



A reading from Jeremiah.

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The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

A reading from Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased

to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The gospel according to Luke.

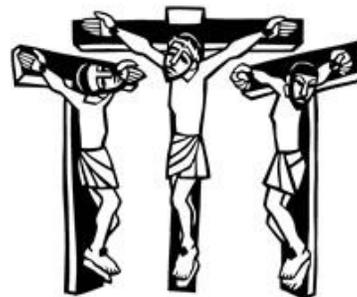
Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHRIST THE KING



*"Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him as
he died. The humble king we
named a fraud and sacrificed the
Lamb of God."*

Twila Paris, ELW 336

GATHERED TO WORSHIP

Setting 3: Pgs. 138-146

GATHERING

Handbell Choir *"Thanks"*

Confession and Forgiveness
(Inside back of hymnal)

Gathering Song v. 1, 3, 5 No. 660
"Lift High the Cross"

Greeting

Kyrie *p. 138*

Canticle of Praise *p. 140*

Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon 9:30 am

WORD

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel Acclamation *p. 142*

Gospel *Luke 23:33-43*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **No. 336**
"Lamb of God"

Apostle's Creed 8:00 am
(Inside back of hymnal)

+Baptism 9:30 am *p. 142*

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. 487**
"What Feast of Love"

No. 780
"Shepherd Me, O God"

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song **No. 838**
"Beautiful Savior"

Dismissal

SENT TO SERVE

 **SAINT ANDREW** *Sunday*
LUTHERAN CHURCH *November 24, 2019*
8:00 + 9:30 am
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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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Barb Breese in memory of her parents.

Baptism Today - 9:30 am

Everly Mae, daughter of Justin and Callie Mayer. Her sponsors are Megan Cyr and Tanner Blaschka.

Holiday Care Drive

In conjunction with Faith in Action, a Holiday Care Drive is taking place through **today, November 24**. Hygiene items as well as non-perishable foods will be collected in the Fellowship Hall to benefit local senior residents.

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 box to receive donations is located in the Fellowship Hall.

Let Us Give Thanks for All Our Blessings!

You are invited to share something you are thankful for by pinning a note on the Thankfulness Wall in the Fellowship Hall.

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**. 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**.



Art Devos

Please note that Art Devos classes will not meet on **Wednesdays, November 27, December 25 or January 1**.

Building Access/Safety Procedure Training

Sundays, December 1 or 8, 10:45 am In the Sanctuary

All ushers, Sunday school teachers, and interested members are asked to attend either one of these scheduled meetings to learn about updates from the safety task force regarding door scheduling and safety procedure updates.

THIS WEEK AT SALC

Sunday, November 24

- 8:00 am **WORSHIP**
- 9:30 am **WORSHIP**
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Christmas Program Reh.

Monday, November 25

- 7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
- 7:00 pm Dartball at St. Michael

Tuesday, November 26

- 9:00 am Reading Reflections
- 6:15 pm First Communion Class

Wednesday, November 27

- 6:45 am Son Riser's Bible Study
- 9:30 am Wonder? Women
Lectionary Bible Study
- 10:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

Thursday, November 28-Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed

- 11:00 am-1:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner

Older Wiser Lutherans!

Tuesday, December 3, 11:30 am

Bring a dish to share and your festive holiday spirit as we enjoy good food, fellowship and sing beloved Christmas songs with the Saint Andrew staff.

Associate Pastor Call Process Timeline

After an affirmative congregational vote (Over 99% "yes" votes) to call an associate pastor, Pastor Justin now has a window of 30 days to discern and formally accept or reject the call, and to share the news in his current context. After formal acceptance, his introductory video and the announcement will be shared more broadly.



WORSHIP WORD

Jesus' true identity seems to remain a mystery for most of the disciples. Jesus can teach, preach, heal, cast out demons, challenge authority and more, but still they do not comprehend. You might say it is a case of mistaken identity as the disciples and other followers seem to be hoping to discover something very different from the real Jesus. It is the criminal executed with Jesus who in his dying desperation says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Clearly, the criminal has no other hope, still in this moment he acknowledges Jesus' true identity.

Modern followers of Jesus resemble those ancient followers in many ways. Everyone has their own image of Jesus, the gifts we want Jesus to bring us, the ways we want Jesus to fix those things in our lives that cause pain or suffering. In our anxiety we want Jesus to be our magical savior. It can be frustrating when we discover a very different Jesus. Instead of one who fixes everything in an instant, Jesus is the one who walks with us through the darkest valleys. Jesus is the one who calls us to lives of service—and again and again as we care for the needs of others we discover the face of Jesus himself in the lost, the last, and the least.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Jenn Collins
Pianist	Joel Freiberg
Ushers	Tipple Team
Lectors	Alex Cappel Pam Clark
Greeters	Tony & Wendi Howe Pam Clark & Pam Mielke
Altar Guild	Ann McDonald, Denise Skare & Jennifer Luer



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NOVEMBER 24, 2019
CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY



Give thanks for the reign of Christ.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the crucified king
Monday	Jeremiah 23:1-6	A message of hope
Tuesday	Colossians 1:11-20	The supremacy of Christ
Wednesday	Jeremiah 30:18-24	The Lord will rescue the nation
Thursday	Philippians 4:4-9	Pray with thanksgiving
Friday	Revelation 21:5-27	The new Jerusalem
Saturday	Psalms 46	God is our mighty fortress
Sunday	Matthew 24:36-44	The sudden coming of salvation

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father.

Colossians 1:11-12a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, help us to give thanks for your reign and to forgive as we have been forgiven. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord of lords and King of kings, with voice of thanks we surely sing. Give us now our daily bread, gratefully received in heart and head. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from Christ's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience and joy. (Colossians 1:11)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Jesus, Remember Me



CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- In what ways does a shepherd care for the flock?
- Would you rather be a shepherd or a king? Why?
- What is the difference between an earthly king and Christ the King?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Colossians 1:11-20.

The kings of the Old Testament were considered shepherds, and as shepherds they failed miserably. They scattered God's sheep, God's people, instead of leading them into the future with peace, justice, and trust in God. Jeremiah points out that God would have to intervene directly to execute justice and put an end to war (Jeremiah 23:1-6). In Colossians 1, we see the results of God's intervention. We have been rescued from the power of darkness and have received redemption, the forgiveness of sins (vv. 13-14). This is no earthly shepherd or king: "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell," and through whom all things—things in heaven and things on earth—have been reconciled to God (vv. 19-20). What we could not do, what God's own earthly kings in Judah and Israel could not do, God did alone through Christ. For reasons that we cannot even fully grasp, list, or tell, we give thanks to God for the reign of Christ. Take a moment and—though never a complete understanding or list—give thanks for how Christ serves as ruler of the universe for you and all creation.

Pray: **Dear Creator and Redeemer, in Christ we give thanks for your goodness and mercy that far exceeds all that we can know or understand. Help us to give thanks as we are able. Amen.**

SERVICE

Luke 23:33-43 tells of a dark time in the life of Jesus. He was arrested and punished for something he did not do. Jesus did not get angry but asked God to forgive the people. On the cross, Jesus had a criminal on his left and on his right. One of them said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (v. 42). Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (v. 43). Christian ministries reach out to those incarcerated with hope through Jesus Christ. Do you know of a prison ministry? Pray for those who are in prison and for those who work with them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Both adults and children lead busy lives. Moments of quiet are not easy to find. From cell phones to computers to work and school and sports, we fill our days with noise and screen time. This distracts us from God. This week's reading from Psalm 46:10 reminds us to "Be still and know that I am God!" Take five minutes each day to turn off the television/radio, and be silent. Be still and listen to God. After the silence, write down your thoughts on a piece of paper and place it in your Bible as a marker for Psalm 46. At the end of the week, review your notes.

Why do you think God desires stillness? What difference does it make?



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NOVEMBER 28, 2019
THANKSGIVING DAY



God's peace guards your hearts and minds.

THANKSGIVING DAY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Thanksgiving Day celebrations.

Thursday	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Rejoice in what God has given
	Psalms 100	Make a joyful noise
	Philippians 4:4-9	Pray with thanksgiving
	John 6:25-35	Jesus is the bread of life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:6-7 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day:

God of grace and mercy, help us to be aware of your goodness and presence in our lives that we may have a heart of thanksgiving, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, bless this food and grant that we may be thankful for your mercies; teach us to know by whom we're fed; bless us with Christ, the living bread. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the peace of God that surpasses all human understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)



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HYMN FOR THANKSGIVING

DAY

God of the Sparrow

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- When you worry about something, how do you calm yourself?
- Name or think of something you are thankful for. How do you show your thanks?
- What does "the peace of God which surpasses all understanding" mean to you?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Philippians 4:4-9.

There seems to be an inverse equation: the more we have, the less happy or thankful we are. When people think about their own wealth, they can almost always think of someone with more. Our source of thanksgiving is not our assets or personal security. It's God. Placing our wants and needs before God in a spirit of thanksgiving separates us from those who pursue their wants and needs with more and more lust, greed, and personal power. A thankful heart believes that all real gifts come from God and all real joy comes from knowing the gift giver. Whatever our wants, whatever our disappointments, whatever our worries and fears, we have a God who knows it all and gives us "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" (v. 7). It is a peace that knows the peacemaker, the thirst quencher, the hunger filler, the anxiety solver, the forgiveness giver, wound-healer, Christ Jesus. Think for a moment about what is getting in the way of the peace that passes all human understanding. Offer those concerns as supplications (humble requests) to God that you may experience a life that knows what is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise (v. 8).

Pray: The Lord's Prayer.

SERVICE



Most of us are blessed with lots to eat on this Thanksgiving Day but for those who are hungry, it is not easy to think about anything else. God's gift of manna fed the Israelites in the wilderness. Jesus fed the 5,000 from five barley loaves and two fish. In John 6:35, Jesus says, "I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." How can you help the hungry in your community so that they experience the true bread of life?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



This is a day of thanks, one of thanksgiving. In Deuteronomy 26:1-11, the Israelites celebrate the first harvest by filling baskets with fruit and laying them in front of the altar. They were thankful for what God had given them. Fill a basket with different kinds of fruit and place it on your Thanksgiving table. Before the meal, pass the basket around the table and ask each person to take a piece of fruit, hold it up, and tell something they are thankful for. When all have taken a turn, say a psalm of thanksgiving: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name** (Psalm 100:4).



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