



You will
receive *power*
when the Holy
Spirit has
come upon you.

ACTS 1:8

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year C



Please welcome Pastor Maggie Westaby as she leads us in Worship today.

Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

Please stand if able.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ☩ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism (by Reverend Maggie Westaby)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
saturated with God's grace and forgiveness, let us give thanks.

Creator God, fountain of living water,
your love flows through water, sustaining life in all communities,
nourishing and delighting all creatures of the earth.

We give thanks for your gift of water. Water that has been around since life began, when the Spirit hovered over the face of the deep.

Water that Christ was baptized into,
reconciling all of creation into you—Holy God Triune.

For water and Word at our baptisms, and for water and Word at
Andrew's baptism.

We give thanks for water that comes from the sky,
water that falls as delicate snowflakes,
deep in winter, sustaining our earth with a blanket of snow,
a reminder of your grace.

We give thanks for water that floats in the sky,
where clouds embrace wind, sunlight, and the pull of gravity.

We give thanks for water that saturates all the earth,
down to intricate places like the midnight zone of the ocean,
where bioluminescent life thrives in the darkness.

For your promises show up in the most intricate of places,
in water that forms glaciers, rainbows, and carves rocks.
For you, O Creator are in the midst of all things.

As we confirm and affirm faith bound to our baptismal water and Word,
we ask that you continue to guide us, and nourish us with your life-giving
water that gushes up to eternal life.

Shower us with your Holy Spirit, drench us in your love, and immerse us
with your grace. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Bell Choir

“Shine Jesus Shine”

Please stand if able.

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

“This is the Feast”

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Prayer of the Day

P: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Pattie Bricko

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating

customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

Psalm: Psalm 97

Pattie Bricko

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous. (Ps. 97:12)

¹ The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

² **Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,**
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God’s throne.

³ Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,
burning up enemies on | every side.

⁴ **Lightnings light | up the world;**

the earth | sees and trembles.

⁵ The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.

⁶ **The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,
and all the peoples | see your glory. R**

⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false
gods!

Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.

⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,
because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.**

⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

¹⁰ **You who love the | LORD, hate evil!**

**God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the
hand | of the wicked.**

¹¹ Light dawns | for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.

¹² **Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's | holy name. R**

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 Pattie Bricko

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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: John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God’s mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

#655

Affirmation of Baptism

Those present may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we come before God with Andrew Kallio as he makes affirmation of his baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Andrew Kallio's Faith Statement

Throughout my life I have come a long way with my faith. During this journey there have been many people there to help guide me. I have learned many things during this time, one of my favorites being to always pray to God. It goes along with one of my favorite Bible verses. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in

Christ Jesus for you.” Knowing this gives me a sense of comfort and peace. It lets me know that someone will always be there for me, I will always have someone to talk to, and someone to help me.

When I was younger, I wondered who Jesus was and why He was so important. But as I got older, I figured it out. Jesus was an amazing person who lived a sinless, perfect life, was crucified, died, rose on the third day, and ascended into heaven. He did this so that all of our sins would be forgiven and so we could all have the gift of being with Him in paradise. In 1 Corinthians 15:3 it states, “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.”

Whenever someone asks me a question about their faith, it always brightens up my day because it gives me a chance to share the good news and tell them that it will all be ok if you just trust in God.

Now someone who I haven’t been taught much about is the Holy Spirit. I have always wondered what it did or who it was. I have come to figure out that the Holy Spirit is the one who performs miracles or the one who gives people signs. Almost like how a messenger delivers a message.

When someone passes away, I believe that as long as you repent of your sins and believe in God the Father, your sins will be forgiven, and you will enter the kingdom of heaven which is a place of peace. In Romans 10:9 the verse says, “If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Together God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit make up the Holy Trinity, the three in one.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Profession of Faith

I present Andrew Kallio, who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism. I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmand: I renounce them.

Andrew, and all gathered here today, do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Affirmation

Andrew, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support Andrew in Christ and pray for him in his life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Andrew's family, sponsors, and friends may join him at the front of the church. The leader prays for God's blessing.

Let us rejoice with Andrew in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Gathering Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

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Please stand if able.

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.

Please be seated for the Prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Read by our Lector today:

Pastor Karoline Schwantes

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

After “Hear us, O God,” please respond with “Your mercy is great.”

A brief silence.

Offertory Hymn

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

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

Please stand if able.

Offering Prayer

P: Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,

breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

Holy Communion

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The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

Pastor Maggie Westaby

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

Please be seated.

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

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**Lamb of God
Communion Hymn**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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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

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

Blessing

May God bless you, and lay loving hands upon you.
May Christ be your truth, and be the rock upon which you stand.
May the Spirit burn bright in you, and bring joy to your heart.
And may the Holy Trinity ✠ renew your freedom, bringing forth growth,
inspiration, and curiosity in all that you are. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

#650

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Attendance on 5/25/2025: 33

Prayer Concerns: Joan Bonstead, Judi McGill and Bob Henning for medical challenges. Joan Winterhoff, Karen Spoehrs. (For updates, please contact the ILC Office)

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

Serving us Today

Leader: Pastor Maggie Westaby

Organist/Pianist: Delores K.

Readers: Pattie Bricko and Pastor Karoline
Schwantes

Usher: Mike Schwede

Video Recorder: Bob Henning

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

A note from Shauna:

WMC Shelter – Wausau PD. the WMC shelter is being run by the Wausau PD as a temporary shelter. I am looking for volunteers for the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month if they are interested in helping. No experience necessary just need to be 18yr old. If it's their first time volunteering please arrive by 5:40pm for a tour and assignment otherwise 5:45-9pm the shelter needs volunteers. I am a Team Lead every Monday and Thursday. Please let me know if you have questions.

We need a few supplies as well at the shelter if someone has items to donate I will pick up. We are looking for new socks/underwear of all sizes for men (boxers preferred) and women, creamer, sugar, lotion, men's/women's body wash, shampoo/conditioner, hairbrushes/combs, breakfast bars such as pop tarts or Nutri grain bars not something hard/chewy.