



Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Sunday, December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent
Year C

Please welcome Pastor Tryphine Schrupa as she leads us in Worship with Holy Communion today.



Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: we confess that we have sinned.

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

P: God of might,

C: we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

P: God in our midst,

C: we confess that we have sinned.

We plead: come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through † Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.
Amen.

Lighting of the 1st Candle. The first purple candle represents the Hope of Jesus coming.

Hymn **“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”** **#240 vs. 1**

Gathering Hymn **“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”** **#242**

Greeting: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:14).

C: And also, with you.

Canticle of Praise **Glory to God in the Highest** **pg. 139**

Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

R: Please read responsively to Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

² **My 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.

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

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.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting. R**

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

⁸ **You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹ You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

R: Word of God. Word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you

unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Tryphine Schrub

Silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

#436

Please stand if able.

Apostles’ Creed

See the yellow sheet in the back of your hymnal.

Please be seated for the Prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Read by our Lector today:

Vern Diestlehorst

Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

After “Lord, in your mercy,”, please respond with “receive our prayer.”

A brief silence.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: I invite you to share the Peace however you feel comfortable.

Offertory Hymn

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

#247

The usher will bring up the offering plate, bread, and wine.

Please stand if able.

Offering Prayer

P: Creator God,
you made the whole world,
even the farthest stars,
and you draw near to feed us.
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.
Strengthen us with this food
that we may live in expectation
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Holy Communion

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Pastor Tryphine Schruba

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

All are welcome at the Lord's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine, that is his body and blood are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. If you do not wish to receive communion but wish to receive a blessing, please come forward during the distribution of communion. If you are unable to come forward during distribution and wish to receive communion, please let the usher know and the pastor will come to your seat.

Invitation to Communion

God feeds us with tender mercy.
Come to the table.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

“Christ, Be Our Light”

#715

Blessing after Communion

P: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Prayer after Communion

Generous God,
we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.
We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.

Amen.

Blessing

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,

✝ bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“People, Look East”

#248

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 11/24/2024: 33

Prayer Concerns: Please keep Judi McGill in your prayers for current medical condition. (For updates, please contact the ILC Office)

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Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Pastor Elijah Lekwate. Email for Justice Pule: pulejustice74@gmail.com

Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

Serving us Today

Leader: Pastor Tryphine Schrubba

Organist/Pianist: Karen Z

Reader: Vern Diestelhorst

Usher: Bruce Knox

Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, Pattie Bricko and Holly Westaby

Welcome to Immanuel! We've been waiting for you! If you are interested in becoming a member here, please stop and pick up one of our Welcome packets on the table in the Narthex. We are eager to know you and we're excited to share with you the marvelous ways God is working in our church.



The ELCA Good Gifts tree is set up in the Gathering Room. ELCA Good Gifts are a creative, meaningful way to support the ministries of the ELCA that mean the most to you and your loved ones. How does it work? Simply choose your gift from the tree located in the Gathering Room. Browse and choose the gifts that mean the most to you or choose gifts to give in honor of friends and loved ones. Make your check payable to ELCA Good Gifts, write your gift(s) on the memo line of your check, and put

in the offering plate.

Immanuel: Open for Business...(God's Business)



If you haven't returned your stewardship "estimate of giving 2025" card, it's time to get down to business, your stewardship business, and turn it in. There is still time. Your cooperation is appreciated! It is a great help to the church council in planning the 2025 budget. Thank you to all of you who have turned their cards in. Your stewardship committee: *Rick Lohr, Jim Stolen, Neil Minson, Doug Helling, and Bruce Knox*

Thursday, December 5, 2024, 9am. Pilgrim Day of Prayer. 9:00am-6:30pm. The church will be open for prayer in the church sanctuary, where there will be soft lighting and contemplative music. Pilgrim Lutheran

Church is located at 709 Weston Avenue, Wausau, WI 54403. Immanuel Lutheran Church members are invited to attend.

Christmas Carol Sing-along will be held **Saturday, December 7, 2024, 2pm** in the Sanctuary at Pilgrim Lutheran Church at 709 Weston Avenue, Wausau, WI 54403. Light refreshments will follow.

December 8, 2024, 9am: Christmas Cantata, Love at St Stephen Lutheran Church, 512 McClellan St., Wausau, WI 54403. Our own Joanne Diestelhorst will be participating.

The Appleton Conference is hosting a special viewing of Bonhoeffer (PG-13, 2hrs, 12m). **Sunday, December 8, 2024.** Doors Open at 12:30pm | Movie at 1pm. Hollywood Marcus Theater | 513 N Westhill Blvd, Appleton, WI 54914. \$10 includes popcorn and drink.
Registration: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/9332611>

Wausau Lyric Choir and Wausau Pro Musica proudly presents **Tidings of Comfort and Joy**. Our own **Karen Zuidema** is the Director/Wausau Pro Musica. This event will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 406 Grand Street, Wausau, WI on **Friday December 13, 2024, at 7:30pm and Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 3:00pm**. In lieu of tickets, a free will donation would be greatly appreciated.

December 15, 2024, 9am: Christmas Cantata, Love at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 709 Weston Ave, Wausau, WI 54403. Our own Joanne Diestelhorst will be participating.



Blue Christmas Service, Monday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. A prayerfully cultivated service for those who have lost loved ones, for those who find the holidays to be a lonely time and for those who would like to spend more time in prayer. This service will have candle lighting, music, prayers, and a sermon. All are welcome. Here is the address: St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5304 N 44th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401.

The next **Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting** is to be determined.

Join us at Immanuel Lutheran Church on December 24, 2024, at 4:00 PM for a special Christmas Eve Service! Celebrate the birth of our Savior with a beautiful worship experience featuring the Hand Bell Choir Ensemble. There will be cookies and coffee afterwards. All are welcome – bring family and friends to share in the joy and peace of this holy night.

We have been invited to the following Christmas Services:

- **December 25, 2024**, Combined Christmas Day Service (10am) at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 930 Edgewood Rd, Wausau, WI 54403
- **December 25, 2024**, Christmas Day Service (9am) at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 709 Weston Ave, Wausau, WI 54403

Immanuel Lutheran Church was mentioned at the Wausau School District Board Meeting that started at 5pm on November 11, 2024. On their agenda was thanking various groups in our community for different types of donations. Thank you Immanuel Lutheran Church members who donated to the Coats for Kids Campaign. You can view the meeting online here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/dND0RzivI3g?si=RqY6yERhZpeoKPHc&t=717>

Immanuel Lutheran Church will be adopting a family or two for Christmas. Signup sheets and tags will be in the gathering room. Please sign up with a tag from a table. The wishes are on the tag. Please bring in an **unwrapped** gift or monetary donation. If you have any questions, please ask Shauna or Holly. Please return the gifts by no later than **Sunday, December 8, 2024**.

Now in its 25th year, the toy drive, “Kids Kount” has begun. Gifts are donated to children who have a parent in the Marathon County Jail over the Christmas season. In addition to toy donations, volunteers are needed to help with toy distribution, wrapping presents, and more. If interested, please contact Sharon of Greater Wausau Christian Services at (715) 842-5635.

Food Pantry Donations

The Neighbors' Place welcomes donations for their food pantry. They are especially in need of toilet paper, shampoo, lotion, laundry soap, dish soap, juice, beef stew, mayo, cookies, canned fruit, and sugar. If you would like to donate non-perishable foods or basic supplies, you may place them on the black cart next to the pew near the Gathering Room and they will be delivered to the Neighbors' Place.

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.



There will be signs in the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars.

LUKE 21:25