Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church Lectionary 27 Service / Service of the Holy Communion Sunday, October 4, 2020

Prelude				
Announcements				
Confession and Forgiveness				
Opening Hymn	"The Church's One Foundation"	#654		
Greeting				
Canticle of Praise	"This is the Feast"	pg. 122		

Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	
Gospel Acclamation	pg. 124
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46	

Sermon	Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn of the Day	"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"	#769
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Prayers of Intercession

A.M.: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Refresh the church with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and service. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger. May we be inspired by your servants who cared deeply for your creation (*especially Francis of Assisi, whom we commemorate today*)¹. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

¹ Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. We call to mind those who are struggling today. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all managers in our community and for all who seek employment. Give hope and a future to those who lack meaningful work, those who have been marginalized or abused in the workplace, and those who desire new opportunities. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Thank you for the saints who teach us to live faithfully in your vineyard (*especially Ibrahim Sarras, Barb Peterson, Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society and William Tyndale, translator, martyr*)². May our chorus join theirs until our labor is complete. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Offering Offertory Offertory Prayer	"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"	#691
Holy Communion Dialogue Thanksgiving at The T	able	
The Lord's Prayer Invitation to Communi	on	
Lamb of God Communion Hymn Prayer after Communi	"Now We Join in Celebration" on	pg. 135 #462
Blessing		
Closing Hymn Dismissal	"How Firm a Foundation"	#796

² Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry. **William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536**

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Prayer Concerns: Thelma, Esther, Kathrine-Sylvia, Abber, Jezel, Joelle, Odeh, Norm, April, Brieanna, 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.



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.

News:

 East-Central Synod of Wisconsin
 The Rev. Anne Edison-Albright elected Bishop of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin.

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 On September 26th voting members from the East Central Synod of Wisconsin met in the first

 Ever virtual synod assembly bested by the synod. The Rev. Anne Edison Albright was elected Bishop of the synod on

ever virtual synod assembly hosted by the synod. The Rev. Anne Edison-Albright was elected Bishop of the synod on the 5th ballot with a total of one-hundred and fifty-one votes. Congratulations Bishop-elect Edison-Albright!

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),

or use <u>our online form</u> (https://www.womenoftheelca.org/special-initiatives/dear-friend-christ/dear-friend-in-christrelease-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.



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.

Memorial Service for Ibrahim Sarras

Dear ILC Congregation,

You are invited to attend a Memorial Service on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 10am for Pastor Niveen's father, Ibrahim Sarras, who died on Friday, September 11, 2020.

Pastor Rich Block, Pastor Jenn Collins, and other Pastors will conduct the service at the ILC courtyard and the Gathering Room.

A free will offering will go to Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem to support other cancer patients. The basket will be in the gathering room.

The door between the ILC courtyard and gathering room will be open to allow for those attending the service to choose which area they would like to be, inside or outside. Masks will be required for the inside service (gathering room) and optional for the outside service (courtyard). Please use social distancing guidelines.

"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.

In-Person Worship Service today (<u>Masks Required</u>). 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: <u>http://www.immanuelwausau.org</u> (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!