



Sunday, September 6, 2026
8:00 am

No Fair! The Unfairness of God:
How to Fight Like a Christian



Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

Have mercy on us. We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN

"As We Gather at Your Table"

**No. 522
Vs. 1-3**

GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

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SALUTATION

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Word

READING

A reading from Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 33:7-11

The scripture is read.

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

PSALM

Psalms 119:33-40

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

READING

A reading from Romans.

Romans 13:8-14

The scripture is read.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P. 8; Sung 2x

GOSPEL

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

Matthew 18:15-20

The scripture is read.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"

**No. 716
Vs. 1-5**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The response is: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Meal

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING & SENDING OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Now We Join in Celebration"

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

THANKS BE TO YOU

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Serving in Worship

Pastor - Rev. Jack Busche

Assisting Minister - Duane Zietlow

Children's Message - Jenna Diedrich

Pianist - Joel Freiberg

Technical Support

Bob Wiederhoeft

Pam Czerwinski

Dayna Herold

Alex Millard

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 Lynn Miller in memory of her parents.

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, September 6

One Service Time and Blessing of Backpacks

Sunday, September 13; 9:00 am

Students, bring your backpacks to worship to have them blessed and receive a small token to celebrate the school year ahead! 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.

SALC Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, September 13; Following 9:00 am Worship

The countdown is on! We're just 10 days away! If you haven't found a way to get involved yet, stop by the Picnic Information Board in the Narthex. Whether you volunteer, bring a donation, or simply come ready to enjoy the day, we're looking forward to a wonderful time of fellowship, laughter, and fun with you and your family!

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.

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. Lists of needed items are available in the Giving Corner.

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

Art Devotions

Wednesday, September 16; 1:00-3:00 pm

We will be using your favorite leaves to create a leaf print on canvas. A variety of canvas sizes are available and \$5 is the suggested donation. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. Cathy Kirk will lead us in this project. Call Pam Clark with any questions at 715-848-9120.

Confirmation 2026-2027

Orientation: Wednesday, September 16; 6:30 pm - Fellowship Hall

Confirmation letters were sent to new 6th grade students and returning confirmation students at the beginning of July. If your family did not receive a letter with registration information, please contact Jenna at jenna@salc-wausau.org.

Join our Sunday School Team!

Sunday School Teacher Meeting; Wednesday, September 16; 5:30 pm

If you feel called to serve as a lead teacher or an assistant, please reach out to Jenna at jenna@salc-wausau.org. We are looking for 2 adults in each classroom: Preschool, Pre-k/Kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grades 3-5. All volunteers working directly with children will be required to complete a background check.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday September 17; 10:00 am-3:00 pm

The American Red Cross and Hello Kitty® are releasing exclusive NEW merch! Call 1 800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment.

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.

Sunday School Starts September 20

Sundays 9:10-9:50 am; Activity Room

Saint Andrew offers Sunday school for students in preschool (ages 2-3) through 5th grade. Registration can be found on our website or printed forms can be filled out at church on your child's first day. Spark Bibles will be presented in worship to children starting 3rd grade. Parents will be invited forward to share in fulfilling the baptismal promise, "place in their hands the holy scripture."

Dartball Begins

Monday, September 21 - Practice night; Tuesday September 15 at 6:30 pm

We are open to having new members! All skill levels and ages are welcome - we throw darts for fun! Schedules and game locations will be handed out that night. If you have any questions please contact Duane Zietlow at 715-573-8817 or just stop by on September 15!

High School Gatherings

Wednesday, September 30; 5:30-7:30 pm

Gatherings for high school age students will be held at Saint Andrew one Wednesday a month. Dinner will be provided at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with confirmation students; high school youth group time will be 6:00-7:30 pm in the Youth Room. If you have questions, please contact Jenna at jenna@salc-wausau.org.

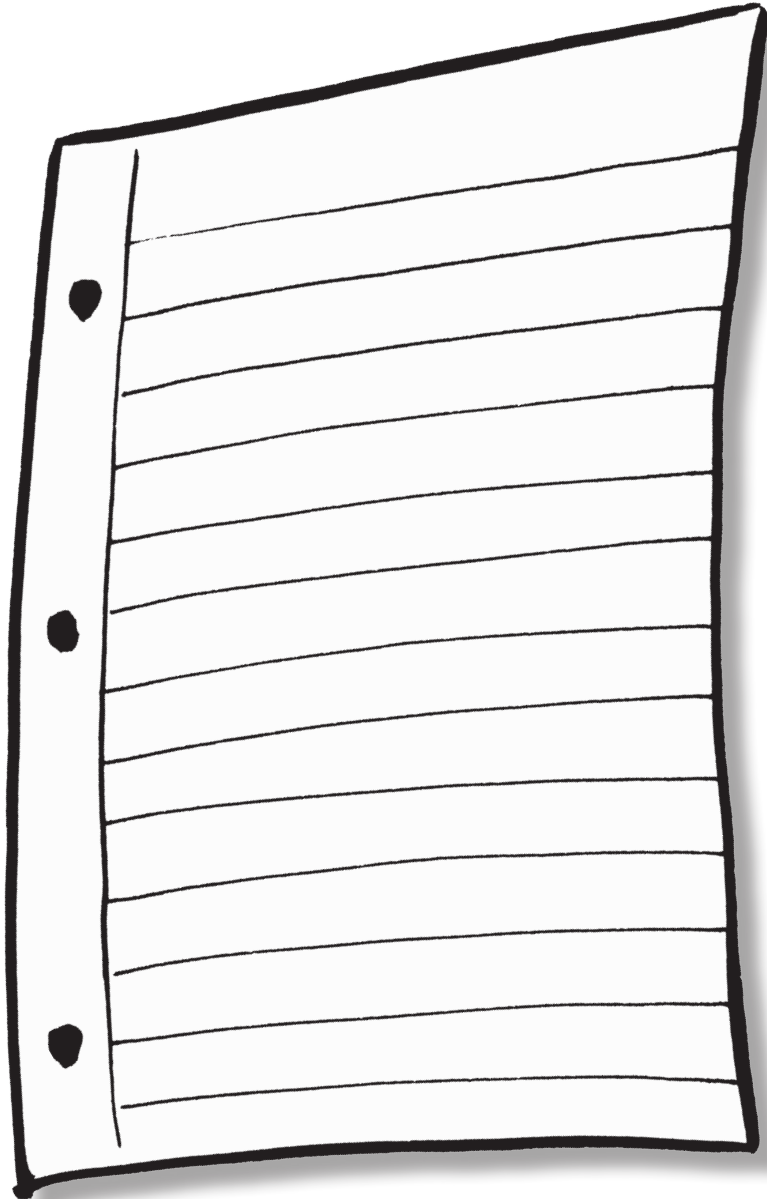
An Invitation To Join the 2027 Civil Rights Tour

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. You can find more details at ecsw.org/news/civil-rights-tour-2027. Registration is now open!

Loving Learning

Worship is a time to praise God. It is also a time to learn about God. Did you learn anything during worship today? Write what you learned in this notebook.



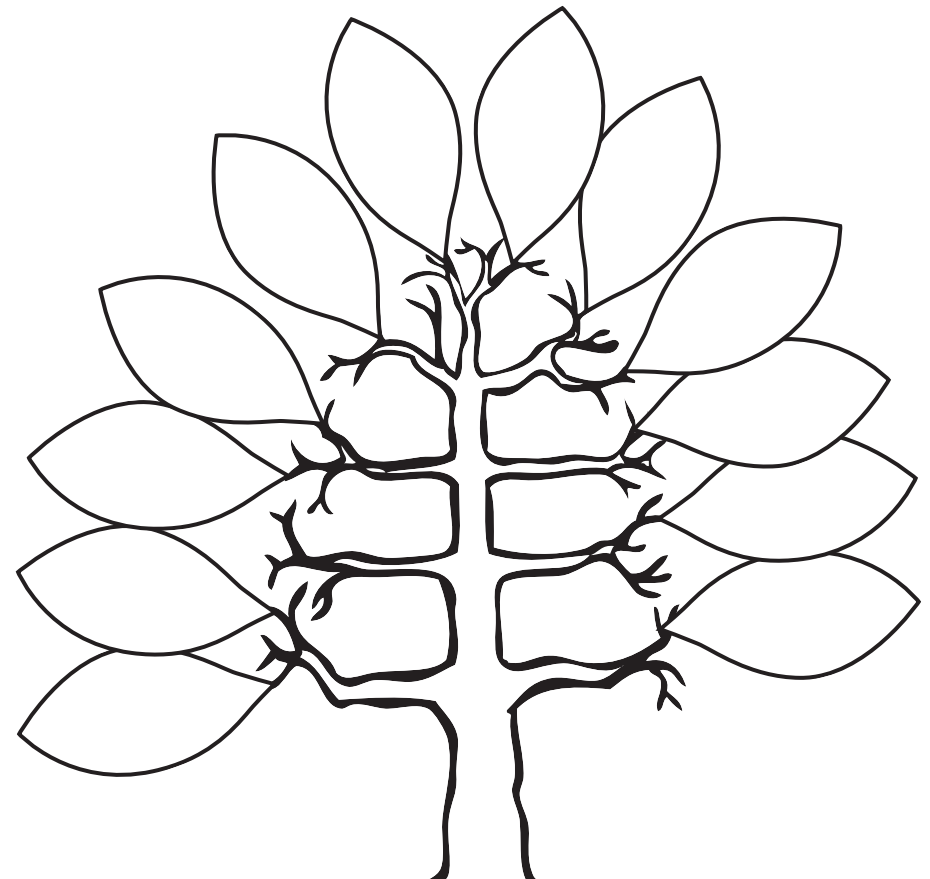
READER

Pentecost 15

- Today is the **15th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- We're a little more than **halfway** through the season after Pentecost.
- During the season after Pentecost, we learn a lot about **God** during **worship**.

Leaf Labels

There are twelve leaves on this tree.
Write one word about God on each leaf.



Fill in the blanks to complete this week's memory verse.

For where _____ or

_____ are gathered in my

name, I am there _____ them. Matthew 18:20

Memory Verse



A Great Commandment

Paul tells us that all of the Ten Commandments can be summed up in one sentence. Unscramble this sentence to learn the answer. Need help? Look up Romans 13:9

As Love Neighbor Your Yourself



Romans is a letter from the Apostle Paul to the people living in Rome.

Paul did not go to the post office to mail his letters. There was no post office!

When he wrote a letter, he sent someone to personally deliver it!

Did You Know?

Saying Sorry

Jesus knew that people in the church would argue and disagree sometimes. He told his followers what to do if they could not get along. Sometimes we argue and disagree with others we care about. Sometimes we need to say that we're sorry. To figure out these ways to say "Sorry," add the vowels to each phrase.

___ M S ___ R R Y

___ R ___ L L Y M ___ S S ___ D ___ P

F ___ R G ___ V ___ M ___ P L ___ S ___

___ G ___ F ___ D

MY B ___ D

S ___ R R Y ___ H ___ R T Y ___



Look it Up!

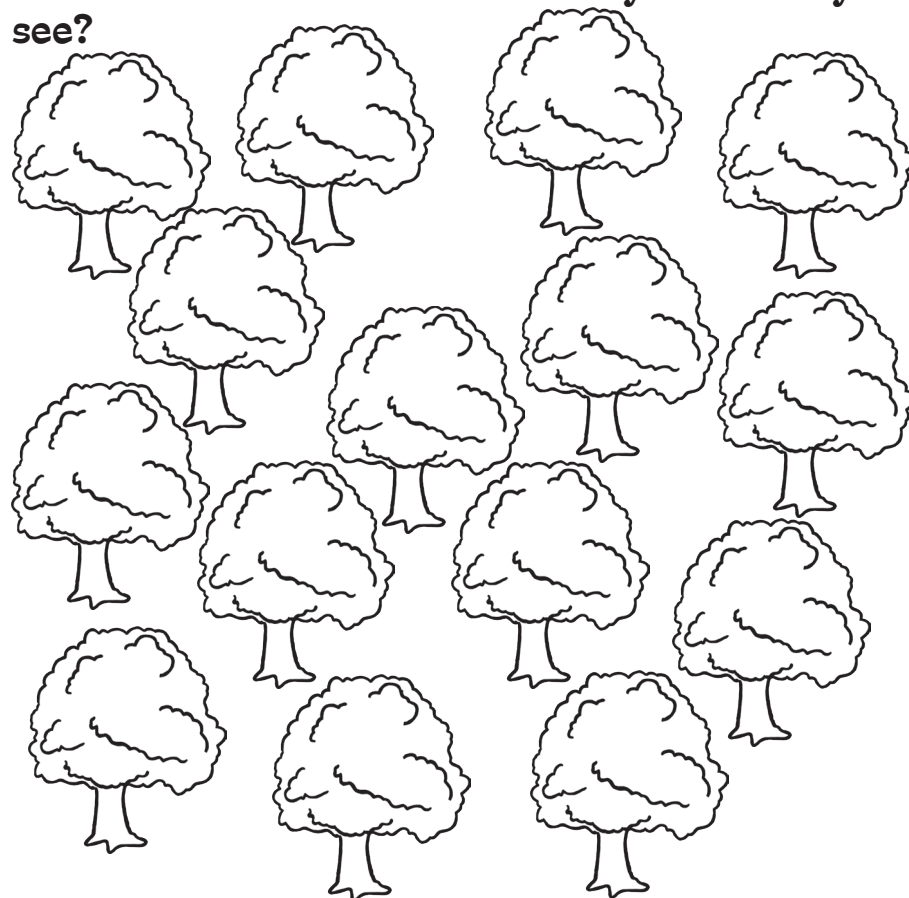
The Gospel tells us how to solve disagreements with one another. Look up Matthew 5:23-26 for more advice about resolving conflict.

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Pentecost 15

- Today is the **15th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is the **longest** season in the church year.
- Today we are about **halfway** through the season after Pentecost.

We count many Sundays in the season after Pentecost! Count all the trees here. Write a number inside each. How many trees do you see?





Jesus says, "Talk to each other about your disagreements."

Jesus tells us that it is important to say we're sorry.

Can you find all the letters that spell out S-O-R-R-Y in this picture? Can you find Squiggles? Can you color the moon and stars and sea?

