

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Lutherans Restoring Creation Service  
Sunday, September 20, 2020**

**Welcome  
Call to Worship**

**Opening Song                    “Sing Out Earth and Skies”**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

**Canticle of Praise**

**Prayer of the Day**

**First Reading:               Jonah 3:10-4:11**

**Psalm:                         Psalm 145:1-8**

**Second Reading:         Philippians 1:21-30**

**Children’s Sermon:**

**Rev. John Stevens**

**Gospel:                       Matthew 20:1-16**

**Sermon:                       Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing**

**Peace**

**Offering** – Offerings to LRC can be given at [www.LutheransRestoringCreation.org](http://www.LutheransRestoringCreation.org) or check mailed to LRC c/o Phoebe Morad, 22 Waldron Road, Braintree, MA 02184

**Offering Prayer**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Intercessory Prayers and Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song                “Even the Sparrows (Psalm 84)”**

**Prayer Concerns:** Thelma, Esther, Barb, Kathrine-Sylvia, Abber, Jezel, Joelle, Odeh, Norm, April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis, Mary, Ashley, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff, Edie, Joan, Jamie & Mike, Ted, Pastor Mark (Dixie Burk’s Brother), Maggie Westaby, Pat Stolen, and Sonya (Jackie’s Sister-in-Law).

**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)



**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.

**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.



*"If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord" (Romans 14:8).* Pastor Niveen's father, Ibrahim Sarras, passed away into the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, September 11, 2020. His funeral was on Saturday, September 12, 2020, at the Annunciation Latin Parish of the Catholic Church in Beit Jala/ Bethlehem, Palestine.

Pastor Niveen will remember her father as being a loving father who sacrificed everything for his family. You are welcome to watch the funeral by clicking on the link,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mM8vUmjiRao&t=1219s>

**Technology Grant Award.** Immanuel Lutheran Church applied for the East Central Synod of Wisconsin's \$500 technology grant. The synod received more funds from the ELCA to be given out in the form of technology grants and we were informed you that we were selected to receive a \$500 grant. The funds are for technology upgrades. Thank you, ELCA.

## *For the Women of ILC and ELCA*

### **Dear Friend in Christ, a unique letter-exchange project**

1. Write a letter. Use the "Dear Friend in Christ" salutation. Please share your thoughts on these questions: How is your faith in Jesus Christ sustaining you during the global pandemic? What words of encouragement can you offer the person who receives your letter? 2. You can handwrite or type the letter. 3. You could include a drawing, a photo, or a recipe, anything that fits into an envelope. 4. Offer up a prayer for the recipient. 5. You may include your mailing address in the letter if you do not wish to remain anonymous. 6. Print and sign the:

[Dear Friend in Christ release form](https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DFICpermfill.pdf) (https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DFICpermfill.pdf),

**or use [our online form](https://www.womenoftheelca.org/special-initiatives/dear-friend-christ/dear-friend-in-christ-release-form)** (https://www.womenoftheelca.org/special-initiatives/dear-friend-christ/dear-friend-in-christ-release-form).

We cannot exchange letters without a release.

7. Mail your letter and signed release form to Dear Friend in Christ, Women of the ELCA, 8765 W Higgins Road, Chicago IL 60631. **Deadline for mailing letters to the churchwide organization is October 15, 2020.**

When you write to Dear Friend in Christ, your letter will be swapped with a letter from another writer. They will get your letter; you will get their letter. The exchange is anonymous (unless you provide your contact information), so you can share as little or as much information about yourself as you like.

## Godparent(s) Sunday School Program

Dear members of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace to you. Until we return to *regular* worship services, I will lead the Sunday school program instead of Judy Nickolai.

Due to coronavirus, the Sunday school will not be held in the church. Despite this challenge, I believe that our children deserve to receive Christian education to help them to grow in faith. There are different ways to provide Christian education without asking the kids to come to church.

I encourage you to participate in the Godparent (s) Sunday School Program. It is a program pairing Sunday School student with an adult(s) church member designed to build relationships, encourage fellowship, and foster mutual growth in faith through exchanging cards, speaking over the phone, FaceTime, Skype, etc.

Of course, parents should be involved with their child's faith, but it is also essential to have our congregation members engaged. It can help parents feel connected to the church community, strengthen relationships across generations, and, most importantly, help Sunday school students grow in their faith (and many times, the members as well!).

We have nine Sunday school students. I need nine persons or non-couples to be Godparent(s) to one student. I will pair Godparent(s) with a student randomly, and you will work together for two months. After two months, I will assign you another child.

If you feel you are called by God to be part of this ministry, please let me know as soon as you can.

*Pastor Niveen*

*"You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust'" (Psalm 91:1-2).*

Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with at least three Lutheran social services agencies and five synods to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond to the devastating wildfires are raging across California, Oregon, Washington and other western states. We expect immediate needs may include food and other necessities, as well as emotional and spiritual care for those who have been traumatized.

If you would like to help, you may give by going to the link below:  
<https://community.elca.org/uswildfires>

Your gifts will support wildfire survivors. Gifts to "U.S. wildfires" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires, until the response is complete. Or make a gift to "Lutheran Disaster Response" so we can respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike.

**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 during the month of September. If you would like to donate, please send your donation to the church office. Checks should be payable to Immanuel and write in the memo LWR. We will send one check. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Busche or Vonnie Solomonson.

**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.)

*Would you like to read for our video worship services? Please contact Jackie to set this up. Thank you!*