

Sunday, July 26, 2026
8:00 am

*Cultivating God's Kin-dom:
Bearing Fruit*



Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**
Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of all mercy,
we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.
All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of + Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

No. 796
Vs. 1-4

GREETING

GLORY TO GOD

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Word

READING

A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah 44:6-8

The scripture is read.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

READING

A reading from Romans.

Romans 8:26-39

The scripture is read.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The scripture is read.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

No. 679
Vs. 1-3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The response is: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Meal

OFFERING HYMN *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

No. 693
Vs. 1-4

OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING & SENDING OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMNS

"As the Grains of Wheat"

No. 465
Vs. 1-2

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

No. 471
Vs. 1-3

"We Walk by Faith"

No. 635
Vs. 1-5

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN *"Blessed Assurance"*

No. 638
Vs. 1-3

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

Pastor - Rev. Jack Busche

Assisting Minister - Nick Josiger

Director of Worship & Music - Jonathan Smith

Technical Support

Bob Wiederhoeft

Pam Czerwinski

Offerings

We are grateful for a gift of any amount to further support the ministry of Saint Andrew. For the many ways you give, thank you. Offerings will be received during worship or you may give via text by sending a **text message** to 715-800-2369 with the amount you would like to contribute **OR** you may give using the QR code here.



Altar Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of Will Allmandinger's family's birthdays.

T-Coil Hearing Loop

The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop system. Those with hearing devices with a t-coil are encouraged to turn them on.



Worship Bags

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex for kids to use in worship. Each bag contains ribbons to match to the liturgical color of the day, communion ware, stickers to share during the passing of the peace, and a cross to hold while praying along with the congregation.

Busy Bags

Busy Bags including crayons, coloring books, and quiet toys can be found in the Narthex. Feel free to take a bag into worship and hang it back up when you are done.

Nursery

The nursery is located off the Narthex near the Fellowship Hall doors and is available for all families as needed with books, toys, a rocking chair and changing table.

Prayground

A prayground is located at the front of the Sanctuary for families with small children. There is extra floor space for children that may need to stand or move around and soft and quiet toys for busy hands.

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Announcements

Sunday, July 26

Ministry Night Meetings

Tuesday, July 28; 6:30 pm

All are welcome to bring their gifts and talents and attend the ministry meeting of their choice. The evening will begin with a large group meeting before breaking off into individual ministry meetings. Upcoming meeting date: **Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 pm.**

Parking Lot Repair

The parking areas on the south (front) and west sides of Saint Andrew will be closed for resealing and painting on **Monday and Tuesday, August 3 and 4.** During these days, please use the parking lot entrances on Partridge Avenue and use the northeast (Chapel) building entrance. Thank you!



OWLS

Wednesday, August 5; 10:30 am

Join us as Pastor Jack and several of our youth share stories and photos from their recent mission trip to Milwaukee. Hear how God worked through their service and the impact this experience had on their faith. There will be plenty of time to ask questions. Pot luck lunch follows. Everyone is welcome!

Praise for a Purpose Worship and Fellowship

Friday, August 7

Praise for a Purpose will be a night of worship and fellowship to benefit Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Invite your friends and family to this unique event to support this worthwhile cause through worship, fellowship, and service.

6:00 pm - Fellowship

7:00 pm - Worship

Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build at Saint Andrew

Saturday, August 8; 8:15 am-1:00 pm

As a volunteer, you will be guided in using woodworking tools as well as learn how to stain and apply the SHP brand with an old-fashioned branding iron. There is a job for everyone of any age or ability! Your time is valued and needed. Please sign up for a time slot using the QR code above-you may sign up for more than one. Help us fill all three time slots! **8:15-10:00 am; 9:45-11:30 am; 11:15-1:00 pm.** A light, Continental breakfast will be provided in the morning as well as a light lunch in the afternoon.

If you have any questions or need assistance in signing up, please contact **Karen Wegge** at karen.wegge@shpbeds.org or **Patrick Kieper** at Patrick@salc-wausau.org

Be a Star In a Child's Story - SHP Bedding & Pillow Drive

Through August 8

Items we are collecting—must be new - please only bring the items listed: twin mattress protectors/covers (especially needed!), twin sheet sets, (solid colors

preferred), and standard size pillows. Donations may be placed in the designated collection area at Saint Andrew throughout the campaign.

Liturgical Arts Ministry Members Needed

Liturgical Arts Ministry is a group of people who are interested in bringing visual art into the church worship services through liturgical elements and creative thinking. Join as a member of the team via this QR code. Liturgical Arts is looking for a leader or co-leaders. If you would consider leading or co-leading Liturgical Arts, email jonathan@salc-wausau.org.



VBS Volunteers Needed to help "Shine a Light on Jesus"!

Our Vacation Bible School (VBS), Illumination Station, is coming up fast! 3-5 more volunteers are still needed to join us as we "Shine a Light on Jesus". You do not need to be available every day; you can indicate your availability in the registration.

Volunteers are especially needed in the following roles:

Small Group Guide: Each guide will be assigned to one of the 3 small groups and will take them to their activities each day. You'll get to experience a little bit of everything!
Music Lead: Teach 3-4 songs with movements. Music and instruction videos will be provided ahead of time.

We also welcome youth volunteers to help in any of the rotation areas or to be small group helpers.

If you have questions about volunteering, please contact jenna@salc-wausau.org. If you are ready to help, you can register using the QR code.

All adult volunteers will be required to complete a background check and safe place policy training prior to VBS.

Saint Andrew VBS 2026: Illumination Station

Registration deadline is Sunday, July 26.

Monday-Thursday, August 10-13; 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Cost: \$10/child (\$20 max/family)

Children ages 4-11 (pre-K-6th grade) are invited to Illumination Station VBS for the brightest week of the year! During VBS (Vacation Bible School), kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, and reveals the world around them through music, stories, games, crafts and more! Sign up your child(ren) using the QR code.



SALC Church Picnic and Worship - Save the Date

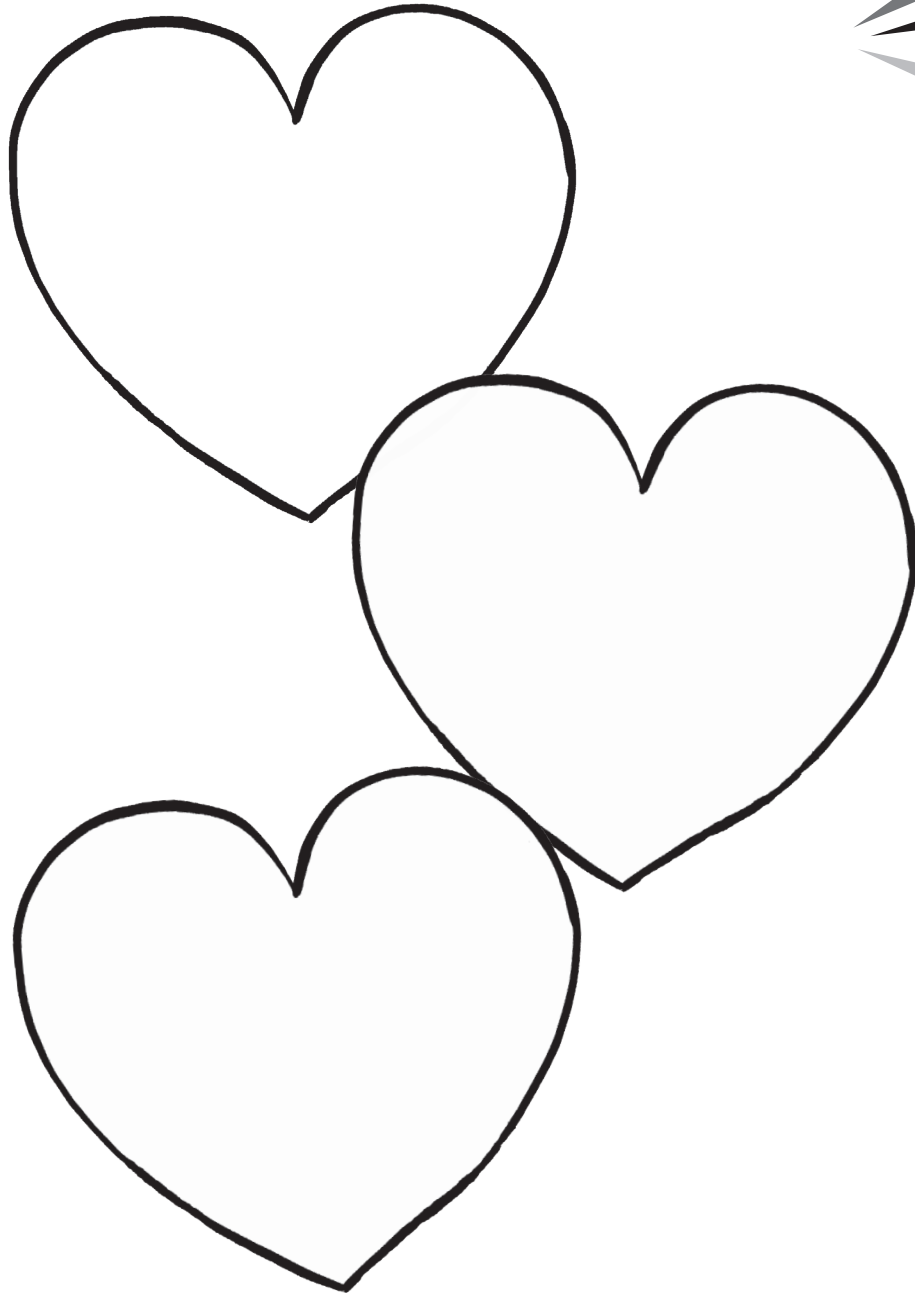
Sunday, September 13; 9:00 am - Worship in the Sanctuary

Saint Andrew will join as one and worship, serve, love. Together. Worship will feature both modern music and traditional hymns. Following worship, fellowship, food, and fun activities will take place outdoors on the north side of the building on and around the Celebration Patio. Please note this is a worship schedule change for just this Sunday and we will return to the normal 2 service schedule on Sunday, September 20.

Let Love Show

Today in worship we learned all about God's love for us.

What happened in worship that reminded you of God's love? Write or draw about it in these hearts:



READER

Pentecost 9

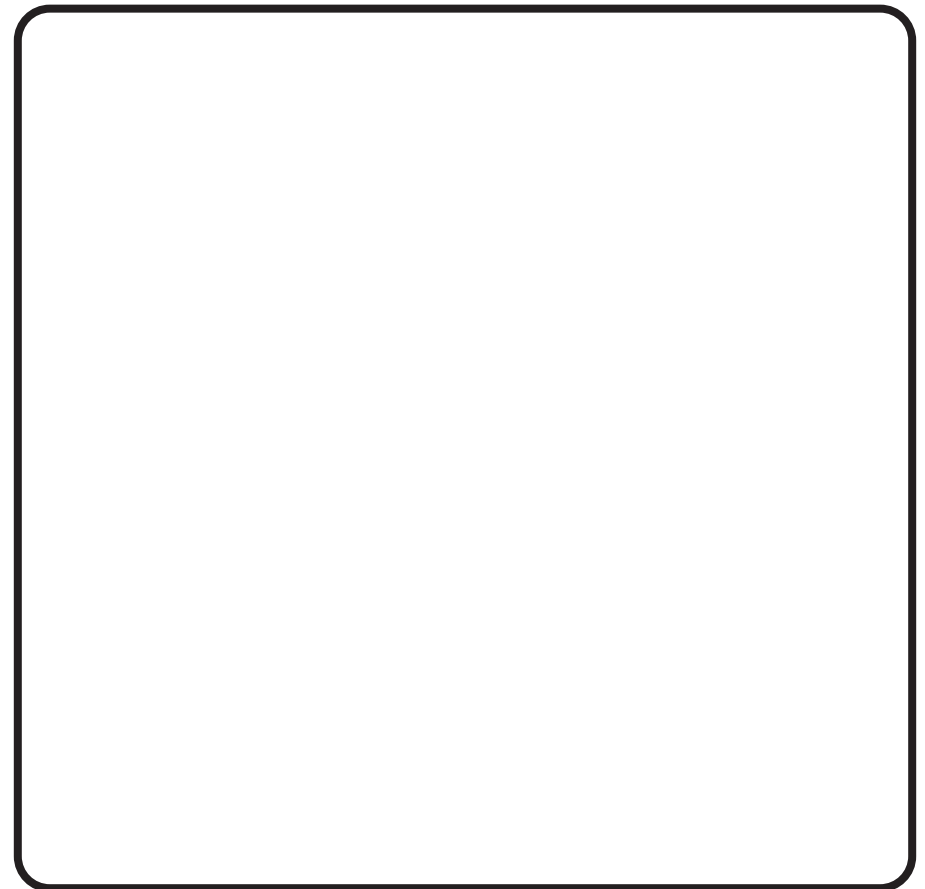
- Today is the **ninth** Sunday after Pentecost.
- During this season we remember how important the **church** is to God.

Reason to Remember

Do you remember what the image is for Pentecost?

Unscramble these letters for a hint: **etre** = _____

Draw the image here!



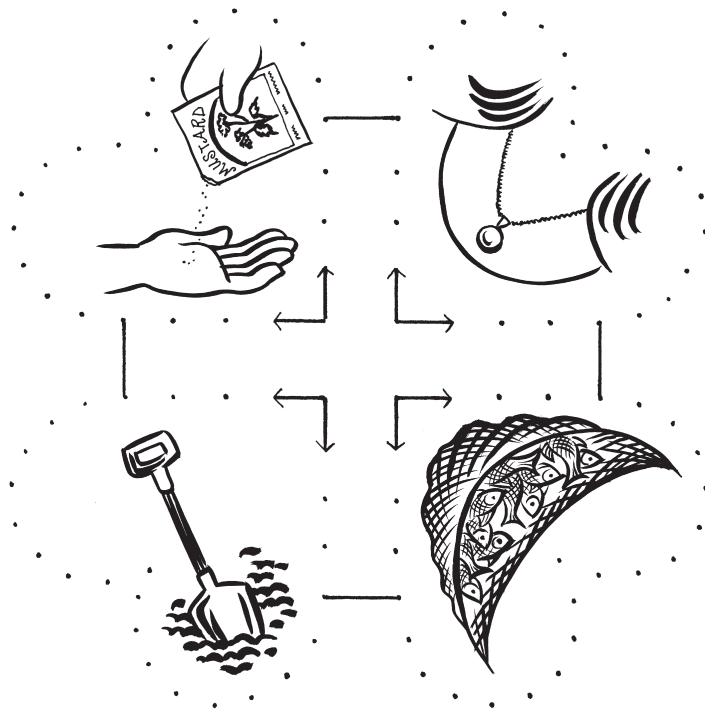
"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 8:38-39



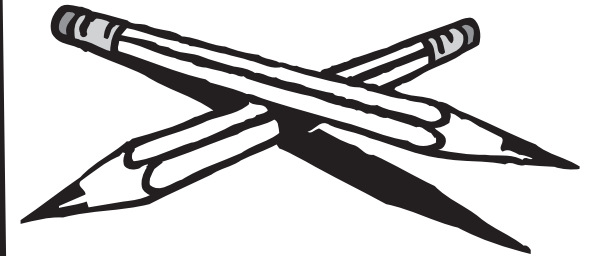
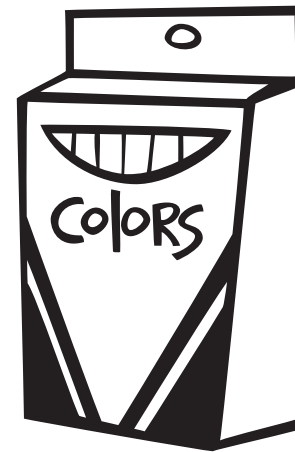
Take your bulletin home and try to memorize part of the verse each day this week.

God's Love Is Like...

Listen for signs of God's kingdom in the Gospel of Matthew. Trace the heart around each part of the story as you hear it. Color the empty space between the hearts. What do you see?



Don't be afraid to write in your Bible. God wants you to interact with God's Word! Use stickers, colored pens, and highlighters to mark your favorite stories!



Nothing Means Nothing

Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from God's love. Fill in the blanks with things you are afraid of. Remember that even these things cannot separate you from God.

"For I am convinced that neither _____ nor _____, nor _____, nor _____, nor _____, nor _____ will

be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."



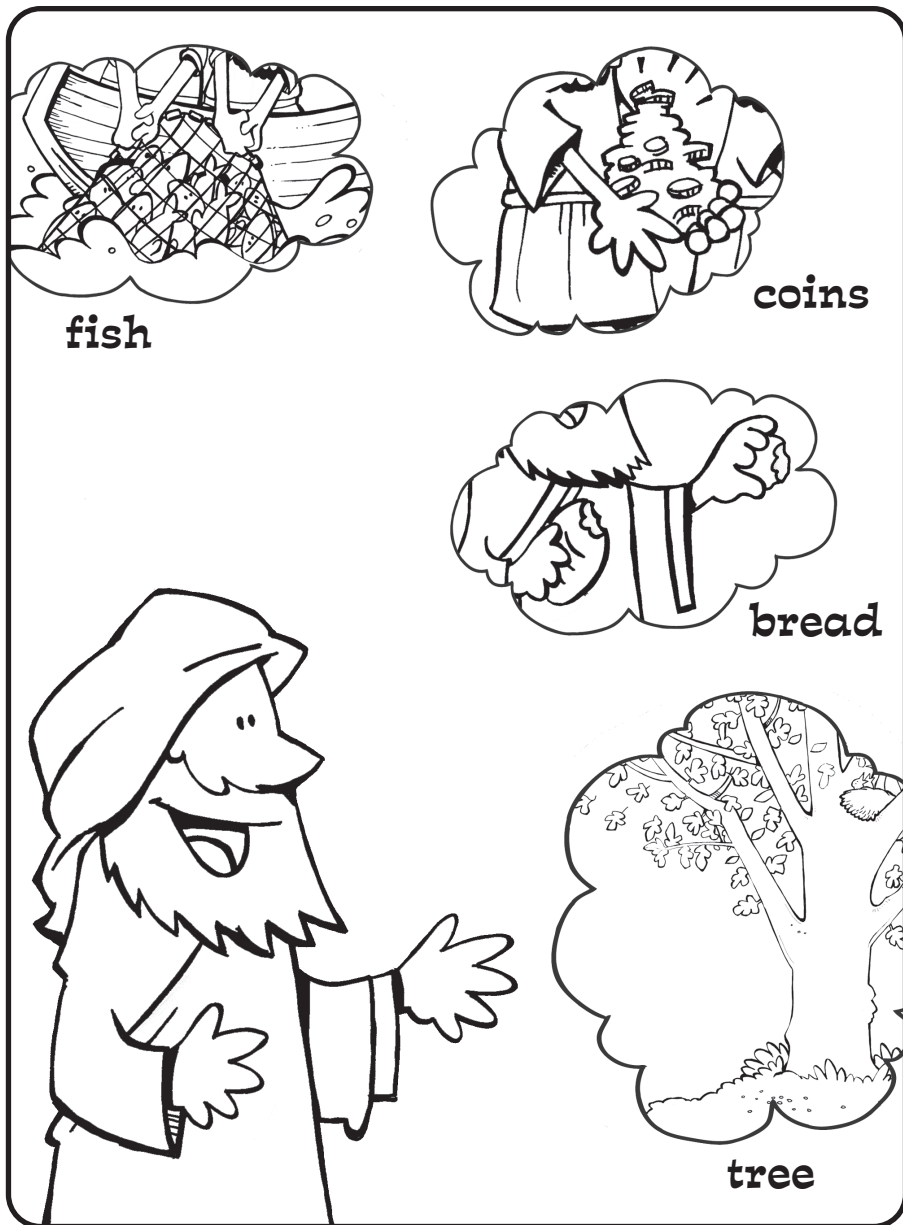
Today's Gospel is all about parables. Look up Luke 10:29-37 to read one of the most famous parables in the Bible.

Pentecost 9

- Today is the **9th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- During this season we **remember** how important the **church** is to **God**.

A black and white line drawing of a large, oval-shaped woven basket. To the top left are three stacks of coins and a rectangular block. To the top right is another rectangular block. To the bottom left is a single coin. To the bottom right are three stacks of coins.





Jesus says, "This is what the kingdom of God is like!"

Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is like a precious treasure.

What do you treasure? Draw it in this treasure chest.

