



Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church
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<http://www.immanuelwausau.org>
Sunday, November 24, 2024
Christ the King,
Lectionary 34, Year B

Please welcome Kathy Robinson as she
leads us in Worship today.



Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

Please stand if able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.
Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.

Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are † forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”** **#855**

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.

Kyrie **Have Mercy On Us Lord** **pg. 203**

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,

and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

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

Psalm: Psalm 93

R: Please read responsively to Psalm 93

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and
armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their
voice;

the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers
| of the sea,**

mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. **R**

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 18:33-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What

have you done?”³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Pulpit Hymn

“Beautiful Savior”

#838

Message

Kathy Robinson

Silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

“Rejoice, for Christ is King!”

#430

Please stand if able.

Apostles’ Creed See the yellow sheet in the back of your hymnal.

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:

Joanne Diestelhorst

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

After “Merciful God,” please respond with “receive our prayer.”

A brief silence.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Hymn **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** **#733**
The usher will bring up the offering plate.

Please stand if able.

Offering Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.

Amen.

Blessing

The Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn **“Lift High the Cross”** **#660**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ..
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 11/17/2024: 31

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: Kathy Robinson

Organist/Pianist: Karen Z

Reader: Joanne Diestelhorst

Usher: Dan Westaby

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 deadline for articles and items for the December 2024 Newsletter is **November 27, 2024.**



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.

Draft Contribution Statements will be printed by **December 1, 2024** for your review. If there are any corrections or additions to be made, please contact the Church Office by **December 19, 2024**.

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*

From the Church Office... The following devotional is now available: Large and small print Christ in Our Home and large print Portals of Prayer for January, February and March 2025.

Join us today, **November 24, 2024**, after the service as we come together to decorate the church for Advent! We need helping hands to create a warm, inviting space for this special season. Everyone is welcome, and there will be a pizza party afterwards.

Tuesday, November 26, 2024. The Immanuel Lutheran Church congregation has been invited to The Spirit of Thanksgiving at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 709 Weston Avenue, Wausau, WI 54403. There will be a Fellowship Meal at 5:30pm and a Service of Gratitude at 6:30pm.

Thursday, November 28, 2024. Thanksgiving Day – Church Office is closed.

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** will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6pm.

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.



**MY KINGDOM
IS NOT FROM THIS WORLD**

JOHN 18:36