

A reading from Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 1

A reading from First Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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The gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your  
consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



“I know what it is to have little,  
and I know what it is to have  
plenty.

In any and all circumstances  
I have learned the secret of  
being well-fed and of going  
hungry,  
of having plenty and of being  
in need.

I can do all things through  
Christ who strengthens me.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:12-13



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*Sunday*  
**February 17, 2019**  
**8:00 + 9:30 am**

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## GATHERED TO WORSHIP

Setting 3: Pgs. 138-146

### GATHERING

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*(Inside back of hymnal)*

**Gathering Song** **No. 322**  
*“Oh, Love, How Deep”*

**Apostolic Greeting**

**Canticle of Praise** *p. 139*  
*“Glory to God”*

**Prayer of the Day**

**Children’s Sermon 9:30 am**

**Chancel Choir** *“Prayer of Devotion”*

### WORD

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

**Gospel Acclamation** *p. 142*

Luke 6:17-26

**Sermon**

**Hymn** **No. 728**  
*“Blest Are They”*

**Apostle’s Creed**

*(Inside back of hymnal)*

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Peace**

### MEAL

**Offering**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Great Thanksgiving** *p. 144*

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *p. 144*

**Lord’s Prayer** *p. 145*

**Lamb of God** *p. 146*

**Communion Distribution**

**Distribution Hymns** **No. 714**

*“O God of Mercy, God of Light”*

**No. 474**

*“Bread of Life from Heaven”*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

### SENDING

**Blessing**

**Sending Song** **No. 874**  
*“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”*

**Dismissal**

## SENT TO SERVE

## WELCOME

### Visiting Today

If you are visiting today, thank you. If you wish, please fill out a "Visitor Card" located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

### Holy Communion

All are welcome. Distribution is by intinction, taking a piece of bread, dip it in the wine, and receive both elements at once. There is a gluten-free/grape juice option available near the baptismal font.

**Offerings** are part of worship and an important part of sharing in the life of Saint Andrew. Scripture teaches us to be "first fruits" givers and to do so with glad and generous hearts. Thank you for all who contribute and thereby share in the work of Christ's church.

### Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Julie Spalding in memory of Jim Oemichen.

### Noisy Offering

A noisy offering will be received today in support of the youth participating in the summer mission trip through ASP.

### Fair Trade Products

Fair Trade products will be available for purchase today. Your purchase helps small landholder farmers in developing countries bring hope and help to their families.

### Constitution Reading Sessions

#### **Today and Sunday February 24, 10:45 am**

Visit with members of council in the Parish Room regarding amendments and updates of the Saint Andrew Constitution to be voted upon at our next congregational

meeting. Find a link to the Constitution under the "About" tab on the SALC website: [salc-wausau.org](http://salc-wausau.org).

### Paint Pouring Workshop

#### **Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30 pm**

Learn how to create a beautiful acrylic paint pouring artwork. This workshop is sponsored by the Fellowship Ministry and will take place in the Activity Room—cost is \$15. Price includes step by step instructions and all supplies needed. Minimum age is 11 years old. Sign up at the Information Desk in the Narthex or call the church office by February 15. (Limited to 20 people)

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

#### **Tuesday, March 5, 5:00-6:30 pm**

Come for a "feast before the fast" Pancake Supper where you can eat all you want before the season of Lent begins! Various kinds of pancakes, sausage and beverages will be served. A pull-tag board is available at the Information Desk with needed items. A free-will donation will be received in support of the youth mission trip this summer through ASP.



### Current Food Pantry Needs

The Saint Andrew food pantry currently needs the following items:

catsup(24 oz), mustard(6 oz), mayo(32 oz), saltine crackers, pancake mix and syrup, canned soup(18 oz), jelly, 1# box spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce(24 oz) tomatoes-diced and whole cans and tomato sauce

Items can be dropped off in the baskets inside the building entrances. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK AT SALC

### Sunday, February 17

8:00 & 9:30 am **WORSHIP**  
9:40 am Sunday School Classes  
10:45 am **WORSHIP**  
10:45 am Constitution Reading Session (Parish Room)

### Monday, February 18

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen  
7:00 pm Dartball vs. St. Michael's

### Tuesday, February 19

9:00 am Reading Reflections  
10:00 am Quilting for LWR  
6:30 pm New Member Orientation  
6:30 pm Paint Pouring Event

### Wednesday, February 20

6:45 am Son Riser's Bible Study  
9:30 am Women's Lectionary Study  
10:00 am Men's Bible Study  
12:15 pm Women's Gather Study  
5:15 pm Handbell Choir  
6:15 pm 7th & 8th Grades Confirmation Classes  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 21

12:15 & 6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

### LENTEN THEME "Life In the Wilderness"

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

March 6  
12:15 pm & 6:15 pm

#### **MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP**

Wednesdays, March 6—April 10  
12:15 pm & 6:15 pm

#### **Soup & Sandwich Fellowship**

Wednesdays-Beginning March 13  
After 12:15 pm worship and before & after 6:15 pm worship

#### **Soup Menu - March 13**

Turkey Noodle - Taco  
Portuguese Bean

Soup pre-order forms for soup-to-go will be available on the Information Desk.

## WORSHIP WORD

A fundamental decision is placed before us this day: Will we choose the way of blessing or the way of woe? The death and resurrection of Jesus is the pivot on which the decision turns. In our Bible texts today we read about trees, shrubs, blessing and woes. The mystery of our faith points the path to life: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Luke's version of this sermon interestingly balances blessings with woes, the first a set of encouraging words for those in hard situations, the second a set of warnings for those who are comfortable. Jesus seems to value these conflicting ideas. This might lead us to ask how much woe is appropriate in today's context? Popular advice literature emphasizes the power of positive thinking. Neuroscience suggests that the human brain is already focused on the negative (as a survival mechanism), and so humans need to cultivate habits to focus the mind on the positive.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Gary Brandenburg
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Lectors	Eric Verber Shirley Bickford
Greeters	Tom & Karen Weidman Gary & Ruth Koch
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FEBRUARY 17, 2019  
SIXTH SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY

# taking<sup>+</sup> faith home

*To be blessed is to have joy and contentment.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 6:17-26	Sermon on the plain
Monday	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Trust in the Lord
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	The resurrection of the dead
Wednesday	Acts 13:26-34	Bring the good news
Thursday	Deuteronomy 28:1-14	Blessings for obedience
Friday	Matthew 5:1-11	The Sermon on the Mount
Saturday	Psalms 1	Blessed are the faithful
Sunday	Luke 6:27-38	Love for enemies

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is in the LORD.  
**Jeremiah 17:7 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, bless your people like a tree planted by water that bears fruit, even during dry seasons. Amen. (Psalm 1:3; Jeremiah 17:8)

### Mealtime Prayer:

As we eat this meal, may your word feed the soul and give joy and contentment to the heart. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with contentment, with joy, and with laughter through Christ Jesus our Lord. (Luke 6:20-22)



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## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Blessed Are They*



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## CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a time you felt very fortunate, very happy.
- Talk or think about a time you felt as though things were going badly for you.
- In the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:17-26), Jesus describes those who are experiencing difficulties as people who are blessed. How can this be?

## DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Luke 6:17-26.

We can hear ourselves and others describe our lives as blessed when something good happens to us. However, Jesus reverses this thinking in what is called the Sermon on the Plain. The poor, the hungry, those weeping, those hated because of the Son of Man will, in the future, receive riches, food, laughter, and joy. So confident is Jesus of this future that he calls them blessed now. The reverse is true for those who receive fortunes now. They are called cursed. Jesus presents a view of life with very different standards and rewards than most people value today. Psalm 1 and Jeremiah 17 do so as well. To trust the wisdom, the teachings of God, gives the blessed life, not human powers filled with deviousness (Jeremiah 17:9). Jesus, the psalmist, and Jeremiah honor a life that trusts God's word above all things. This gives a life more to be treasured than what one sees and experiences now. This is faith that blesses us with joy and contentment. Recall difficult times you have had or are now experiencing. Hear and believe Jesus' words read in this passage from Luke 6 that you, as a follower of Jesus, are blessed, no matter your circumstances.

*Pray:* The Lord's Prayer.

## SERVICE



In Luke 6, Jesus lifts up the poor, the hungry, and the grieving for a reason. These are the ones for whom the Bible shows God's preferential care. Be on the lookout for how you can show God's care for the poor, the hungry, and the grieving this week—and always. What can you do this week to care for those in need?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Blessing others is an ancient tradition, a way to speak of God's love and care for others. It often comes with a physical gesture. It is the act of a faith community that communicates God's word of peace and joy. That community can be a parent with a child or a pastor with a congregation. This week offer a blessing to another person, perhaps to a family member when they leave the house or go to bed, or to a friend when you depart from each other's company. When you do so, make the sign of the cross on that person's forehead as a reminder of God's baptismal promise.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)