships.

**Because of COVID-19**, Pastor Niveen will be working from home in the coming months. She will be at the church occasionally and upon your request. However, she is only a phone call away and the church office will remain open Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm. If you want to speak with Pastor Niveen, simply call the church office and leave a message. Pastor Niveen has access to voice mail and checks voice mail on a regular basis. You may also email her at [Pastor.Immanuel.Wausau@gmail.com](mailto:Pastor.Immanuel.Wausau@gmail.com)

**In-Person Worship Service today (Masks Required)**. In addition to in-person worship services, the following ILC services and ministries will continue to be online and Spectrum TV:

Our Facebook Page: @ILCWausau	Our YouTube Channel: Search “Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau Wisconsin, Inc.”
Our Website: <a href="http://www.immanuelwausau.org">http://www.immanuelwausau.org</a> (Click on Video Gallery)	Spectrum TV Cable Channel 980 at 11:00am on Sunday or online: Wausau Area Access Media: <a href="http://waam.viebit.com">waam.viebit.com</a> (Left side, scroll to Immanuel Lutheran.)
<i>Would you like to read for our video worship services? Please contact Jackie to set this up. Thank you!</i>	

**Weekly devotional:** Pastor Niveen shares a weekly devotional video each Wednesday. Find the devotional for this week on our website: <http://immanuelwausau.org/weekly-devotionals>

**Men’s group meets on** Wednsdays (subject to change) at 8:30 AM at Marathon Park at the shelter on the west wing of the park across from the RV and camping area. Bring your own chair. Men’s group do social distancing. Contact Rick Lohr if you have any question.

**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.



**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.