



A reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses said to the people:] See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 119:1-8

A reading from First Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



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

*(Not Printed)*

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

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



"Choose life so that you and your  
descendants may live,  
loving the Lord your God,  
obeying God,  
and holding fast to God."

DEUTERONOMY 30:19B-20A



**SAINT  
ANDREW**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

150202 County Rd. NN  
Wausau, WI 54401  
715-842-3333  
[www.salc-wausau.org](http://www.salc-wausau.org)

*Sunday*  
**February 16, 2020**  
**8:00 + 9:30 am**

## GATHERED TO WORSHIP

*Setting 4: Pgs. 147-155*

### GATHERING

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*(Inside Back of Hymnal)*

**Gathering Song** **No. 615**  
*"In All Our Grief"*

**Greeting**

**Canticle of Praise** *p. 148*  
*"Glory to God"*

**Greeting & Prayer of the Day**

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

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

**Chancel Choir**  
*"His Love Never Fails"*

### WORD

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

**Gospel Acclamation** *p. 151*

**Gospel** *Matthew 5:21-37*

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** **No. 749**  
*"O God of Love, O King of Peace"*

**Apostles' Creed**  
*(Inside Back of Hymnal)*

**Prayers of Intercession**  
**Peace**

### MEAL

**Offering & Offertory Prayer**

**Great Thanksgiving** *p. 152*

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *p. 153*

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer** *p. 154*

**Communion Distribution**

**Lamb of God** *p. 154*

**Distribution Hymns** **No. 638**  
*"Blessed Assurance"*

**No. 614**

*"There is a Balm in Gilead"*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

### SENDING

**Blessing**

**Sending Song** **No. 663**  
*"Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word"*

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

### Noisy Offering

A noisy offering will be received today in support of the local Christian radio station, 89Q, Hope is Here.

### Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Phil and Helen Bickley in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### New Members Received This Sunday

#### Sunday, February 16, 9:30 am

Saint Andrew is blessed to have the following new members received into its faith family: Al, LaVonne and Alex Jordan; Patrick, Molly, Mackenzie and Naomi Kieper; Chelsey Olson; Michael Palmer;

Justin Peters and Sara Hujar; Justin, Molly, Brayden and Embree Pinter. 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 today in the Fellowship Hall. Your purchase helps small landholder farmers in developing countries bring hope and help to their families.

### Lost and Found

Are you missing your favorite baking dish, plastic storage container or jacket? Check out the table in the Fellowship Hall to perhaps find your missing item.

### Giving in Gratitude for 40 Years of Ministry: \$40 for 40

In honor of the life and legacy of Saint Andrew, members are invited to consider sharing a gift of \$40-one dollar for every year of the church's ministry-or a gift of any amount. This special appeal will be used in three ways: 80% will be allocated for a Sanctuary renewal project; 10% will be shared with the SALC endowment and local hunger efforts; 10% will be tithed to the greater church in thanksgiving for our connection to the ELCA. Offerings can be placed in the offering plate or in the box on the Information Desk in the Narthex.

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Save the Dates

Watch for more details in the coming months. Activities/events currently planned:

**Sunday, April 26** – Celebration of the anniversary of Saint Andrew's very first service; Recognition of Pastor John Roseth and charter members

**Mid-May** – Spring Cantata

**Tuesday, June 23** – Birthday Picnic and concert on the 400 Block

## THIS WEEK AT SALC

### Sunday, February 16

8:00 am **WORSHIP**

9:30 am **WORSHIP & New Members Received**

9:30 am Adult Bible Study

9:45 am Sunday School

### Monday, February 17

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

7:00 pm Dartball at Good Shepherd

### Tuesday, February 18

9:00 am Reading Reflections

10:00 am Quilting for LWR

### Wednesday, February 19

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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Conf.

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 20

12:15 pm **WORSHIP**

6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

*Lent 2020*

*Life in the Wilderness*

### Self Examination and Repentance

February 26—Ash Wednesday

**Prayer**

March 4

**Fasting**

March 11

**Sacrificial Giving**

March 18

**Works of Love**

March 25

### Word and Sacrament

April 1

*"I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert."  
ISAIAH 43:19*

## WORSHIP WORD

Today, we have hard readings set before us. Deuteronomy is Moses giving the people a choice to follow the God who freed them from slavery in Egypt, or they could go their own way worship their own Gods. Paul, insults those who quarrel without consideration given to what they were fighting about. Jesus has the audacity to condemn to hell all who get angry, lust after others, get divorced, or even swear oaths. It seems we get to choose between life and death, but despite our best intentions, our actions lead away from God and towards death.

What options are left open to us?

Yet, we have hope, too, within these passages. We are never told we have to do this alone. In fact, just last week Jesus told us that he fulfilled the laws that Moses was encouraging the people to hold to. Paul encourages the Corinthians in their common purpose as a field grown by God, and Jesus tells us that reconciliation is the preparation for our life with God. While we may not have the ability to do this on our own, we have the church, the Body of Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the love of God on which we can rely for strength to do the hard work of reconciliation.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastors	Jenn Collins Justin Smoot
Pianist	Joel Freiberg
Ushers	B
Lectors	Jeremy Hoffman Dan Seanor
Greeters	Tom & Karen Weidman Dick & Lynn Lawson
Altar Guild	Team 4



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
[www.salc-wausau.org](http://www.salc-wausau.org)

FEBRUARY 16, 2020  
SIXTH SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY

# taking<sup>+</sup> faith home

*God's law is meant to protect life.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 5:21-37	Teachings of Jesus
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Choose life, not death
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Working together for God
Wednesday	Galatians 5:13-6:2	Fulfilling the law of Christ
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30:8-14	The Lord will bring you back
Friday	Romans 3:19-26	Justified by grace
Saturday	Psalms 119:1-8	The law of the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 17:1-19	Transfiguration of Jesus

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him.

**Deuteronomy 30:19b-20a (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you who give life and protect life with your law, help us to care for others, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food, a gift of love that gives us life. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you with joy as you walk in the ways of God. (Psalm 119:1)



© 2019 Milestones Ministry, LLC. All rights reserved.

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Arise, Your Light  
Has Come!*

## 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:

- What is something that you really enjoy in life?
- How do others watching you know that you are enjoying life?
- How do you see God as part of the life you enjoy?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Matthew 5:21-37.

These words from Jesus can seem difficult to accept, even scary. Jesus is doing two basic things. He is presenting himself as an authorized interpreter of God's law ("but I say to you") and he is refuting a use of the law that allows people to abuse others. Jesus points out that not killing and not committing adultery carries with them the commitment to value another person's life beyond not killing or divorcing someone. God's law protects life, all life. That means people's reputations, relationships with others, and ability to live daily in peace is valued by God. God cares about all of life. Jesus' hyperbole about plucking out one's eye or cutting off one's hand is a tool of wisdom speech. It makes a point that the intent of God's law is so very important because God's gift of life is that important. And Jesus—like no other—is authorized to state this point in the face of scribes, Pharisees, and all the learned teachers of the law. How do you see God's law as a gift to protect you and your neighbor?

*Pray:* **Lord Jesus, you teach us that the greatest law is to love God and neighbor. Help us to live lives that love you and all people. Amen.**

## SERVICE

God's law is meant to protect life, which is the theme this week throughout the Daily Bible Readings. The Christian response to Jesus' teachings is to love God and neighbor through actions and words. Think about and act upon what this means to you. Is there a congregation or organization near you that would benefit from a financial contribution or your volunteer time to provide a needed service for others?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The reading from 1 Corinthians 3 this week reminds us that "we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building" (v.9). Gather together a few toy building blocks or boxes. Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-9. Build a tower one block at a time. Each time you add a block, name ways we grow in our faith: e.g., worship, prayer, singing, or reading Scripture. After the tower is built, use these practices to grow in your faith this week.



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)