

Sunday, August 16, 2026
8:00 am

*Cultivating God's Kin-dom:
Sowing Mercy*



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 *"Light of the World"*

GREETING

GLORY TO GOD **P. 204**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Word

READING

A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The scripture is read.

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

PSALM

Psalm 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

READING

A reading from Romans.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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 15:10-28

The scripture is read.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

**No. 612
Vs. 1-4**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The response is: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Meal

OFFERING HYMN *"God, We Gather As Your People"*

OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING & SENDING OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMNS

"I Come with Joy"

"All Are Welcome"

"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN *"Shine the Light"*

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

Pastor and Children's Message - Rev. Jack Busche
Assisting Minister - Lynn Lawson
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 by Phil Bickley in honor of Helen's birthday.

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.

Playground

A playground 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, August 16

Special Congregational Meeting to Approve Roof Expense

Today, August 16; 9:15 am - Fellowship Hall

Please plan to attend this important meeting. Eligible voters are participating members who have been confirmed, made a financial contribution of record & have communed at Saint Andrew this past calendar year.

Noisy Offering

Today, August 16

A Noisy Offering will be received in worship to help pay down the Wausau School District current lunch program debt. Last month we received \$839.81 in support of Sleep In Heavenly Peace. Thank you for your generosity!

Pet Blessing Sunday Outdoor Worship

Sunday, August 30; 8:00 am - Traditional and 10:00 am - Modern

Worship will be on the Celebration Patio on the north side of the building. Any animals that can safely travel and be around strangers are invited to this worship service to receive a blessing. If it rains, both services will be held in the Sanctuary without the pet blessing.

Lights, Camera... Ministry!

Saint Andrew is looking for creative volunteers to join our Communications Ministry. If you enjoy making videos, designing graphics, taking photos, writing for social media, or simply want to learn something new, we'd love to have you on the team. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Interested? Contact Bob at bwiederh@gmail.com to learn more.

SALC Church Picnic and Worship

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

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.

After the Storm: Sharing Your Love and Support with the Menasha Area

Below are ways to help that have been communicated to us:

- 1. Financial generosity is best.** Give online through the ECSW (East Central Synod of WI) through www.ecsw.org, click the GIVE button and select "Local Disaster Relief" from the choose fund menu.
- 2. www.getconnected.volunteerfoxcities.org** to volunteer
- 3. United Way Fox Cities** is a place where people can report damage, volunteer, or donate, go to unitedwayforxcities.org or you can call them at 211.
- 4. Resources for mental health** are available through NEW Network of Care at mentalhealth.networkofcare.org/foxcities-wi

LWR School Kits and Personal Care Kits

Wednesday, August 12 through Sunday, September 20

It's that time of year when we collect donations for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) School Kits and Personal Care Kits. Donations can be placed in the Giving Corner. Lists of needed items can be found in the Network newsletter and will also be available in the Giving Corner for you to take with you when you shop.

Confirmation 2026-2027

Confirmation Orientation for 1st-3rd year students will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation at Saint Andrew is a 3-year program open to students in 6th grade and up. Letters were sent to new 6th grade students and returning confirmation students at the beginning of July. If your family has a student who will be attending confirmation this fall but did not receive a letter with registration information, please contact jenna@salc-wausau.org.

Lay School of Ministry Registration Now Open

Registration is due Friday, September 4, 2026

The East Central Synod of Wisconsin's Lay School of Ministry invites you to register for the 2026–2027 school year. Learn more in the Network newsletter and register at layschool.ecsw.org.

GriefShare

Monday, September 14-December 7; 6:30 pm; St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Wausau

GriefShare is a 13-week video, national program. You can register by contacting Shirley Ostrem by email sjostrem2113@outlook.com or go to griefshare.org

A Fond Farewell to Waypost

September 18-20

As we prepare to close this chapter of Waypost's ministry, we hope you'll join us for a meaningful weekend of celebration, gratitude, and remembering. Please refer to the Network newsletter for more details and how to register. The main event on Saturday, September 19 is free and open to all.

An Invitation To Join the 2027 Civil Rights Tour

June 9–15, 2027

The ECSW (Synod) is excited to invite you to join them for a transformative journey as they along with the Northern Great Lakes Synod partner together for a Civil Rights Tour. Registration is now open. You can view more details in the Network newsletter and also by going to ecsw.org/news/civil-rights-tour-2027.

Prayers of the People

During worship, we take time to pray for all sorts of things. This time is called the Prayers of the People. We ask God to be with the leaders of our country, for help for the poor, and of healing for the sick. What did you pray about in worship today?

Write or draw about it here:



READER

Pentecost 12

- Today is the **12th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- Pentecost lasts for more than **20 weeks**.
- During such a long season, we can be **persistent** with God.
- Being persistent means to **keep trying** and **keep asking**.

Be Persistent

God wants us to keep asking for the things we need. What do you need from God? Write a prayer inside the symbol for Pentecost.



Unscramble the shaded words to complete this week's memory verse.

Jesus answered her, "Woman, **tegar**

is your **afhit** ! Let it be done for you

as you **swih** ." Matthew 15:28a

Memory Verse



Jesus answered her, "Woman, _____ is
your _____ ! Let it be done for you as you
_____."

Keep Trying

In the Gospel lesson today we learned about being persistent with God. Try to solve this Sudoku math game using your persistence!

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the numbers 1 through 4.

			2
	3		
		1	
4			

Did You Know?

In the reading from Romans today, Paul tells us that he is a member of the tribe of Benjamin. This is one of the twelve tribes of Israel, the groups of people born from Jacob's twelve sons.

Here are the other tribes: Asher, Dan, Gad, Issachar, Joseph, Judah, Levi, Naphtali, Reuben, Simeon, and Zebulun.

Family Tree

In Romans, Paul talks about his family and heritage. He is an Israelite, from the tribe of Benjamin.

Who is in your faith family? Who has helped you learn more about God?

Who has taught you about Jesus?

Write or draw about them in this family tree. Draw more branches to fit more faith family members.

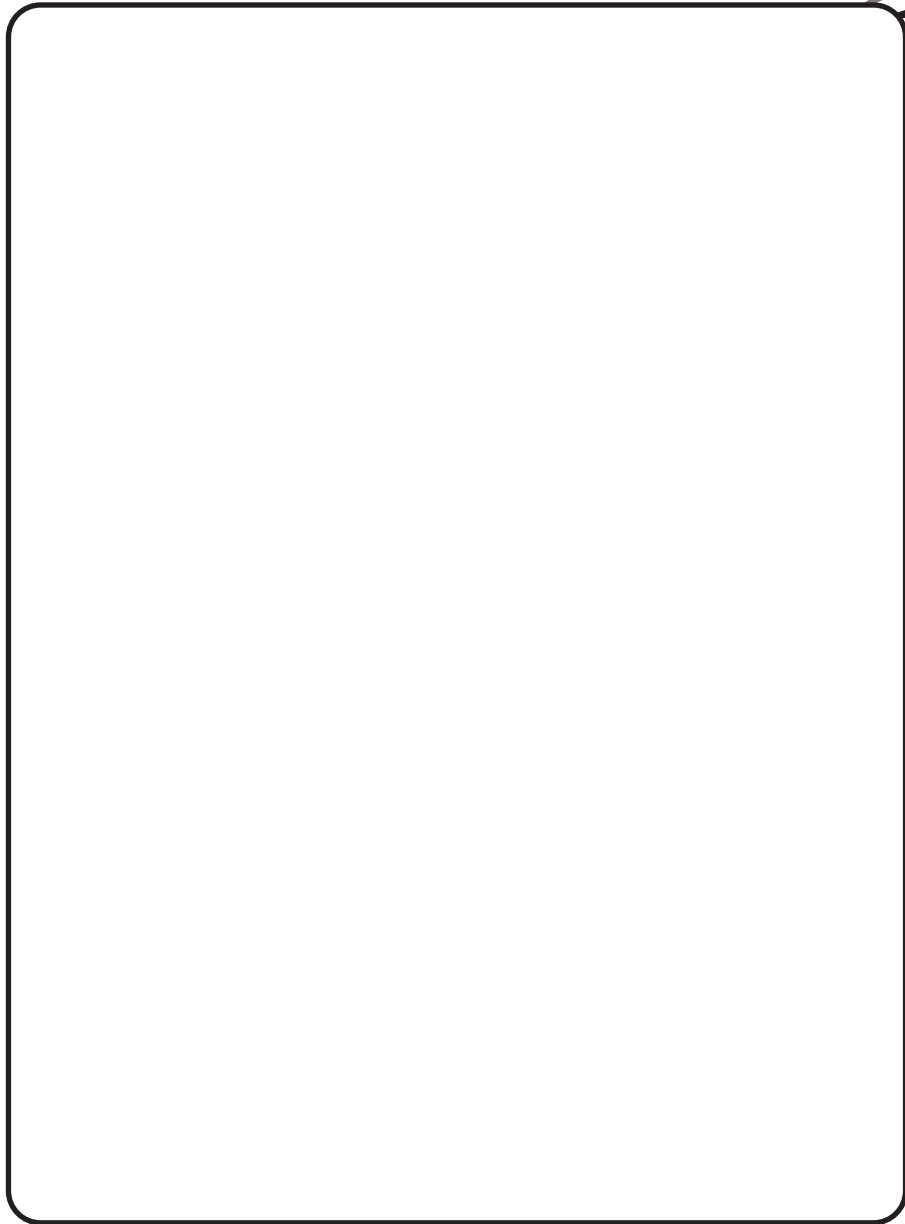


Look It Up!

The Apostle Paul uses a writing style called **diatribe**. He asks a question. Then he answers it. Look up Romans 11:1 to see an example.

What do you like best about your worship space?

Draw a picture of it here!

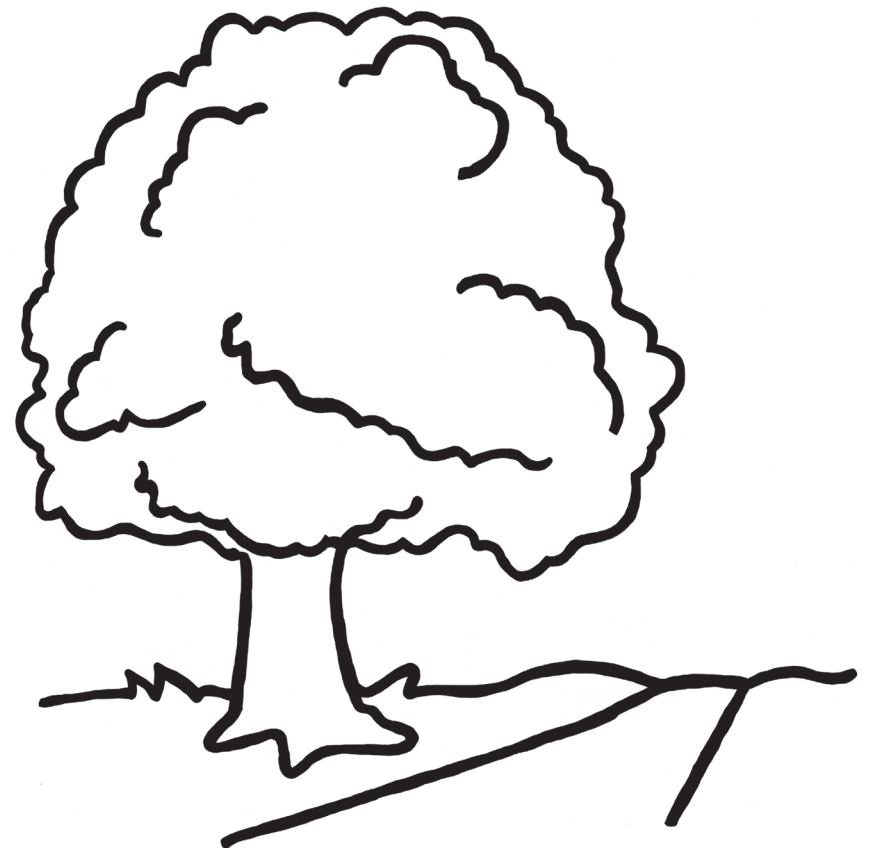


PRE-READER

Pentecost 12

- Today is the **12th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- During this season, we remember to keep **asking God** for **what we need**.

Draw what you need from God inside this symbol for Pentecost.





Jesus said, "You have great faith! I will heal your daughter."

The Bible is full of stories about families. Paul tells us that he is a member of Benjamin's family.

Draw a picture of your family here!

