

A reading from Genesis.

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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A reading from Second Timothy.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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The gospel according to Luke.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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LUKE 18:1



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*Sunday*  
**October 20, 2019**  
**8:00 + 9:30 am**

## GATHERED TO WORSHIP

*Setting 8: Pgs. 184-192*

### GATHERING

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*(Inside back of hymnal)*

**Gathering Song No. 765**  
*"Lord of All Hopefulness"*

**Greeting**

**Kyrie** p. 184

**Prayer of the Day**

**Reception of New Members 9:30 am**

**Children's Sermon 9:30 am**

### WORD

Genesis 32:22-31

**Chancel Choir** Psalm 121

*"I To the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes"*

2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

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**Gospel** Luke 18:1-8

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day No. 745**

*"Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright"*

**Apostle's Creed 8:00 am**

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**+Baptism 9:30 am** p. 227

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Peace**

### MEAL

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**Communion Distribution**

**Distribution Hymns No. 742**

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

**No. 767**

*"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"*

### SENDING

**Blessing**

**Sending Song No. 710**

*"Let Streams of Living Justice"*

**Dismissal**

## 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.

### The Worship Service

The bold "No." on the front of your bulletin are hymn numbers. The Psalm can be found by turning the hymnal to the side and looking for the stripe. The small numbers marked with a "p." are at the bottom of the page at the front of the hymnal.

### 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

Thank you for all who contribute and share in the work of Christ's church. Please place your offering in the offering plate.

### Noisy Offering

A noisy offering will be received today in support of the Wausau Warming Center.

### Baptisms Today—9:30 am

*Haley June*, daughter of Lucas and Samantha Mroczenski. Her sponsors are Thomas Mroczenski and Jennifer Stengle.

### Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Christina Bickford by her husband Brian and her mother Shirley Bickford; and by Terry and June Grabau in honor of their 27<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### New Members Received Today—9:30 am

#### **Sunday, October 20, 10:45 am**

Saint Andrew is blessed to have the following new members received into its faith family: Karen Lenzner; Kurt & Ericka

Moeller, Carter, Kennedy & Cooper; Scott & Ericka Schaefer, Morgan & Brooke; Brad & Kat Yanke. Please give them a warm welcome as you see them at worship and participating in the life of Saint Andrew!

### Fair Trade Products

Fair Trade products are available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall. Your purchase helps small landholder farmers in developing countries bring hope and help to their families.

### Thanksgiving Harvest

Bring your pumpkins, gourds, bittersweet, dried flowers, apples or other fall decorations to help complete the Thanksgiving altar display by **Monday, November 4**. A container is available in the Narthex for these items.

### Holiday Care Drive

In conjunction with Faith in Action, a Holiday Care Drive will take place now through **November 24**. Hygiene items as well as non-perishable foods will be collected to benefit local senior residents. A list of needed items and a box to receive them is available in the Fellowship Hall.

### Trunk or Treat at SALC!

#### **Sunday, October 27**



**3:30 pm**—Vehicle Set-Up



**4:00-6:00 pm**—Trunk or Treating

Sign up your vehicle at the Information Desk to be a part of Trunk or Treating. Candy donations are welcome and can be dropped off at the Information Desk.

### Confirmation Worship

#### **Sunday, October 27, 2:00 pm**

By the grace of God, after two years of faithful preparation, 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will affirm their baptism in worship on **Reformation Sunday**. Join us in giving thanks to God for the witness of these young people!

## THIS WEEK AT SALC

### Sunday, October 20

8:00 am **WORSHIP**

9:30 am **WORSHIP with Reception of New Members**

9:45 am Sunday School

9:30 am Adult Bible Study

### Monday, October 21

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

7:00 pm Dartball at St. Paul's

### Tuesday, October 22

9:00 am Reading Reflections

### Wednesday, October 23

(NO 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Conf. Classes Tonight)

6:45 am Son Riser's Bible Study

9:30 am Wonder? Women

Lectionary Bible Study

10:00 am Men's Bible Study

11:00 am Art Devo

5:15 pm Handbell Reh.

6:15 pm 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Conf. Reh./Pics.

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, October 24

12:15 pm **WORSHIP**

6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

7:00 pm Council Meeting

### **NEW! Holy Spirits, Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 pm at Timekeeper Distillery,**

720 Grant Street, Wausau. Spend an evening with the Holy Spirits—join us for an evening of fellowship and faith-based discussion. Partake in spirited conversation and signature spirits! No RSVP needed, just come. See Jenna with questions.

### **Financial Peace-LIVE!**

#### **Wednesday, November 20, 5:45 or 7:45 pm**

This is a 3-hour accelerated version of the 9-week Financial Peace University course previously offered at Saint Andrew. The cost is only \$9.99 and you watch it online at home. It is a great way to get a jump start to eliminate your debt and build

## WORSHIP WORD

Two characters step out of scripture today to teach us about persistence in prayer. One is named. Jacob is the devious brother who tricked his twin, Esau, out of his birthright and their father's blessing, and Jacob was himself duped on his wedding night by his father-in-law, Laban. The other character, unnamed, is a widow acquainted with grief, one among many marginalized and vulnerable people, but a woman who dares to stand her ground in her quest for justice. On the banks of the river Jabbok, Jacob wrestles with the angel and limps away with a blessing and a new identity. The unnamed widow repeatedly appeals for justice and finally is vindicated. Many have known persistent prayer as a kind of wrestling with God. Many have pleaded with God for justice and mercy. Today God's grace and mercy is known in the blessing of baptismal remembrance and our identity as beloved children of God.

## SERVING INWORSHIP

|             |                                                        |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Pastor      | Jenn Collins                                           |
| Pianist     | Joel Freiberg                                          |
| Ushers      | Weidman Team                                           |
| Lectors     | Lyn Weis                                               |
|             | Susan Paisar                                           |
| Greeters    | Tom & Deb Garton                                       |
|             | Tom & Mary Weiland                                     |
| Altar Guild | Mavis Bloom, Mary Wittich,<br>Mary Weiland & Ruth Koch |

wealth. For more information check out the Finance/Stewardship bulletin board.

### **"Christ In Our Home" Devotional**

The 2019 fourth quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotional is available in the Narthex. Please take a copy for your family.

### **Address Changes**

Has yours changed? Please complete a change of address card located on the Information Desk or call the church office.

OCTOBER 20, 2019  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*Faith pursues God's blessings.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

|           |                    |                                   |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Luke 18:1-8        | Parable of the persistent widow   |
| Monday    | Genesis 32:22-31   | God renames Jacob                 |
| Tuesday   | 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 | Paul's instruction to Timothy     |
| Wednesday | Genesis 14:17-24   | Abram blessed by Melchizedek      |
| Thursday  | Psalms 42          | Longing for God                   |
| Friday    | James 5:13-18      | Prayer of faith                   |
| Saturday  | Psalms 121         | Assurance of God's protection     |
| Sunday    | Luke 18:9-14       | A Pharisee and tax collector pray |

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." **Genesis 32:26 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of hope, give us strength to endure life's struggles and faith to pursue your justice and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord, in your name we drink and sup: teach us to pray and not give up. Help us to look to you this day and show our thanks in all we say. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord protect you from this time on and forevermore.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Lord Jesus, You Shall  
Be My Song*



### CARING CONVERSATIONS



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

- Think of something you are trying hard to accomplish. How do you go about it?
- When you see something that is unfair, do you expect God to fix it? Why or why not?
- Faith is a gift worth pursuing with all your heart. How do you explain this?

### DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Genesis 32:22-31.

This is an amazing story. The "man" who wrestled with Jacob was actually God (vv. 28, 30). Even more, God does not win the wrestling match, and that seems to be okay with God. God honors Jacob whose name means "trickster." The trickster had deceived his father Isaac to unfairly gain his older brother's inheritance and, more importantly, the blessing that goes from Abraham and Isaac and now to Jacob instead of Esau. Like the widow in Luke 18:1-8 who persistently bothers the unjust judge to get her justice, Jacob does whatever it takes to be blessed. And God so honors that determination that God gives Jacob a new name, Israel, which in this story means "you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed" (v. 28). Jacob and God's people will now be known as Israel, a term that commends the importance of wrestling with and being persistent for God's blessings. Yes, it is true that God is the more persistent one, but God wants us to pursue the divine blessing and pursue an active life of faith instead of a complacency that takes God's word and righteousness for granted. How do you pursue God in your daily life of faith? How do you wrestle with God?

*Pray:* **God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, thank you for honoring our wrestling with you as faithful followers, through Christ our Lord, amen.**

### SERVICE



Psalms 121:1 asks, "From where will my help come from?" The answer in the next verse is, "My help comes from the Lord." We are God's hands and feet in the world. When you see someone less fortunate or in need, where does their help come from? It, too, comes from the Lord with your help. Who in your life could use a helping hand? Take time to reach out to them through an act of kindness and tell them that the reason you are doing so is in response to God's loving presence in your life.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The theme this week is God's blessings. God blesses Jacob and King Melchizedek blessed Abram. The scripture readings also tell of the importance of prayer. In Luke 18:1, Jesus says to, "pray always and not lose heart." When done in the home regularly, prayers and blessings help us grow in our faith. Say a prayer at every meal and at bedtime this week as a reminder to pray always. Make it a practice to bless others this week by making the sign of the cross on foreheads or hands as people leave for work or school and say the words:  
**May the Lord protect you.**



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)**