

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
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**<http://www.immanuelwausau.org/>**  
**Sunday, Sept 17, 2023**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year A**

Please welcome Bob Henning and thank him for doing the service for us today.

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

*Please stand if able.*

**Gathering Hymn**

**“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”**

**# 863 vss. 1, 2, 5**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God,

the one who forms us,

✝ Jesus who bears the cross,

the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice,**

**yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed**

**by the world’s violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have**

**for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,**

**known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others**

**and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away**

**from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you**

**and set us on the right path;**

**in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**Amen.**

### **Greeting**

**P:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also, with you.

**Kyrie - Have Mercy On Us Lord  
Come Let Us Join**

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### **Prayer of the Day**

*Please be seated.*

**First Lesson Genesis 50:15-21**

**R:** Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: 103:[1-7] 8-13**

**R:** Let us read responsively

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>**O Lord, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.

**] <sup>8</sup>Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

<sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

<sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

## **Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12**

R: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

P: **Let us stand** for the gospel acclamation.

**C: Alleluia! Lord and Savior**

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### **Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Pulpit Hymn**

**“Beautiful Savior”**

**# 838**

*Please be seated.*

### **Sermon**

**Bob Henning**

### **Hymn of the Day**

**“There Is A Balm In Gilead”**

**# 614**

*Please stand if able.*

### **Apostles' Creed**

*See the yellow sheet in the back of the hymnal.*

*Please be seated*

### **Offertory Hymn**

**“To God Our Thanks We Give”**

**# 682**

### **Offering Prayer**

P: God of power, God of plenty,  
**all things belong to you.**

**We bring your gifts to the table,  
that all might be fed.**

**Form us into the body of your Beloved,**

**Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

R: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors. After “**Merciful God**”, please respond with “**receive our prayer**”.  
**Amen.**

R: “Merciful God”

C: “**Receive Our Prayer**”

R: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Please stand if able.*

**Benediction**

P: The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**“Praise The Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”**

**# 544**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Attendance 09/10/2023: 36**

**Prayer Concerns:** Joan Bonstead, Thelma Bursik, Esther Osterby, Judy Blanchfield, Charlotte Traeger Bill Clauson’s family (contact ILC office to update)

It is with a sad heart that we announce the passing of Bill Clauson and Jim Palmer.

Arrangements for Bill are at Nelson-Doran Funeral Home in Brainerd MN. I am sure Katie would enjoy hearing from you. Katie’s address is: Mrs. Katie Clauson 6126 State Hwy 25, Brainerd MN 56401.

The Visitation for Jim Palmer is Tuesday, October 3 at 1:00 pm, service to follow at 3:00 pm at Brainerd Funeral Home and Cremation Center – Everest Chapel. 5712 Memorial Court, Weston.

**October 22, 2023. Is our next Community Dinner. Volunteers are needed. If interested contact Kathy Knox. 715-675-7812**

**Immanuel Church Council** has decided we will be paying off the 629 Hamilton (parking lot) loan in early September. The current loan balance is \$8,700.00. Donations or contributions will be accepted through the end of August. Please mark it as 629 Hamilton / Parking lot fund.

**The Men's Discussion Group** meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

**Strong Bones Senior Exercise Group** meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the old Nursery at 10:30 am. The class is open to anyone wishing to improve balance and maintain strength to prevent falls. New faces are happily welcome.

**Volunteers needed to visit the homebound and ill. If interested, contact Jane Reilly-Smith 715-581-4629.**

**Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.**

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Worship Leader					
DATE	PIANIST / ORGANIST	READER	USHER / GREETERS	VIDEO TAPER	COMMUNION
09/17/2023	Karen Zuidema	Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	V	
Altar Guild: Holly Westaby & Kathy Knox					

**Next Week 09.24.2023 Worship Schedule:**

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(if unable to attend your schedule please let the ILC office know.)