A reading from Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

A reading from Acts.

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

"This is the Spirit's entry now:
The water and the word,
The cross of Jesus on your brow,
The seal both felt and heard."

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Sunday
January 12, 2020
8:00 + 9:30 pm

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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. Please place your offering in the offering plate.

Baptism - 9:30 am
Hailey Mae, daughter of Chris and Lisa Sattler. Her sponsors are Carrie Witberler, Kelly Sillars and Tracy Neumann.

Altar Flowers
The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Phil and Helen Bickley in honor of his mother's 98th birthday.

Mid-Winter Retreat
Registration Deadline: January 12—online (www.salc-wausau.org) or at the Information Desk in the Narthex.
When: ***Friday, January 24*** (drop off: 6:30-7:00 pm) ***—Sunday, January 26*** (pick up: 11:00 am)
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.
Where: Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley, WI
Cost: $50 (will need to provide your own transportation.)

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

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?
A free study offered to other churches throughout the community 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.

Funeral Planning Q & A and Conversation
Sunday, January 19—10:45 am
Pastor Jenn and funeral director, Jeff Krcil from Helke Funeral Home, will lead a conversation and host a Q&A about what happens following the death of a loved one and how creating some plans in advance can be helpful. If you can't make the meeting but would appreciate materials or pastoral conversation, please contact the church office.

2020 Youth Summer Trip
High school students who have completed 9th grade are invited to join us on a Summer Youth Trip in July to Christikon Lutheran Bible Camp in Montana for a week-long opportunity to unplug, reflect, grow in faith, and connect to nature.

THIS WEEK AT SALC

Sunday, January 12
8:00 am **WORSHIP**
9:30 am **WORSHIP**
9:30 am Adult Bible Study
9:45 am Sunday School
Monday, January 13
7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
7:00 pm Dartball at Immanuel Baptist
Tuesday, January 14
9:00 am Reading Reflections
10:00 am Quilting Group
Wednesday, January 15
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, January 16
12:15 pm **WORSHIP**
6:15 pm **WORSHIP**
Friday, January 17
5:00 pm Lay School Classes
Saturday, January 18
8:00 am Lay School Classes
1:00 pm Wisconsin River Valley Conference Meeting

Interest forms are available on the Information Desk.

Congregational Annual Meeting
January 26—9:30 am
- Learn about the kick off to Saint Andrew's 40th anniversary
- Ratify the SALC constitution (available online at www.salc-wausau.org)
- Learn about the 2020 spending plan and ministry opportunities
- Elect council members

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WORSHIP WORD

From the time Jesus first presented himself for baptism by John until today, Christians have puzzled over why Jesus had to be baptized. Why should the Son of God, who is without sin, need to be baptized? Frederick Dale Bruner, in *Matthew: A Commentary* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004), says that he considers Jesus' first miracle to have occurred at his baptism. The miracle is that Jesus was humble. The divine Son of God humbles himself by allowing John to baptize him. This act of humility is an act of obedience to God and solidarity with all humankind. Jesus has no sins to be forgiven. However, for us, he goes down to the river of repentance with all the other sinners to be baptized. Jesus' baptism, his first adult act as recorded in Matthew's gospel, gives us a clear indication of how Jesus will act for his entire life. The Son of God will come down with us, on our level, identifying with our needs. His baptism, then, foreshadows how his life will end, on the cross. In his death, Jesus experiences the worst we could ever experience as mortal humans. But, because Jesus united with us in baptism, we are united with him in both his death and resurrection. The barriers that separate us from God, including the barriers of sinfulness, mortality, and death, are broken by Jesus' obedience to God, through his humility to come down to us in the depths of our humanity.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Jenn Collins
Pianist	Joel Freiberg
Ushers	Tipple Team
Lectors	Dewey Allen
	Pam Clark
Greeters	Mike & Lyn Weis
	Bruce & Linda Beyer
Altar Guild	Team 2

JANUARY 12, 2020
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

taking faith home

God announces who Jesus is.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Matthew 3:13-17**	**The baptism of Jesus**
Monday	**Isaiah 42:1-9**	**The Lord's servant**
Tuesday	**Acts 10:34-43**	**Gentiles hear the good news**
Wednesday	**Matthew 1:1-17**	**Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah**
Thursday	**Matthew 2:19-23**	**Holy family's return from Egypt**
Friday	**Acts 10:44-48**	**Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit**
Saturday	**Psalm 29**	**Voice of God in a storm**
Sunday	**John 1:29-42**	**Jesus, the Lamb of God**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." **Matthew 3:17 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Almighty God, we thank you for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who comes to fulfill your promise of life and salvation for all. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
God bless this food. God bless this day. God keep us safe in every way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May the Lord give you strength and bless you with peace. (Psalm 29:11)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

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:

- How do you describe yourself to others? How do others describe you?
- What does it mean to be "well pleased" with someone?
- What does it mean to you that God calls Jesus "My Son, the Beloved"?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 3:13-17.
We can quickly move from Jesus' baptism to wonder about our own. What can be missed is a focus on the importance of Jesus' baptism as a statement of who Jesus is. We are not the savior of the world, Jesus is (Matthew 1:21-23). Jesus fulfills the righteous intent of God announced by the law and the prophets (Matthew 3:15-17), not us. Jesus' presence announces God's ruling activity among Israel and the nations (1:1-17; 2:1-12). Jesus' life fulfills the word of the prophets (2:23). All of that leads to Jesus' baptism and the divine voice from heaven that points to Jesus as the anointed one (Christ). Yes, it is good to reflect on our baptism and do so in a way that finds comfort and meaning in the identity of who Jesus is, whose own baptism stands alone to announce that God's will is fulfilled in this one and this one alone. Think about Jesus' baptism and what it means for you and others.
Pray: **Almighty and living God, we give thanks for Jesus' baptism that announces that he is the one who comes as your Son and enters the world as our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

In Isaiah 42 we read about a servant described as being humble in service to God. A servant can be described as one who performs duties or works for others. As Christians, our call is to serve God. What does it mean to you to be called a servant of God? In what ways do you feel you can answer this call?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

When we describe someone as beloved, it means we love that person dearly. God named Jesus as beloved at his baptism. When we are baptized, we too, become a beloved member of God's family. Take time to remember your baptism. Revisit pictures or think of the memories you have of your baptism or that of another. Fill a small bowl with water and after revisiting memories, dip your fingers in the water and as you mark the sign of the cross on your forehead or that of another say, **"You are a beloved child of God marked with the cross of Christ forever."**

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