



March 23, 2021

## Holy Week and Easter Worship

### Palm Pick-up – Hot Cross Buns – Holy Week Resources

***Saturday, March 27***

***9:00 am – 12:00 pm***

Come to Saint Andrew, pick up communion elements, palm branches and crosses and a tasty hot cross bun to be ready for Holy Week. Palm branches and crosses are also available on Friday, March 26, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.



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### Palm/Passion Sunday

***Sunday, March 28***

***9:00 am – Livestream***

***[www.facebook.com/salcwausau](https://www.facebook.com/salcwausau)***

Palm branches will be blessed, the passion narrative read, and Holy Communion will be shared.

***10:30 am – Palm Sunday Procession***

Departing from Saint Andrew at 10:45 am – with palms in hands, hear the gospel of Jesus at various locations around the Wausau community.

### **Maundy Thursday**

***Thursday, April 1***

#### ***12:30 pm – Outdoor Worship with Communion***

This in person service will be held on the Celebration Patio at Saint Andrew. Please bring a chair and shade or umbrella if needed. Bulletins will be provided and Holy Communion will be shared. Masking and social distancing will be practiced and the service will be held outdoors - rain, snow, or shine.

#### ***6:30 pm – Livestream***

[www.facebook.com/salcwausau](https://www.facebook.com/salcwausau)

Worship with Holy Communion, preaching, and the stripping of the Sanctuary Altar.

### **Good Friday**

***Friday, April 2***

#### ***12:30 pm – Livestream***

[www.facebook.com/salcwausau](https://www.facebook.com/salcwausau)

Traditional Saint Andrew Tenebrae worship with the reading of the Passion of Jesus and several musical offerings.

#### ***1:30 - 6:00 pm – Open Sanctuary***

The Sanctuary will be open for a time of reflection and prayer. Live instrumental music will provide a back drop to sit in a pew, light a candle, and ponder the stations of the cross. Interactive Stations of the Cross will also be available throughout the church to provide an intergenerational opportunity for families and children to dwell in the story of Jesus' death. Masking and social distancing will be practiced.

#### ***6:30 pm – Outdoor Worship***

In stark contrast to the noon service, there will be no music at this service. We will center our connection to the cross through the ELW Hymnal Good Friday Liturgy.

This in person service will be held on the Celebration Patio at Saint Andrew.

Please bring a chair and shade or umbrella if needed. Bulletins will be provided.

Masking and social distancing will be practiced and the service will be held outdoors - rain, snow, or shine.

### **Easter Sunday – Christ is Risen Indeed!**

***Sunday, April 4***

#### ***8:30 am – Livestream and Outdoor Worship***

#### ***10:30 am – Outdoor Worship***

These in person services will take place in the east parking lot at Saint Andrew. Please bring a chair or a blanket to sit in the grassy areas. Children who attend will receive a special bag with a variety of resources to connect during worship. Hard-boiled, colored Easter eggs may be brought to be shared with the Salvation Army. Dress warm and casual or wear your Easter Sunday best! The Sanctuary will be open to connect to

the art installation of paper cranes and for families to take an Easter picture. Low mobility and handicap parking will be available in the north parking lot off of Partridge Ave. All others please watch for signs or parking attendants to direct you. Masking and social distancing will be practiced and the service will be held outdoors - rain, snow, or shine.

### **What about Sunrise Service on Rib Mountain?**

Rib Mountain State Park rangers and the Wisconsin DNR are not yet allowing gatherings of more than 50 people. We have kept tabs and checked in each week and this past week learned that it is unlikely this will change before Easter. (Thanks to Bailey at the park for your patience and help!) We expect to share a special livestream at just about the time of sunrise, so be sure to "like" Saint Andrew on Facebook to get an alert early on Easter morning for a special surprise.

Please let us know you'll attend any of the above services by registering online [here](#) or calling the church office at 715-842-3333.

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## **Sunday Worship in the Season of Easter**

### ***Sunday, April 11***

***10:30 am – Livestream – The installation of Bishop Anne Edison-Albright***

***\*\*\*There will be no 9:00 am livestream or in person outdoor worship\*\*\****

Worship online with the whole synod to celebrate the ministry we share with our new bishop. Pr. Jenn is chairing the installation team and will be in Appleton to support the worship service led by Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton. Pr. Justin will be on vacation on this Sunday following Easter.

### ***Beginning Sunday, April 18***

***9:00 am – Livestream Worship***

***10:30 am – Weekly Outdoor In Person Worship***

We will begin regular gatherings on Sunday, April 18 in the east parking lot, so please bring a chair and your mask and practice social distancing. The service will be held outdoors - rain, snow, or shine.

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## **Easter Food Basket Requests Received Through Tomorrow**

Easter food baskets will be distributed to those in need. If you know of someone who could use an Easter food basket, please contact the church office no later than ***Wednesday, March 24***. Easter food baskets will be available for pick-up on ***Saturday, March 27***.

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## This Week in Lent

This week in Lent, we remember that we have been created in community with *Christ*.



The featured text for this Wednesday, March 24 is Mark 10:32-45 *Jesus reminds us that we are walking the way of the cross.*

Mysterious One, in Jesus you redeem us and invite all people to a place in your glory. Draw us closer to you, and in so doing, draw us closer to one another, that we may be strengthened to follow in the way of Jesus' cross and resurrection. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

This week, we pray for others in partnership with The Wausau Community Warming Center who will be receiving the proceeds from this week's soup donations.

Join us for worship via Facebook livestream or by using the Zoom information listed below:

Click [here](#) to join the Zoom Meeting.

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## Art in Verse

*This current season of life is filled with many transitions. The winter turning to spring, the lowering of COVID numbers and the anticipation of worshipping together again looms over us. These times tend to call for reflection; take a look at this week's Art in Verse which features Karoline Schwantes, a beloved member of Saint Andrew who uses her art as a means of reflection and a reminder of grace.*



I love making mixed media art and am always ready to try a new craft or art. I enjoy art journaling, doodling, pour paintings, watercolor, making cards, scrapbooking, stamping, sewing, quilting and embroidery. I love collaborative art, making art with children, and experimenting with new things.

Creativity is infused in all I do. Art energizes me. As a seminary student, I've had to do A LOT of writing, which is sometimes hard for me. I've found a good entry point to writing is through reflection time with art and word. I'm fascinated by the connections in things: using the combination of word and image helps draw me into a richer understanding of scripture. I find that I am more open to listening to God when I'm creating and I'm continually amazed by the way the Holy Spirit shows up and leads me to new ideas. And sometimes just doodling helps me pay closer attention.

As a stay at home mom in ministry, so much of what I do can be big picture/long term things of which it doesn't always feel like I see results. Sometimes art can give me a sense of accomplishment, something tangible I can look at and think "I did that!" Even if it's something small.

Another thing I love about arts and crafts is that it can be so grace filled! Sometimes what I think might be a mistake helps lead me to creating something I didn't think possible. Art journaling especially helps me focus on the idea of creating for the sake of creating, mistakes and spills and all. It has helped me learn to be an imperfectionist and see beauty in places I never expected to find it. All of this has really helped me to understand the gift of grace, that it's not something I have to struggle to perfect or to get, but rather that it comes from that creative and loving aspect of God, who sees beauty and worth in me, in us, in all creation.

*Thank you for your thoughtfulness, Karoline. We wish you luck as you continue on in your seminary journey and can't wait to see what else you create!*

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## **A Note from the Pastor**

This past year has not been one thing. There isn't a single descriptor that anyone of us can put on this year.

It has been a year.

It has been a tough year.

It has been a good year.

It has been a frustrating year.

It has been a joyful year.

It has been a deadly year.

It has been a lifegiving year.

It has been a confusing year.

It has been a year of clarity.

It has been a year of tears.

It has been a year of laughter.

It has been a year of giving up.

It has been a year of new things.

It has been a year of looking back.

It has been a year of moving forward.

I remember a year that I want to forget.

I remember a year that I cannot forget.

I remember a year where everything was wrong.

I remember a year where everything was right.

In this way, this year was like any other year because we live life with God and in the community of faith. While every year is unique, this was no different, even though it looked very different. Love and community support looked unlike anything we knew but felt strangely powerful and uplifting.

May the blessing of the God who created you and knows the number of hairs on your head, the benediction of Jesus who walked through everything this year with you, has since your baptism, and will see you through to resurrection, and the consecration of the Holy Spirit who drives and leads, calls and consoles, prays and hopes be with you as strongly as ever this year that will see the dying days of the pandemic and the tender steps of community transforming, yet again.

To the glory of God. Amen.

Pastor Justin Smoot, he/him

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## Videos Available on YouTube

Did you miss worship live? Was there something in particular that you'd like to listen to again? A children's sermon that tickled your ear? Facebook not your thing? Church is uploading these video resources to our YouTube channel. Check out [this link](#) or search for Saint Andrew and hit "subscribe" to see and share the latest content.

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## Plan to Gather Weekly

**Update: 3/23/2021**



The Plan to Gather can be found in full detail at [www.salc-wausau.org/covid](http://www.salc-wausau.org/covid). The various lines on the graph below are the bench marks we have currently set in order to gather in person. The grey line is our current bench mark for outdoor worship. Outdoor worship will begin with Holy Week and Easter services.

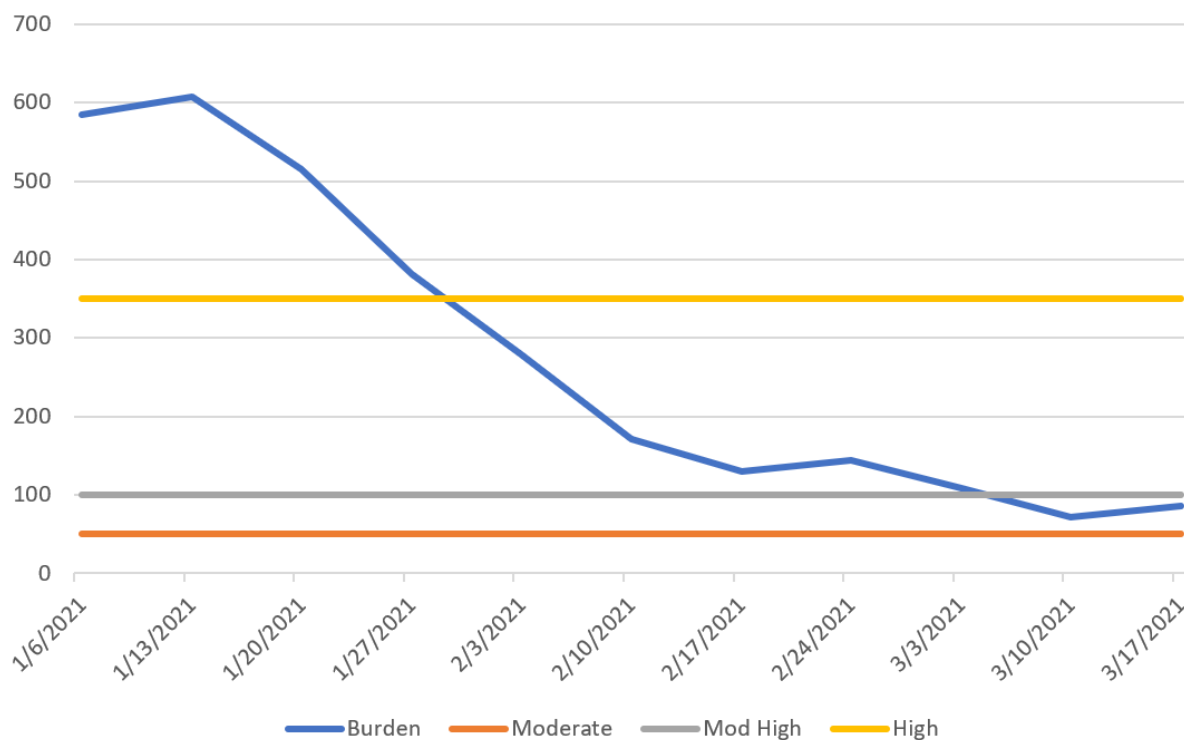
# SALC COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 3/17/2021

Date	Burden #	Trajectory	Burden Status
2/24	144	No Change	High
3/3	108.4	Shrinking	High
3/10	71.2	No Change	Moderately
3/17	86.1	No Change	High

**Current SALC Status: Phase One**

2021 Case Rate per 100,000 Marathon County Residents  
AKA Burden



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