

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lectionary 33 / Service of the Holy Communion
Sunday, November 15, 2020
Stewardship Sunday**

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

**Canticle of Praise
Greeting**

“This is the Feast”

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Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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First Reading: Judges 4:1-7

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras

Hymn of the Day

“When Peace like a River”

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Prayers of Intercession

Longing for Christ’s reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God’s power on the church, the world, and all in need. **After each petition, please respond with “your mercy is great.”**

A brief silence.

Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspectives of others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors *especially* Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231, and the church commemorates this week.¹ Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Offering

Offertory

“Yours, Lord, Is the Glory”

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Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, holy, holy

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The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymns

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

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Blessing after Communion

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Thine the Amen”

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¹ Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.

Dismissal

Prayer Concerns: Thelma, Esther, Kathrine-Sylvia, Abber, Jezel, Joelle, Odeh, Norm, April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis, Mary, Ashley, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff, Edie, Joan and Norm, 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

Please remember to mail your Gift Giving Card to the church.

Mitten Tree: The Mitten Tree will be set up soon. It will be available through the end of January. You may bring donations of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and sweaters to put under the tree. The items collected will be taken to the Neighbor's Place. Please contact Janci for additional information.

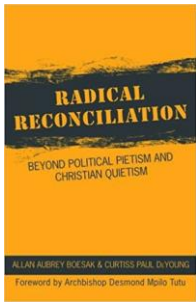
Pastor's Lip Balm is once again available. Each one is created using only organic ingredients. Only \$2 for each lip balm. Proceeds from the sale of the lip balm will go toward the Genesis Fund.

Olive Oil is Here! Canaan Fair Trade olive oil is available in the church office. The 500 ml bottles are available in the church office for \$15.00. The purchase of this excellent olive oil supports the Palestinian farmers who are part of the cooperative. In addition to using it for your own purposes, it also makes a wonderful gift to give someone!

Wednesday, November 25, 2020: St. Michael Catholic Church will host the annual Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, November 26, 2020: Church Office Closed – Thanksgiving Day.

Sunday, November 29, 2020: First Sunday of Advent, and Bible study in the Sanctuary following worship service.



Adult Forum for Advent season. Radical Reconciliation: Beyond Political Pietism and Christian by Allan Boesak and Curtiss Paul DeYoung.

This book calls for reconciliation in society that is radical, that goes to the roots. Too many initiatives for reconciliation, fail to remove the weeds of injustice at the roots, and thus stop short of completing the work required. Such political arrangements usually favor the rich and powerful, but deprive the powerless of justice and dignity. This is a form of political pietism, and when Christians refuse to name this situation for what it is, they are practicing Christian quietism. True reconciliation is radical.

You are encouraged to buy this book because it is very valuable.

The first bible study will be on Sunday, November 29, 2020, in the sanctuary following worship service.

Wednesday, December 2, 2020: Digital Advent Service.



Attention: Ushers and Video Tapers! Beginning **November 8, 2020**, we will need your help. Please email Jackie at info@immanuelwausau.org or call the church office at (715) 842-3644 with the dates you would be available:

	<i>Usher</i>	<i>Video Taper</i>
11/8/2020	Dan & Holly Westaby	Floyd Hallberg
11/15/2020	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning
11/22/2020	Kathy Knox	Jamie Heckendorf
11/29/2020	Bob Doede	Floyd Hallberg

Thank you! If you have any problems with the above schedule, please contact the church office.

In-Person Worship Service (Masks Required) is held each Sunday at 9am. In addition to in-person worship services, the following ILC services and ministries will continue to be online, via telephone and Spectrum TV:

- Our Facebook Page: @ILCWausau
- Our YouTube Channel: Search “Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau Wisconsin, Inc.” on Sunday afternoon.
- Our Website: <http://www.immanuelwausau.org> (Click on Video Gallery)
- Spectrum TV Cable Channel 980 at 5:45 PM Tuesday & 9:15 AM Thursday or online: Wausau Area Access Media: waam.viebit.com (Left side, scroll to Immanuel Lutheran.)
- **☎ Dial-a-Sermon is Live. Dial 1-715-200-9495.** Pastor Niveen’s weekly sermon is now available on any telephone.