

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lectionary 26 Service / Service of the Word
Sunday, September 27, 2020**

Prelude

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Opening Hymn “Voices Raised to You” #845

Greeting

Canticle of Praise “Glory to God” pg. 121

Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel Acclamation pg. 124

Gospel: Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Pulpit Hymn “Change my Heart, O God” #801

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras**

Hymn of the Day “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” #712

The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession

A.M.: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. After each petition, please respond with **hear our prayer**.

A brief silence.

In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. We pray especially for Thelma, Esther, Barb, Kathrine-Sylvia, Jezel, Joelle, Odeh, Norm, April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis, Mary, Ashley, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff, Edie, Joan, Ted, Pastor Mark (Dixie brother), Jamie and Mike, Maggie Westaby, and Pat Stolen. 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.

Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us, especially Barb Peterson, Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420 and the church commemorate this week.¹ And all tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing of Peace

Offering

Offertory **“Praise and Thanksgiving”** **#689**

Offertory Prayer

Blessing

Closing Hymn **“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”** **#536**

Dismissal

Prayer Concerns: Thelma, Esther, 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. The address is: c/o Justice Pule, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa.

¹ **Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420. Wednesday, September 30, 2020**

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.



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.

New

Immanuel’s Endowment Committee is accepting grant requests through September 30, 2020. The Endowment Committee oversees the ILC Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is a permanent invested fund, and a portion of the earnings on the Fund each year may be distributed “for religious purposes which enhance congregational life at Immanuel”. The Fund may not be used for normal operating expenses. Preliminary indications are that we may have a total of about \$4,800 available to distribute this year. Grant requests are evaluated and awarded at the discretion of the Endowment Committee. Grant request forms are available in the church office, or by e-mailing Bob Reinertson at bobreinertson@gmail.com, or calling him at (715) 551-6231.

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). 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.



Barb Peterson died on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Her funeral was on Friday, September 25, 2020 at Restlawn Memorial Chapel. This was a private family service.



Terry Tackes and Sammy Nikolay (Non-members) announce their upcoming wedding nuptials on Saturday, October 10, 2020 here at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Ryan Swope and Hannah Weir announce their upcoming wedding nuptials on November 7, 2020 here at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Pastor Sean Motley will officiate.

From: V.P. Linda Hulstrom:

To our caring ILC Congregation:

I believe most of you are aware of Pastor Niveen's father's passing and would like to help their family, as I do.

I communicated with Bishop Mansholt and he instructed me that the best way to help is to send our collective collections to his office to be sent to Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) in Jerusalem, and his office will send it to them. The Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) is a program of the Lutheran World Federated Department for World Service in Jerusalem. Since Pastor's family couldn't afford his treatments, Bishop Mansholt intervened on their behalf, and so the Hospital paid for his entire care there. The best way we can help is to help the Hospital so they can continue to help others in dire need of care.

I plan to send our funds to the Bishops office on October 19, 2020. Please drop off cash or check made out to ILC (memo line AVH), and we will send one check to the Bishop's office.

Pastor Niveen appreciates that some of us want to help her family directly, but she is maintaining their needs for now.

Prayerfully,
Linda Hulstrom
ILC Council VP

"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: <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.)

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