



A reading from Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

PENTECOST 23



*"I will give you words
and a wisdom."*

*Members of Saint Andrew,
please sign-in and receive a ballot
in the Narthex.*

*Children are invited to begin
worship in the Chapel to watch a
video of the Christmas Program.
Participation this year is optional.
Children will proceed to Sunday
School from the Chapel led by
teachers after the vote takes
place.*



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*Sunday
November 17, 2019
9:30 am*

GATHERED TO WORSHIP

Setting 3: Pgs. 138-146

GATHERING

Greeting
Prayer of the Day

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Call to Order
Presentation of candidate for
Associate Pastor and vote by ballot
Chancel Choir *(during vote count)*
"Through the Legacy of Years"
Announcement of Vote
Adjourn Meeting
Hymn **v. 1, 5** **No. 731**
"Earth and All Stars!"

WORD

Isaiah 65:17-25
Gospel Acclamation *p. 142*
Gospel *Luke 21:5-19*
Sermon
Hymn of the Day **No. 723**
"Canticle of the Turning"
Prayers of Intercession
Peace

MEAL

Offering and 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. 574**
"Here I am, Lord"
No. 720
"We Are Called"

SENDING

Blessing
Sending Song **No. 452**
"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"
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.

Noisy Offering

A noisy offering will be received today in support of the SALC library.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Steve and Cheryl Benson in memory of Ivar, Lois, Vern and Gary; and by Dan and Lynn Holt in honor of their birthdays.

Christmas Program Leader Needed

Participation in our Children's Christmas Program will be optional. Students will be asked during Sunday school classes if they would like to participate. Practices will take place during Sunday school starting November 24. We are still looking for a program leader. If you have questions or are interested in helping out please contact Jenna at jenna@salc-wausau.org.

Holiday Care Drive

In conjunction with Faith in Action, a Holiday Care Drive is taking place 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.

Ronald McDonald House Toy Drive

November 1-30

Children who stay at the Ronald McDonald House can choose a gift helping to make their stay a little brighter. Help the Ferris family give back to a place that has given them a home each month for the last two years. A display to receive donations is located in the Fellowship Hall.

Create an Advent Succulent Centerpiece

Monday, November 18, 6:30 pm

Prepare your heart and mind for Christmas while creating a beautiful twist on the traditional Advent wreath and learn more about the significance of the Advent wreath and candles. Supplies will be provided. Cost: \$22. Sign up at the Information Desk in the Narthex or register on Facebook.

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. It is a great way to get a jump start to eliminate your debt and build wealth. For more information check out the Finance/Stewardship bulletin board.

Thanksgiving Dinner at SALC

The 6th annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be prepared by the Social Ministry at Saint Andrew on **Thursday, November 28, 11 am-1 pm**. Whether you are alone or you want to bring your family, whether you are a church member or a member of the community, all are



THIS WEEK AT SALC

Sunday, November 17

- 8:00 am **WORSHIP**
- 9:30 am **WORSHIP**
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 1:00 pm First Communion Class

Monday, November 18

- 6:30 pm Advent Succulent Centerpiece Activity
- 7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
- 7:00 pm Dartball vs Good Shepherd

Tuesday, November 19

- 9:00 am Reading Reflections
- 10:00 am Quilting for LWR

Wednesday, November 20

- 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 7th & 8th Grade Conf.
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 21

- 12:15 pm **WORSHIP**
- 6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

welcome! Tables of all sizes will be set up to accommodate your group, both large and small. Signing up prior to **Sunday, November 24** is greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet to attend or volunteer is available on the Information Desk.

Christmas Poinsettias

Help beautify the altar at Christmas with a poinsettia to remember or honor a loved one. Order forms are available online at salc-wausau.org and at the Information Desk. Order by: **Sunday, December 1**.



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CALLING A PASTOR

Pastoral candidates in this region of the ELCA are referred to call committees by Bishop Jerry Mansholt of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. Once identified, the call committee interviews a candidate, asking for the church council to call a congregational meeting. As the Spirit of God moves amidst the assembly, it is the people who vote to call a pastor. According to the SALC constitution, "Authority to call a pastor shall be in this congregation by at least a two-thirds vote of voting members present and voting at a meeting legally called for that purpose." (C9.01). A voting member is a member of Saint Andrew who has been officially received into membership by Reaffirmation of Baptism. As the Spirit moves among us today, we pray for God's wisdom in discernment and that the work of the church might be done for the glory of God and for the sake of the world God so loves.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Jenn Collins
Pianist	Joel Freiberg
Ushers	B Team
Lector	Mark Clark
Greeters	Dick & Lynn Lawson
Altar Guild	Ann McDonald, Denise Skare & Jennifer Luer

Address Changes

Saint Andrew's address has changed to 150202 County Rd. NN. Has yours changed, too? Please complete a change of address card located on the Information Desk or call the church office.



NOVEMBER 17, 2019
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking⁺ faith home

The judgment of God brings joy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 21:5-9	Suffering for Jesus' sake
Monday	Malachi 4:1-2a	The day of judgment
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Warning against idleness
Wednesday	Isaiah 26:7-15	The Lord can be trusted
Thursday	Romans 5:1-11	Christ died for the ungodly
Friday	Hosea 2:10-16	God courts Israel in the desert
Saturday	Psalms 98	Make a joyful noise
Sunday	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the crucified king

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Psalms 98:8-9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God of justice and mercy, free us from fear that we may speak of you with joy and gladness. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Thank you, Lord for the food that we eat. Help us to serve others with our hands and our feet. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you faith in Christ to make a joyful noise to the Lord that you may break forth into joyous song and sing praises. (Psalm 98:4)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK



*Joyous Light of
Heavenly Glory*

CARING CONVERSATIONS



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

- Tell or think about a time when someone was judged unfairly. What happened?
- Has anyone ever judged you or misunderstood something you did? How did that make you feel?
- God's judgment leads to grace and mercy. How does that change our understanding of God as judge?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Psalm 98.

Psalms 98 is a psalm of praise, praising God for "coming to judge the earth" (v. 9). God's judgment is an act of vindication, of forgiveness that puts an end to blame (v. 2). It represents an act of "steadfast love and faithfulness" (v. 3). We often fear the idea of God as judge, but without divine judgment, evil knows no end. God's judgment puts limits on evil and destruction. Our lives are cleansed and so is the earth itself as it responds with joy. The psalmist sings, "Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth" (vv. 7-9a). When Jesus tells his followers to be a witness to the faith when they are persecuted (Luke 21:13), shouts of joy and "singing to the LORD a new song" (Psalm 98:1) would be surprising—yet fitting—ways to testify to the goodness and steadfast love of God. In difficult times, have you been able to sing praises for God's goodness? Why or why not?

Pray: Righteous God, through Christ you judge all things that you may have mercy on all that you have created. For your justice and mercy, we sing your praises. Amen.

SERVICE



In Luke 21:5-6, Jesus and the disciples were in a beautiful temple. He told them that one day the temple would be destroyed as an analogy of what would happen in their own lives. It was a fearful time for the disciples, but Jesus told them that he would be with them always. Do you know someone who is going through a scary or fearful time? Think of something you can do to reflect the love of Jesus in your actions or words and reassure this person.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises" (Psalm 98:4). Use an instrument you play or make an instrument using basic supplies you have around the house. For instance, fold a paper plate in half, fill it with rice or dried beans and tape it shut. Or take a small, empty box and cut a round hole in the top. Wrap rubber bands around the box and over the hole to make a guitar. Think about God's creation, family, and friends and list what "marvelous things God has done" (v. 1) for you. After reading each item on the list, make a joyful noise with your instrument.



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