

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year C



Please welcome Deacon Everett Schmidt as he leads us in Worship today.

Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

Please stand if able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate One,

C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion

you have shown to us.
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.
We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn **“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”** **#332**

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”** **#140**

Prayer of the Day

P: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through 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: Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

- ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

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

Psalm: Psalm 126

R: Please read responsively to Psalm 126

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

¹ When the LORD restored the for-¹ tunes of Zion,
then were we like¹ those who dream.

² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue
with¹ shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done
great¹ things for them.”**

³ The LORD has done great¹ things for us,
and we are¹ glad indeed.

⁴ **Restore our for-¹ tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses¹ of the Negeb. R**

⁵ Those who¹ sowed with tears
will reap with¹ songs of joy.

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carry-¹ ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder-¹ ing their sheaves. R**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like

him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

“Return To The Lord”

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Gospel: John 12:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary’s extravagant act of anointing Jesus’ feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

#583

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:

Al Solomonson

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

After “God, in your mercy,” please respond with “hear our prayer.”

A brief silence.

Offertory Hymn

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

#186

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

Please stand if able.

Offering Prayer

P: Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,

through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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.

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

“In the Singing”

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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

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

#833

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 3/30/2025: 26

Prayer Concerns: Joan Bonstead, Judi McGill and Bob Henning for medical challenges. Leora Mitchell, Joan Winterhoff, Karen Spoehrs. (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: Deacon Everett Schmidt

Organist/Pianist: Delores K.

Reader: Al Solomonson

Usher: Bruce Knox

Video Recorder: Bob Henning

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



**EASTER
SERVICES**

**St. John Lutheran Church, 5304 44th
Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401**

- **Lenten Dinners at 5pm** (Every Wednesday in Lent – excluding Holy Week) March 5, 2025 – April 9, 2025
- **Lenten Services at 6:30pm** (Starting with Ash Wednesday March 5, 2025 – April 9, 2025)

Holy Week

- **Thursday, April 17 at 6:30** - Maundy Thursday Service
- **Friday, April 18 at 6:30** - Good Friday Service
- **Easter Sunday, April 20 - Services at 8:00 and 10:30, breakfast at 9:00**

**Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, 150202 County Rd NN
Wausau, WI 54401**

- **Lent** will begin with Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, when we will mark the beginning of the 40 days of Lent together. Pr. Rich Block will preside over these services at 12:15 and 6:15 pm with the Handbell Choir playing at 6:15 pm.
- **Lenten Soup Supper.** Wednesdays 1-6 pm | **March 9-April 9** in Fellowship Hall. It is time once again to share in fellowship and soup supper. There will be 3 soup varieties each week along with a vegetarian option. The weekly “Network” will list the soups for the upcoming Wednesday. Please join us after the noon Lenten service or before the evening Lenten service. All are welcome.

**First English Lutheran Church, 402 N 3rd Avenue
Wausau, WI. 54401**

- **Lenten Services:** Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., beginning March 5, 2025
- **Maundy Thursday:** 6:00 p.m. with Holy Communion
- **Palm Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.
- **Good Friday:** 1:15 p.m.

- **Easter Sunday:** 2 services, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

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.

Food Pantry Donations for the Neighbors’ Place

Place your items on the black cart next to the pew near the Gathering Room and they will be delivered to the Neighbors’ Place.

☛ The Marty Bus is in desperate need of blankets/sleeping bags, tarps and backpacks.

40 Days 40 Items

In observance of the Lenten Season, many people choose to “give up” something they enjoy as they enter a period of reflection. An alternative to or perhaps in addition to this observance is to “take on” something new.

You can collect an item for each day of Lent—40 days yields 40 much-needed items in our community for many organizations. You will make a profound impact on your community while you are reflecting on your life and making personal changes.

Please consider contributing the following shelf stable food to your local food bank, clothing or hygiene items to those that need it. You can bring these items to church and place them in the appropriate donation location, and we will sort and distribute at the end. Items collected will then be distributed amongst Neighbors Place, The Marty Bus, Women’s Community and Community Clothing Closet.

1. Peanut Butter
2. Socks
3. Canned Meal with Pop Tops
4. Canned Chicken/Tuna
5. Pasta
6. Spaghetti Sauce
7. Cereal
8. T-Shirts
9. Canned Vegetables
10. Canned Fruit
11. Oatmeal
12. Applesauce
13. Pants
14. Spices/Sauces
15. Jelly
16. Juice/Juice Boxes
17. Flour, Sugar or Oil
18. Sweatshirts
19. Side Dishes
20. Soup
21. Popcorn/ Snacks
22. Hamburger Helper
23. New Tarps
24. Baked Beans
25. Granola Bars/Protein Bars/Pop Tarts
26. Water
27. Laundry Soap
28. Toilet Paper
29. New Underwear/Boxers
30. Instant Mashed Potatoes
31. Microwave Meals
32. Crackers [i.e. Saltine or “Ritz”]
33. Cake Mix with Frosting
34. Walking Shoes without holes
35. Individual Drink Mixes ex. Propel
36. Tooth brush/Toothpaste
37. Paper Towel
38. Bath Soap
39. Shampoo/Conditioner
40. Deodorant

Please bring your donations to any of the following four church locations: St. Stephens, Good Shepherd, Pilgrim, or Immanuel Lutheran Church. If you have questions feel free to reach out to Shauna Robinson, 608-514-4504, nutband@gmail.com