

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Sunday, October 08, 2023
19th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A
Stewardship Sunday

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

Welcome : We welcome you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Announcements

Please stand if able.

Gathering Hymn

“We Are Called”

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more.

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we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God.

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

L: 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.

Prayer of the Day

L: 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. **Amen.**

Hymn:

“As Saints Of Old”

As saints of old their first fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field,
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield.
So, we today first fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all a long life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Please be seated.

First Lesson Isaiah 5:1-7

R: (Adam) A reading from Isaiah

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

Psalm 80:7-15

R: *Let us read responsively.*

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**

you cast out the nations and | planted it.

⁹You cleared the | ground for it;

it took root and | filled the land.

¹⁰**The mountains were covered | by its shadow**

and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea

and its branches | to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken | down its wall,**

so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?

¹³The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,

and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

¹⁴**Turn now, O | God of hosts,**

look | down from heaven;

¹⁵behold and | tend this vine;

preserve what your right | hand has planted.

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

R: A reading from Philippians

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

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: *Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the day

“For The Fruit Of All Creation”

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Please stand if able.

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the
power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died,
and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again,**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

R: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world (*global mission partners may be named*), that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they

faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand if able.

Benediction

L: 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

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.

**L: Please remain seated as our Creative Stewardship Committee
presents the Immanuel version of Jeopardy.**

**Committee members are: Ben Haring, Rick Lohr (chair), Neil Munson
and Jim Stolen.**

Attendance 10/01/2023: 35

Prayer Concerns: Joan Bonstead, Thelma Bursik, Esther Osterby, Judy Blanchfield, Charlotte Traeger, Leora Mitchell (contact ILC office to update)

October 11, 2023. Immanuel Lutheran Church Bell Choir. Please join us for a wonderful time of music and community. All are welcome! Practice is from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

October 11, 2023. Faith, Work, and economics. Embark on a remarkable 4-part series exploring “Faith, Work, and Economics” led by Rev. Wayne N. Miller, Bishop Emeritus. Choose between Sunday sessions starting **October 8 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm CST**. Or Wednesday sessions starting **October 11 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm CST**. Discover the interplay between faith and work, and gain insights into living a fulfilling life.

The LSTC Learning Communities offer this at no cost. This fall theological education program via Zoom is designed to enhance lay theological education, enrich parish learning programs, and foster a stronger relationship between the seminary and its constituent congregations. Register at www.lstc.edu/events.

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 smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com. (Additional \$5 for charcuterie and craft activity to be paid in cash on the day of the conference).

October 22, 2023. ILC Community Dinner. We will be preparing the meal at Immanuel after the service. Volunteers are needed. Preparation will take about an hour. We will distribute the meals at the Presbyterian Church from 4 – 5 pm. If interested contact Kathy Knox. 715-675-7812

Stewardship News: “Immanuel’s Mission Through Stewardship”. Roses are Red, Violets are Blue fall is here, so we need YOU: to look not into the far future, but into the very near future.

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.

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

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Worship Leader					
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10/8/2023	Judy Kort	Adam Doede	Bob Doede	V	

Next week 10.15.2023 Worship Schedule

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

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