



*“Your God will come.”*

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## Order of Service – Service of the Word (p. 38)

### *Opening Hymn*

#226: To Your Temple I Draw Near

(The congregation may rise for the final verse of the hymn.)

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

### *Confession of Sins*

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

## **Prayer and Praise**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

### ***Hymn***

#236: All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

### ***Prayer of the Day***

M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **The Word**

***Psalm 146*** (p. 120)

### **Epistle Lesson – James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup>Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup>Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup>For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup>For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup>But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. <sup>26</sup>If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

# Confessional Reading – The Large Catechism

*The Small and Large Catechisms (1529) were written by Luther to help teach the faith in a simple way for people of all ages. We still use Luther's Catechisms to teach the Christian faith today!*

*As we pray for the kingdom of God, we pray that he bless us as members of his spiritual kingdom on earth—the Church—and that he bring us into his heavenly kingdom at the end.*

## Large Catechism, III: The First Petition

“Thy kingdom come” ... This we ask, both in order that we who have accepted it may remain faithful and grow daily in it and in order that it may gain recognition and followers among other people and advance with power throughout the world. So we pray that, led by the Holy Spirit, many may come into the kingdom of grace and become partakers of salvation, so that we may all remain together eternally in this kingdom which has now made its appearance among us. God’s kingdom comes to us in two ways: first, it comes here, in time, through the Word and faith, and secondly, in eternity, it comes through the final revelation. Now, we pray for both of these, that it may come to those who are not yet in it, and that it may come by daily growth here and in eternal life hereafter to us who have attained it.

## Gospel Lesson – Mark 7:31-37

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## ***Hymn of the Day***

#353: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

### ***Sermon:***

**“Your God will come.”**

### **Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 35:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

### ***Apostles’ Creed***

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving**

#### ***Offering***

*If you are a guest visiting us this morning, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. We understand that you may want to know more about our ministry before supporting it with your gifts. If, however, you desire to give, you are welcome to do so.*

*During the gathering of the offering, please sign the friendship register located in your pew.*

## ***Installation of Sunday School Teachers***

M: Dear friends in Christ, you have been called as teachers in the Sunday school of this congregation. You are doing the work the Lord has committed to his Church: to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to make disciples of all nations, and to feed the lambs of the Lord Jesus. You do this work on behalf of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church and in association with the parents who entrust their children to your instruction and care.

Your work is both a great privilege and a serious responsibility. To equip yourselves for this blessed work, it is necessary that you faithfully study God's Word, devote yourselves to prayer for those entrusted to your care, and carefully prepare for the lessons you will teach. It is also of great importance in the teaching of the Savior's little ones that you set an example by leading Christian lives.

### **Promise**

M: I now ask you in the presence of God and this congregation: Are you willing to accept this responsibility and to do your work faithfully, according to the ability God has given you? If so, answer: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

### **Installation**

M: I now install you as teachers in the Sunday school of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*The minister shakes the hands of those being installed, addressing each by name.*

May God grant you his Holy Spirit and give you wisdom and strength to carry out your duties to his glory and for the good of his children.

### **Exhortation to the Congregation**

M: Members of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, I urge you to regard these teachers as servants of Jesus Christ, teachers of the gospel, and God's gifts to his Church. Support them in their work, pray for them, and bring your children to Sunday school so that you and your families may receive the eternal blessings the Lord promises to those who hear and learn his Word.

### **Prayer**

M: Let us pray.

Gracious Savior, you bless every effort to bring children up in the Christian faith. We ask you to give wisdom, kindness, and perseverance to teachers who feed your lambs. Teach them your truth so that they may teach others. Cause the children entrusted to their care to be eager to learn about their Savior. May your goodness go out into all the earth so that people in this community and everywhere may hear it and believe it, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

M: Go in the peace of the Lord.

May the almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

### ***Lord's Prayer***

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### ***Collect***

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### ***Benediction***

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### ***Closing Hymn***

#332: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

# *Announcements*

## **Lifetouch Church Directory**

Sign up for your photography session today before or after the service!

## **Bible Class**

Today we continue our study of Martin Luther. All are welcome to join us!

## **Sunday School Teacher Meeting**

September 16 following worship

## **Save the Date!**

The LWMS Fall Rally is October 13, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Our Savior's in Wausau (lunch provided).

Join us to learn more about how the Gospel is being shared in different ways around the world.

Registration is only \$3 at the door. If you need childcare, please RSVP Our Savior's at (715) 845-3253.

## **OWLS Meeting**

Our next meeting which includes a tour of the Marathon County Historical Society (MCHS) is on Tuesday, September 11. We will meet at Our Saviors at 1:30 p.m. and car pool from church to the Historical Society - Woodson History Center, 410 McIndoe St, Wausau. We will get to see displays of the industries and events that make up the history of Marathon County. Following our tour we will return to Our Saviors for treats and our monthly meeting. If you have questions or need additional information please call Ruth at (715) 241-8879.

## **NLHS 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service**

God has blessed Northland Lutheran High School with 40 years of his amazing grace. We invite you to celebrate with us during a special service on October 14 at 3:00 p.m.