

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Sunday, September 24, 2023
17th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

Please welcome Pastor Gary Froseth to our Immanuel family as he does the Holy Communion service for us today.

Prelude
Announcements

Please Stand.

Gathering Hymn **“Take My Life, That I May Be”** **# 583**

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.

Prayer of the Day

Please be seated.

First Lesson Jonah 3:10-4:-11

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

Psalm 145:1-8

R: Let us read responsively

¹I will exalt you, my ¹ God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

²**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

There is no end to your greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

⁶**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

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

Gospel Acclamation

P: *Let us stand* for the Gospel Acclamation

P: **Alleluia! Lord and Savior**

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Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Gary Froseth

Silence for reflection

Hymn of the day

“Salvation unto Us Has Come” # 590 vss. 1, 5, 6

Please stand if able.

Apostle's Creed

See the yellow sheet in the back of your hymnal.

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**”.

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.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And, also with you.

Please be seated.

Offertory Hymn

“We Plow The Fields And Scatter”

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The usher will bring up the offering plate, bread, and wine.

Pastor receives offering and places on the shelf behind the altar

Please stand if able.

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.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy; that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.

Lamb Of God

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Communion Hymn “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

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Blessing

Prayer

P: Blessed be your name, O God,
**for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

Please stand if able.

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Oh Zion, Haste”

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Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance 09/17/2023: 34

Prayer Concerns: Joan Bonstead, Thelma Bursik, Esther Osterby, Judy Blanchfield, Charlotte Traeger, Bill Clauson's family, Jim Palmer's family, Leora Mitchell (contact ILC office to update)

October 4, 2023. Confirmation Kickoff Meeting for Parents at St. Stephen's. For more information contact Pastor Karoline Schwantes at 715-845-7858.

October 14 – 15, 2023. Please join Zion Lutheran Church (709 N. 6th St., Wausau) for their annual Fall Festival. Saturday the 14th will feature the Strassenfest Homemade Goods Bazaar and Brat-Fry from 9 am to 4 pm. Sunday evening, tickets are available to attend “Abendessen” at the Wausau Elks Lodge to enjoy a German dinner, silent auction, and program presented by Ben Clark of the Marathon County Historical Society. The proceeds go to support the work of the church. Come and join us for a weekend of German-themed fun. Prost!

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

Stewardship News: “Immanuel’s Mission Through Stewardship”. After the Church service on Sunday, October 8th, we will have a stewardship meeting. Is your knowledge of Immanuel Lutheran Church in “Jeopardy”? Test yourself with the stewardship committee. Our honorable past should not be trivia, but a basis for a vibrant present congregation and a viable future. We are excited to begin our meditation on our stewardship for 2024. We serve Immanuel and our neighbors through our acts of generosity, in time, effort, and financial resources. Your letter, estimate of giving, and time and talent cards will arrive shortly by mail. Note: anonymous donors are ready to match any increase in financial giving by 5% or greater up to a total of \$2,000.00.

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 at 715-581-4629.

Volunteers needed to host coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

September 2023 Worship Servers					
Worship Leader					
DATE	PIANIST / ORGANIST	READER	USHER / GREETERS	VIDEO TAPER	COMMUNION
9/24/2023	Karen Zuidema	Holly Westaby	Dan Westaby	V	Mary McDonell
Altar Guild: Holly Westaby & Kathy Knox					

Next week 10.01.2023 Worship Schedule

October 2023 Worship Servers					
Worship Leader					
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10/1/2023	Karen Zuidema	Al Solomonson	Bruce Knox	V	

***communion will be the 15th and 22nd of the month.**