SAINT ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 8, 2026
8:00 am

The Good News About
Death: Grieving With Hope



Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *"Let Streams of Living Justice"* **No. 710 Vs. 1-3**

GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE **"***This is the Feast***"** **P. 140-141**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Word

Reading **Amos 5:18-24**

A reading from Amos.

The scripture is read.

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

PSALM **Psalm 70**

Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O Lord, make | haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded; | let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!
But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry.

READING

A reading from 1 Thessalonians. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

The scripture is read.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **P. 142**

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter. **Matthew 25:1-13**
Glory to you, O Lord.

The scripture is read.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"* **No. 244 Vs. 1-4**

APOSTLES' CREED **P. 105**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Meal

OFFERING HYMN *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"* **No. 619 Vs. 1-4**

OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **P. 144**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY **P. 144**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING & SENDING OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD **P. 146**

COMMUNION HYMNS

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People" **No. 469 Vs. 1-3**

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" **No. 484 Vs. 1-5**

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" **No. 488 Vs. 1-4**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance" **No. 638 Vs. 1-3**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship
Pastor & Children's Message - Rev. Jack Busche
Assisting Minister - Dick Jarvis
Children's Message - Jenna Diedrich
Director of Worship & Music - Jonathan Smith

Technical Support
Bob Wiederhoeft
Pam Czerwinski
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 the Fehrmans in honor of their anniversary and Faith's birthday; and in honor of Tom and Barb Geiger's 50th wedding anniversary by their family.

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, November 8

ONE Winter Clothing Drive

November 1-February 28

Items are now being collected to benefit several local schools and other charitable organizations that support the homeless community. Please only donate these needed items: hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, winter socks (adults); winter boots, sweatshirts and hoodies (children & adults). All items may be donated at anytime, however, on the first Sunday of each month, children's items will be collected so they can be easily sorted and delivered to the schools. Donated items can be dropped off in the Giving Corner. Thank you for your generosity as we care for those in our community!

November Noisy Offering

Sunday, November 15

A Noisy Offering will be received in worship in support of Feed MY Starving Children, a Christian nonprofit organization called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. To learn more visit their website at **www.fmsc.org.** Last month we received $508.33 to support St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Menasha with the costs involved in repairing their steeple damaged by hail this summer. Thank you for your generosity!

Pop-Up Collection to Support Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry

You are invited to participate in donating non-perishable food and monetary gifts through ***Wednesday, November 11*** to support Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry and families. Collection bins and a monetary donation box is located in the Giving Corner in the Narthex.

Family Faith Advent Activity: Advent Wreath Poster

Sunday, November 15; 9:15 am - Parish Room

Get ready for Advent by creating your own Advent wreath poster that you can post on your fridge or bulletin board at home. Each Sunday in Advent you can say a short prayer and add a flame to your poster as you get ready for the birth of Jesus! There will be no Sunday School on this day.

WausauCARES Matching Funds Opportunity

WausauCARES is a shared resource among participating Wausau Area ELCA churches to support neighbors in need. WausauCARES has been blessed to receive up to $12,000 in matching funds to raise money for the emergency fund until ***December 1***. If you would like to give, please direct donations to Saint Andrew Lutheran Church.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Saint Andrew Social Advocacy Ministry is offering Thanksgiving food baskets for those in need this holiday season. Please make requests through the SALC office at 715-842-3333 or **joy@salc-wausau.org** by ***Monday, November 16.*** Distribution will be on ***Monday, November 23, 5:00-6:00 pm*** at the north entrance of the church. Donations of: whole chickens, turkey breasts, canned cranberry sauce, pie crusts, and pie filling will be received until ***Monday, November 16***. Please no whole turkeys. Non-perishable items can be placed in the baskets provided in the Giving Corner. Perishable items can be placed in the refrigerator or freezer on the shelf marked "Thanksgiving Food Baskets." Thank you for your generosity and support as we help others!

Powering our Mission: Proposal for a Roof-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic System

Congregational Forum: *November 22; 9:15 am - Chapel*

To learn about the full project proposal and ask questions, please plan to attend! Over the next few weeks we will highlight key aspects of a proposed solar power system for Saint Andrew. More information can be found in the Network newsletter.

Christmas Poinsettias

Help beautify the altar at Christmas with a poinsettia to remember or honor a loved one. Cost is $10. Order forms are available online or in the Narthex. Deadline is ***Sunday, November 29.***

"Call Me Blessed" - A Youth Musical Sharing the Christmas Story

December 20 - 8 am & 10 am Services

Call Me Blessed shares the Christmas story through original songs and familiar scripture written by Director of Worship and Music Jonathan Smith. Youth ages 4-15 are encouraged to sign up to act and sing, and musicians of all ages can join the band/ orchestra. Sign up or express interest using this QR code.

***"One in Spirit"* Yoga**

Transforming the mind, body, and spirit

There will be no practices held November 17 & 18.

Donations during this series will support food insecurities in the Wausau community through Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. As of October 28, we have raised $890 and over 100 pounds of donated food has been delivered.

Mat-based Practices: *Tuesdays at 8:30 am & 4:30 pm*

Chair-based Practices: *Wednesdays at 8:30 am*

Practices are drop-in, free-will donation. Meet in the Chapel at Saint Andrew. Props and mats available to support your practice. All are welcome!

Get Ready for Worship

Here's a quiz to help you get ready for worship. Circle the letter that matches your answer.

1. **What can you bring to church each week?**
   a. Bible
   b. Headphones
   c. Snacks

2. **How can you get ready to pray during worship?**
   a. Read the bulletin.
   b. Start looking through your hymnal.
   c. Fold your hands and close your eyes.

3. **How can you get ready to sing at church?**
   a. Do some voice warm-up exercises.
   b. Find the hymn numbers in the hymnal or the song in the bulletin service folder.
   c. Do some drum rolls on the pews.

4. **How do we get ready to take communion at church?**
   a. Go to the communion table.
   b. Stare out the window.
   c. Start whistling.

Now try writing your own question or two!

SPARK ACTIVATE FAITH

READER

Pentecost 24

- Today is the **24th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The Pentecost season is the **longest season** of the church year.
- At the **end** of the Pentecost season, we enter **Advent**.
- Advent is the time when we **get ready** for Jesus at Christmas.

Ready, Set, Grow

Jesus tells us to get ready to meet God. What helps us get ready to meet God? Unscramble the words above the road and write your answers on the road.



iebbl
rrayep
eolv
plenhig

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Matthew 25:1

Memory Verse

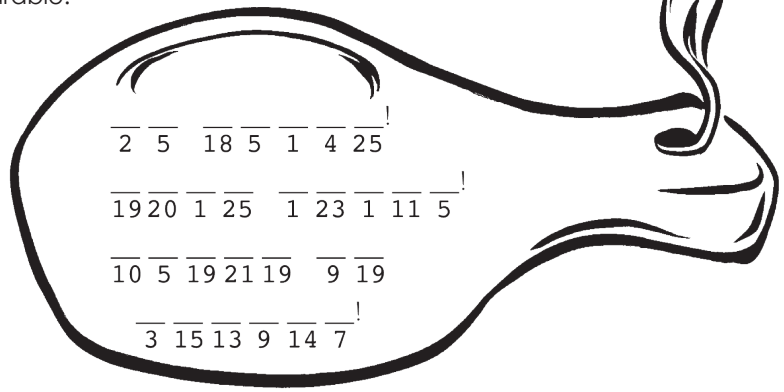
All Is Ready!

The five bridesmaids who were ready had lamps filled with oil. Find them and color their lamps.



Crack the Code

Use the code at the bottom of the page to read the message of today's parable.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Ready and Waiting

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told many parables about the kingdom of heaven. Find this parable in Matthew.

Fill in the blanks with the correct numbers and read the story.

_____ (5+5) took their oil and went to meet the . _____ (4+1) were wise and filled their with oil. _____ (3+2) weren't wise, and didn't fill their with oil. It got to be late at night, and the _____ (9+1) fell asleep. Suddenly, at _____ (11+1) midnight, the arrived. The _____ (1+4) wise lit their oil and went in to the wedding banquet with the . The _____ (2+3) not-so-wise couldn't light their , so they couldn't go to the wedding banquet. Jesus says we should be like the _____ (0+5) wise and be ready!

= bridesmaids = groom = lamps

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Today's story is about a wedding. Lots of weddings happen at church.

What do you need for a wedding? Circle those things.



PRE-READER

Pentecost 24

- Today is the **24th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is a season of **growing**.
- God wants us to grow by **being ready** for God to **show up**.

God wants us to walk on the road of love. God welcomes us on this road. Color in the welcome mat. Use lots of colors. Everyone is welcome.





Jesus told a story about getting ready.

Five bridesmaids put oil in their lamps. They were ready. Five other bridesmaids need our help. We can help them get ready.

We can draw flames on their lamps. We can draw smiles on their faces.



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