

Our Church's Anniversary



Sunday, May 31st 2026
160th Anniversary & Holy Trinity Sunday
9:00 a.m.

St. John Immanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who was faithful to those who came before us, who is present with us this day, and who leads us into the future with hope.

Amen.

For those who built this church, the previous St. John churches, and Immanuel—

We give thanks.

For those who worship today—

We give thanks.

For those yet to come—

We entrust them to God.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Gathered as God's people across generations, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Gracious God, you have been our dwelling place through every generation, and your faithfulness has carried this congregation through one hundred and sixty years. We give thanks for those who came before us: for founders and builders, teachers and pastors, musicians and servants, for all who passed on their faith. Yet we confess that we have not always honored their witness. We have sometimes treasured buildings more than mission, memories more than ministry, and comfort more than your calling. Forgive us for the times we have fallen short. Prepare us for what is yet to come. Open our hearts and give us courage to plant seeds we may never see grow. And help us to trust that your Spirit is already at work. Amen.

Siblings in Christ, hear the good news: The God who was with our ancestors, who gathers us today, and who goes before us into the future, is rich in mercy. In Jesus † Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are freed from the weight of yesterday, strengthened for the work of today, and sent forward in hope for tomorrow.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore,
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGEL, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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TEMPLE TALKS: *Remembering Our Past*

Al Solomonson (*History of Immanuel*)

Ginny Kirsch (*History of St. John*)

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died,
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song,
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

FROM PAST TO PRESENT

We are part of a story larger than ourselves—received from those who came before us, lived by those gathered here today, and entrusted to those yet to come. Much has changed over the years. Generations have come and gone. Buildings have been built and renewed. Communities have grown and changed. Ministries have begun, ended, and begun again. The church has lived through seasons of joy and seasons of challenge.

Yet through every chapter, Christ has remained faithful.

When the world changed, Christ remained our cornerstone and our one foundation.

When people came and went, Christ remained our shepherd.

When the future seemed uncertain, Christ remained our hope. Yesterday, today, and forever, Jesus Christ is the same—a light that has guided every generation—

A light that no darkness can overcome.

A light that shines among us today.

SPECIAL MUSIC *St. John Immanuel Bell Choir*

Shine Jesus Shine

RECOGNITION OF OUR CURRENT MINISTRIES

Acolytes

Adult Study

Altar Guild

Bell Choir

Bell Ringers

Book Club

Card Ministry (*Sunshine Cards & Sunday School Cards*)

Cemetery Association

Chair Yoga

Chili Supper & Raffle (*those who make the chili, donate food, set tables, serve, clean up, organize the raffle, donate to the raffle*)

Choir

Church Beautification Ministry (*those who tend to our outside flower gardens, those who change out the paraments, and seasonal decorations inside and out*)

Church Council (*President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Trustees, Worship, Evangelism, Fellowship, Education*)

Communion Assistants & Communion Basket Holders

Confirmation Teachers & Confirmation Students

Custodians & Spring Cleaning/Bring Your Tracker To Church

Easter Breakfast (*those who cook, donate food, set tables, serve, clean up*)

Endowment Committee

Fellowship Helpers (*the ones who keep our tummies happy with treats, make coffee, clean up*)

Fellowship Presenters (*those who have shared presentations with us*)

Financial Secretary

Fundraising & Community Service (*volunteers/sponsors for Community Dinners, Marty Bus, Feed My Starving Children, General Fundraising*)

Funeral Helpers (*those who open the church, coordinate, those who make desserts, help serve, help with clean up*)

Greeters

Homebound Ministry (*those who bring communion, kids who color pictures*)

Ice Cream Social & BINGO (*those who donate food, set tables, serve, clean up, donate prizes*)

Lectors

Lenten Dinners (*those who prepare the dinners, donate food, set tables, clean up*)

Memorial Committee

Ministry Leaders (*lay and ordained – preside over worship & give temple talks*)

Offering Counters

Office Staff & Office Volunteers

Organists

Potlucks (*those who bring food, organize, set tables, clean up*)

Quilters (*and those who donate supplies*)

Scholarship Committee

Shepherd's Meal (*those who cook, donate food, set tables, serve, clean up*)

Sisterhood Ladies (*our annual December gathering*)

Special Music (*pianists, soloists, violinists, guitarists, other instrumentals*)

Sunday School Teachers & Sunday School Students

Tie Blanket Ministry

Ushers

VBS Volunteers

Videographers

Website Committee

Wedding Liaisons

160th Celebration (*everyone here today*)

PEACE

We are part of a story larger than ourselves—a story God has been writing across generations, gathering people into one body through Christ. In this story, peace is not only something we receive; it is something that we share. Rooted in the love of the Father, gathered through the grace of the Son, and sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are drawn into the life of the Holy Trinity and sent to bear God's peace into the world. May the peace of the Holy Trinity be with you always. **And also with you.**


PRAYER

Wondrous God,

We give thanks for the many gifts and for all the people of this congregation.

Continue to shine your light in all who are gathered here today and in generations yet to come. May your light always shine in our hearts and guide us through every darkness. **Amen.**

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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FROM PRESENT TO FUTURE

We are part of a story larger than ourselves—received from those who came before us, lived by those gathered here today, and entrusted to those yet to come.

Today we give thanks for the faith that lives among us now—for worship offered and prayers spoken, for hands that serve and hearts that welcome, for ministries shared and lives joined together in Christ. For all God has done among us and all God continues to do, we also look towards the future with hope. Because the church is not only what has been. The church is not only what is. The church is also what God is still creating.

The future is something we place into God’s hands.

It grows through seeds planted in faith, through stories told, through water poured at the font and bread shared at the table.

Faith is our gift to pass forward—through our hands, our hearts, our love.

The future of this congregation is already among us. It lives in us and in the children of this church.

THE LIGHT SHINES ON *read by Lainie Johnson*

We are the church of tomorrow.

But we are also the church today.

We will learn.

We will serve.

We will carry the story forward.

SPECIAL MUSIC *St. John Immanuel Sunday School*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Remember the first believers—who shared one heart and soul, held their possessions in common, and distributed them to all in need. In that same spirit, let us present our offerings to God.

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GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,

We offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (page 207)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

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 & ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table where *generations* meet. Here, we remember those who sat before us—whose prayers shaped this congregation, whose faith carried the gospel forward, whose hands built, served, and loved. Here, Christ meets us today—in bread broken and cup poured, in forgiveness given and community shared. Here, we look toward what is yet to come—to children learning faith, to voices not yet heard, to ministries not yet imagined. Here, at this table, the past is remembered, the present is renewed, and the future is entrusted to God. Here *all* are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD (page 154)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
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Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,

Through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Go now with gratitude for the saints who walked before you,
with joy for the people beside you, and with hope for those who will follow after.
For the story is not finished: Christ is still gathering, still calling, still shining.
Go in peace. Carry the story. Share the light.

For the future is already growing among us.

In the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son ✠, and Holy Spirit. One God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace and may the past, present, and future shine in your hearts.

Thanks be to God.

Welcome to all! Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones.

To those who are visiting: Welcome to St. John Immanuel and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex.

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday. All are welcome to Christ's Table.

Reminder! If you are in need of Pastoral care, or if you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like a visit from Pastor Maggie, please contact St. John Immanuel (715) 675-6950 **Food Basket**. Each week you are invited to bring **non-perishable grocery** items to be given to a local food pantry. Place your gift in the *Shopping Cart*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, June 1st at 6:30 p.m. the Book Club will discuss *There Are Rivers In The Sky* by Elif Shafak.

Sunday, June 7th at 10:15 a.m. Duluth Mission Trip Meeting All participants must attend. We will go over final logistics, packing lists, and do some team building.

Monday, June 8th at 6:30 p.m. the Adult Study will discuss Chapters 4 & 5 of Acts.

Sunday, June 14th Noisy offering! Bring your coins (bills also accepted 😊).

This noisy offering will go to: **Northcentral Technical College Food Pantry**. Noisy offering will be the 2nd Sunday of the month. Money will be donated quarterly.

VBS Week June 21st – 25th Please register on our website for the upcoming VBS week and prepare for an adventure through the Rainforest!

<https://stjohnwausau.org/education/vbs/>

Sunday, July 12th – Friday July 17th Mission Trip to Duluth, MN Youth Mission

****All proceeds from coffee hour will also go towards the Mission Trip to Duluth****

Feed My Starving Children: Wausau MobilePack - St. John Immanuel will again be an 'Event Partner' with FMSC's Wausau MobilePack in November 2026! This organization packs and delivers dehydrated meals of rice, soy, vegetables and vitamins to children and families all over the world. It's time to pledge how many meal packers we will be sending in November! Being an 'Event Partner' means we are covering the cost of the ingredients that each volunteer packs. Last year our St. John Immanuel team sponsored and sent 21 volunteers at \$60/packer! Can we send more volunteers in 2026?! The sponsor sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Questions? Email Kim Landwehr kamootz@gmail.com

Education Committee - We are looking for volunteers to join our Education Committee. If you are interested in helping lead the many facets of education here at St. John Immanuel and want to share your ideas this could be a good opportunity for you! We will be looking to have quarterly meetings to start with and activities throughout the year to help with. If interested, please email, call or talk with **Greg Grudznske** in person at: gregorynlinda@gmail.com or 715-212-6529

Do you like Texas Roadhouse? Enjoy a meal on a Sunday and earn money back to St. John Immanuel! Bring our church bulletin, turn it into your server, and St. John Immanuel will receive 10% back from your food sales!

Kwik Trip Gift Cards Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall or on our website! Help support St. John Immanuel with Kwik Trip gift cards!

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Coming This Week @ St. John Immanuel May 31st – June 7th

Today – Sunday, May 31st

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

11:15 a.m. ****Coffee Hour/160th St. John Immanuel Anniversary Celebration**

Monday, June 1st

6:30 p.m. Book Club – “There Are Rivers In The Sky” by Elif Shafak

Thursday, June 4th

Synod Assembly – Oshkosh

Friday, June 5th

Synod Assembly – Oshkosh

Saturday, June 6th

Synod Assembly – Oshkosh

Sunday, June 7th

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. ****Coffee Hour/Duluth Mission Trip Meeting**

**** Note All proceeds from coffee hour will go towards the youth Mission trip to Duluth.**

With grateful hearts, we give thanks to all who helped make this 160th Anniversary celebration possible—those who planned, prepared, served, decorated, led worship, shared music, offered hospitality, and gathered with us in joy. We also give thanks for the generations who came before us, whose faith, labor, and witness built the foundation on which we stand today. As we celebrate our past, we look with hope toward the future, trusting that God who has been faithful through these 160 years will continue to guide and bless the ministry yet to come.

