

A reading from Isaiah.

*(Not Printed)*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

**Psalm 148**

A reading from Hebrews .

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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## CHRISTMAS 1



*I will recount the gracious  
deeds of the LORD,  
the praiseworthy acts of  
the LORD,  
because of all that the LORD  
has done for us*

ISAIAH 63:7A



**SAINT  
ANDREW**  
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*Sunday*

*December 29, 2019*

**8:00 + 9:30 am**

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## GATHERED TO WORSHIP

### GATHERING

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*(Inside of bulletin)*

**Hymn V. 1, 3 No. 288**

*"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

**Children's Sermon**

### WORD

Isaiah 63:7-9

**Hymn V. 1, 3 No. 289**

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

**Hymn V. 1-2 No. 272**

*"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

Matthew 2:13-23

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day No. 296**

*"What Child is This"*

**Apostles' Creed - 8:00 am p. 105**

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Peace**

### MEAL

**Offering**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Great Thanksgiving p. 206**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer p. 208**

**Communion Distribution**

**Distribution Hymns No. 269**

*"Once in Royal David's City"*

**No. 282**

*"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

### SENDING

**Blessing**

**Sending Song No. 292**

*"Love Has Come"*

**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.

### 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. Offerings can be placed in the offering plate.

### Baptism Today - 9:30 am

*Delaney Rose*, daughter of Derek and Dana Laher. Her sponsors are Trevor and Heather Laher.

### Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Gary Flanery in memory of his mom, Joanie.

### 2020 Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one or special event with altar flowers in 2020. Your flowers may be taken home to be enjoyed following the last worship service on Sunday. Sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex.

### "Giving Tree"

Look for "Giving Tree" displays in the Fellowship Hall to choose local to global giving options during this season of Christmas - Blessings in a Backpack, hats and mittens, ELCA Good Gifts.

### Exploring Faith Through the Small Catechism

**Begins Saturday, January 18**

**Worship: 8:30; Class: 9-10:30**

*New to the faith? Curious about baptism? Never went through confirmation? Just want to know more about what it means to be Lutheran and a disciple of Christ?*

Lay School is offering an opportunity for those who are interested to take a deep dive into the Small Catechism using the *By Heart* curriculum. This study will engage students in an exploration of the commandments, the creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the sacraments, and life together as members of the body of Christ. No Prior Knowledge Required! Materials for the study are being provided by the synod, and there is **no cost** to you! The study will meet once a month when the lay school meets: **January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18 and May 9**. If interested or you want to learn more, please call Pastor Jen Hoffman at 715-581-7378, or email her at [pastorjenhoffman@sslcwausau.com](mailto:pastorjenhoffman@sslcwausau.com).

### Do You Have SALC Photos?

Do you have SALC photos from 2019? From the past 40 years? We would like to include them in the annual meeting and as a part of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration next year. All photos can be submitted through the SALC website 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary page. If you have printed copies you would like to share, please e-mail [jenna@salc-wausau.org](mailto:jenna@salc-wausau.org) to coordinate a time to drop them off.

## THIS WEEK AT SALC

### Sunday, December 29

8:00 am **WORSHIP**

9:30 am Adult Bible Study

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### Monday, December 30

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

### Wednesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

**Church Office Closed**

### Thursday, January 2

**NO WORSHIP**

### OWLS

The OWLS will take a winter break in January. Watch the bulletin and Network for the next activity.

### Mid-Winter Retreat

**Who:** 3-6 Grade Students (& Parent chaperones)

**What:** Time at camp in God's beautiful creation to play and explore in the snow, study bible stories, sing and play games around a theme focused on faith and life.

**When:** **Friday, January 24** (drop off: 6:30-7:00 pm) — **Sunday, January 26** (pick up: 11:00 am)

**Where:** Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley, WI

**Cost:** \$50 (will need to provide your own transportation.)

Register by **January 12**—online ([www.salc-wausau.org](http://www.salc-wausau.org)) or at the Information Desk in the Narthex. Please see Jenna, Faith Formation Coordinator, with questions.

### "Christ In Our Home" Devotional

The 2020 first quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotional is available in the Narthex. Please take a copy for your family.

## CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS

Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

**Forgive our lack of faith and trust.**  
Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

**Forgive our neglect of the poor.**  
The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

**Forgive our selfishness and complacency.**

With great joy the angels proclaimed, "Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." In + Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God's forgiveness is good news of great joy!

**Amen**

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Jenn Collins
Preacher	Christina Johnson
Pianist	Joel Freiberg
Lectors	Cheryl Allen
	Mark Clark
Ushers	B
Greeters	Ron & Betty Dotseth
	John & Jayme Rusinek
Altar Guild	Julie Weller, Holly Herwig,
	Rosalie Doering & Jess Tipple

DECEMBER 29, 2019  
FIRST SUNDAY  
OF CHRISTMAS



*The coming of Christ triggers hostility.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 2:13-23	The escape to Egypt
Monday	Isaiah 63:7-9	God's mercy remembered
Tuesday	Matthew 25:31-46	The great judgment
Wednesday	Psalms 103:1-5	Thanksgiving for God's goodness
Thursday	Hebrews 2:10-18	Jesus the high priest
Friday	Exodus 1:15—2:10	Moses is born to a slave people
Saturday	Psalms 148	Let all things praise the Lord
Sunday	John 1:1-18	The Word became flesh

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more. **Matthew 2:18 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear merciful God, bring your comfort and protection to all who experience violence and suffering, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

We thank you for this food; may all who hunger be blessed with the food you give. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May our God and the Lord Jesus Christ, lift you up and carry you all the days of your life. (Isaiah 63:9)



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*O Little Town of  
Bethlehem*



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Tell or think about a time when you or someone you know needed to be protected or comforted.
- How can you be a responsible member of the church and society in the face of ongoing violence in our nation and world?
- Why is the shocking slaughter of the children described in Matthew 2 an important part of the Christmas story?

### DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 2:13-23.

Christmas time is a wonderful opportunity to sing Christmas hymns, see beautiful lights and contemplate peace on earth. However, Matthew 2 brings us back to the daily fears and violence that continues around us. Innocent children are slaughtered because a king fears for his power. The slaughter of innocent children continues to this day. The holy family flees to a land that once enslaved God's people, yet there the family is protected. People seek protection today as refugees in historic numbers. Christ's birth is powerful because sin and death remain realities. Christ's birth brings violence from those who fear God's design and rule. The life of the church is the life of faithful and courageous opposition to all powers that are an affront to the salvation of God in Christ. In the midst of unfairness and violence, in what ways can Christians respond with truth and peace? How does the message of Christ's birth and return from Egypt give you courage to live each day as a child of God?

Pray: **O, Holy Jesus, your path of love and salvation brings hope to a world that needs saving. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen.**

### SERVICE

A refugee is one who leaves their country because they encounter danger in their lives. Herod wanted to destroy Jesus. For this reason, Jesus' family fled to Egypt and became refugees. When refugees enter a new country, they are in need of compassion and care. There are many Christian organizations providing food, language lessons, and housing for refugees. Become familiar with refugee needs and take action through prayer and donations to support them.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Psalm 148 we read the word "praise" twelve times. All twelve times the praise is for God: for all of creation, for rulers of the earth, and for women and men of all ages. Make a list of things to praise God for: from friends and family, to trees and birds, and to everyone you meet. The list can be endless. Set aside a quiet time each day to reflect on your list and praise God by praying your list out loud.



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)