

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lectionary 20 | Service of the Word
Sunday, August 16, 2020**

**Prelude
Announcements**

Confession and Forgiveness

Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #858

Greeting
Kyrie pg. 184
Canticle of Praise "Glory to God" pg. 185

Prayer of the Day
God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm: Psalm 67

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel Acclamation pg. 188

Gospel: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Pulpit Hymn "In Christ There is no East or West" #650

Sermon Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn of the Day "All Are Welcome" #641

Send Off Blessing for Maggie Westaby

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

A.M.: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. 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.

In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints *especially* Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, who died in 1153 and the church will commemorate him on Thursday. Join us also with them on the great day of your salvation. 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

Offering

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

#686

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

#633

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

News

Friday, September 25, 2020/Saturday, September 26, 2020: Please mark your calendars! Each session starts at 3pm. There will be a Two Part Virtual Discussion with Jim Finnucan and a panel of Local Experts. Jim's book will be available on 9/1/20 at the Marathon County Public Library. Please share this information and follow NAOMI on FB:

<https://www.facebook.com/NAOMI4Justice/>

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.

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.

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

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: http://www.immanuelwausau.org (Click on Video Gallery)	Spectrum TV Cable Channel 980 at 11:00am on Sunday or online: Wausau Area Access Media: waam.viebit.com (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.