

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Sunday, October 01, 2023
18th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

Please welcome Kathy Robinson and thank her for doing the service for us today.

Prelude

Announcements

Please stand if able.

Gathering Hymn

“God Is Here”

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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

P: 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.

Please be seated.

First Lesson Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

R: A reading from Ezekiel

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

Psalm 25:1-9

R: *Let us read responsively.*

¹**To you, O LORD,**

I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³**Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.**

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

⁵**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

**⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.**

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

R: A reading from Philippians

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 21:23-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Pulpit Hymn

“Beautiful Savior”

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Please be seated.

Sermon

Kathy Robinson

Silence for reflection

Hymn of the day

“Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”

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Please stand if able.

Apostle’s Creed

See the yellow sheet in the back of your hymnal.

Please be seated.

Offertory Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

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The usher will bring up the offering plate.

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.**

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**”.

A brief silence.

R: We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and faithful witness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Lead us in your truth as we pray for creation. Empower us to look to the interests of others as we make choices that impact the environment. Summon us to be advocates for healthy waterways, habitats, and air. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Lead us in justice as we pray for those in government, the military, and other positions of authority (*local and national leaders may be named*). Give them humble and willing hearts, looking to the needs of others. We pray also for our enemies. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Trusting your goodness, we pray for all caregivers and people who are sick or suffering in any way (*especially*). Give them encouragement and consolation in your presence. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation. Be at work in us and unite us in your love as we labor together for the sake of the gospel. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks for all the saints who died secure in the knowledge of salvation. Keep us fearless in our faith and certain of your resurrection. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

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 And Thanksgiving”

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Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance 09/24/2023: 33

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)

On the first Sunday of the month an extra candle is placed on the altar. It reminds us that Immanuel has a special relationship with the Lobatla Lutheran Parish in South Africa. In 2009, Justice Pule, the parish pastor, visited Immanuel, a visit that was coordinated by Claudette and Ben Harring. The Harrings visited South Africa in 2010, bringing a candle to be presented to the Lobatla congregation and informing its members that Immanuel would have an identical candle placed on its altar as a reminder of the special relationship that exists between the two congregations. This is the 13th year of the candle being placed on our altar.

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

October 04, 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 21, 2023. Highland Community Church Women’s Ministry is hosting a one-day women’s conference “Dancing in the rain”. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Wausau campus. The cost of \$20 includes lunch. (For those with dietary requirements, you are welcome to bring your own meal). Register before October 08 at <https://hcc-register.com> Note: please bring a

feminine product to donate to local high schools. For more information contact Sue McDonald at smacdona1d@highlandcommunitychurch.com. (Additional \$5 for charcuterie and craft activity to be paid in cash on the day of the conference).

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

Roses are Red, Violets are Blue. Fall is here and so we need YOU: to look ahead into the future.

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.

Immanuel Church council has paid off the 629 Hamilton (parking lot) loan. Congratulations!

The name of the book Pastor Gary mentioned in his sermon this past week is “Amish Grace” by Kroybill.

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.

October 2023 Worship Servers					
Worship Leader					
DATE	PIANIST / ORGANIST	READER	USHER / GREETERS	VIDEO TAPER	COMMUNION
10/1/2023	Karen Zuidema	Al Solomonson	Bruce Knox	V	

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

Next Week 10.08.2023 Schedule

October 2023 Worship Servers					
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10/8/2023	Judy Kort	Adam Doede	Bob Doede	V	

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

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