



We pray for this planet in need of restoration: for devastated habitats, polluted waters, thawing ice, blazing fires, swelling floods, and long-lasting droughts. Renew the face of the earth and our relationship to it. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people who care for others in our community and around the world. Fill them with compassion and the power to respond with justice for those who are oppressed, with welcome for those who are excluded, and with relief for those who suffer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for people who are in crisis as the seasons change: for those without homes facing severe weather, for those who are unemployed or underemployed, and for those in poverty or facing food insecurity. Relieve their burdens, sustain their bodies, and ease their minds. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the people in our families and congregation who live with depression, anxiety, chronic pain, addiction, and other invisible illnesses. Ease their suffering and support them when they struggle. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**Lord we lift up before you all who are in need of your help .** We pray especially for 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, and Sonya.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the lives and witness of those who died while waiting for justice, peace, or healing, those whose names we know and those whose names are known only to you. Especially Andrew, Apostle, Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia and John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, and the church commemorates this week.<sup>1</sup> Sustain all who still yearn for the completion of your redeeming work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Sharing of Peace**

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<sup>1</sup> **Andrew, Apostle. Monday, November 30, 2020**

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

**Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552. Thursday, December 3, 2020**

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

**John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749. Friday, December 4, 2020**

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.

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**Offering**  
**Offertory**                                    **“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”**                                    **#247**  
**Offertory Prayer**

**Blessing**  
**Closing Hymn**                               **“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”**                                    **#244**  
**Dismissal**

**Prayer Concerns:** Thelma, Esther, Kathrine-Sylvia, Abber, Jazel, 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

Because several of you received the Holy Communion smashed in the mail, **the church office will stop mailing the Holy Communion.** So, you have two options: either to pick up your Holy Communion from church or to call the church office asking or it to be sent it to you.

**Sunday 29, 2020 at 10:00 am:** Zoom Adult Forum for Advent season. We will study Radical Reconciliation: Beyond Political Pietism and Christian by Allan Boesak and Curtiss Paul DeYoung. Pastor Sarras will send you zoom link. You simply click on zoom link to join the meeting.

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.

**We are looking for 1 item for ILC:** A 24" or 30" circular rug for the Gathering room to go under the plant as watering has caused a stain in the carpeting, if you have one you could donate.

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

● **Mitten Tree:** The Mitten Tree is set up. 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, December 2, 2020:** Digital Advent Service.

● **In-Person Worship Service has been suspended until further notice.** 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 11AM Sunday, 5:45 PM Tuesday & 9:15 AM Thursday or online: Wausau Area Access Media: [waam.viebit.com](http://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.