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January 21, 2024**

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**WELCOME** — We are so glad that you have joined us for this worship service! Please let us know if there is any way we can be of service to you at this time.

**OUR MISSION** — The mission of St. Andrew Lutheran Church is to guide people to know Jesus as their Savior, to grow in their faith, and to show Jesus to others.

**OUR BELIEF** — We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the only source of all Christian doctrine and teaching. We believe that the only true God is the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that we are saved not by anything we do, but only through faith in Jesus Christ, who gave his life for our sins. We will be happy to tell you more about what we believe!

**OUR HISTORY** — St. Andrew Lutheran Church was established in 1888 and is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a confessional Lutheran church body with over 1,200 congregations in North America and with more than 30 sister church bodies worldwide.

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### INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

*This Sunday, the Second Reading unifies the theme, since the other readings deal with specific calls to a full-time following that leaves behind secular vocations. Jesus still calls some to full-time ministry. To all, however, comes the call to follow him with a willingness to abandon everything if faithfulness requires it. The calls in these readings bids us have a mindset that is willing to forsake everything of this world, even when we are not required to do it.*

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Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spoke, "All in my  
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, A god - ly  
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord And take the



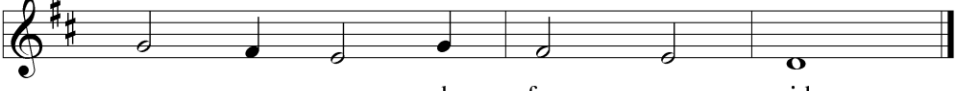
way a - bid - ing. De - ny your - selves; the  
 life dis - play - ing. I bid you walk as  
 love is glow - ing, And gra - cious words my  
 souls' sal - va - tion, Your hearts from ev - 'ry  
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing



world for - sake; O - bey my call and guid - ing.  
 in the day; I keep your feet from stray - ing.  
 lips ex - press, With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing.  
 guile to free, From sin and its temp - ta - tion.  
 to his Word, In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed.



Oh, bear the cross, what - e'er be - tide; Take  
 I am the way, and well I show How  
 My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To  
 I am the ref - uge of the soul And  
 For those who bear the bat - tle's strain The



my ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 you should jour - ney here be - low.  
 God I yield; on him I call.  
 lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr., st. 1-3, 5; *Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge*, 1695, st. 4; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96, alt.  
 Tune: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT (87 87 88) Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt.

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



**C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**



**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### FIRST READING – Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (EHV)

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Get up. Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.”

<sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the LORD had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk.<sup>c</sup> <sup>4</sup>Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, “Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!”

<sup>5</sup>The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

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<sup>c</sup> This apparently means it would take Jonah three days to preach throughout the various sections of the city, but the meaning is uncertain.

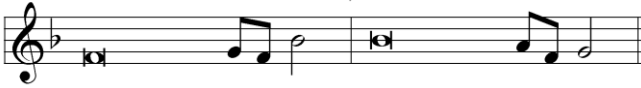
**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 62 – CW93 p. 88 (text NIV84)

*Refrain*



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

*Psalm tone*



**Refrain**

My soul finds rest in God alone;\*  
my salvation comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation;\*  
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;\*  
my hope comes from him.

**Refrain**

Though your riches increase,\*  
do not set your heart on them.

My salvation and my honor depend on God;\*  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O people;\*  
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Refrain**

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## SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (EHV)

<sup>29</sup>I also say this, brothers: The time is short. From now on, let those who have wives live as if they have none; <sup>30</sup>those who weep, as if not weeping; those who rejoice, as if not rejoicing; those who buy, as if not possessing; <sup>31</sup>and those who use the world, as if not getting any use out of it. For the way of life that belongs to this world is passing away.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (*Matthew 4:23 – NIV*)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### GOSPEL – Mark 1:14-20 (EHV)

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

<sup>14</sup>After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom<sup>c</sup> of God. <sup>15</sup>“The time is fulfilled,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus was going along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately Jesus called them. They left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

*After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

<sup>c</sup> A few witnesses to the text omit *of the kingdom*.

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY – *O God from God, O Light from Light* – CW93 #85 –  
printed on the following page**



## 85 O God from God, O Light from Light



1 O God from God, O Light from Light, O Prince of  
 2 Deep in the proph-ets' sa-cred page, Grand in the  
 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death of  
 4 Sing to the Lord a might-y song; Sing to his



Peace and King of kings, To you in heav-en's  
 po-ets' wing-ed word, Slow-ly, in type, from  
 pain mid hate and scorn—These all are past, and  
 name, his glo-ries tell! Sing, heav'n-ly hosts, your



glo-ry bright The song of praise for-ev-er rings.  
 age to age The na-tions saw their com-ing Lord;  
 now a-bove He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
 praise pro-long, And all on earth, your an-them swell!



To him who sits up-on the throne, The Lamb once  
 Till through the deep Ju-de-an night Rang out the  
 Lift up your heads, O might-y gates! So sang the  
 Wor-thy the Lamb for sin-ners slain! For-ev-er



slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry  
 song, "Good will to men!" Sung by heav'n's hosts in  
 an-gel hosts a-gain. Lift up your heads—your  
 let the song as-cend! Wor-thy the Lamb en-



he has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, A-men.  
 splen-dor bright, Re-ech-oed now, "Good will!" A-men.  
 King a-waits. We lift them up, A-men, A-men.  
 throned to reign; Glo-ry and pow'r! A-men, A-men.

Text: John Julian, 1839–1913, abr., alt.

Tune: O GROSSER GOTT (LM D) Johann Störks . . . Schlag-Gesang-Und Noten-Buch, Stuttgart, 1744.

SERMON – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 – The Time Is Short

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

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Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult Of our  
 2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it By the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; Day by day his voice in -  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and  
 help us hear your call; Give our hearts to your o -



vites us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"  
 kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
 keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, Serve and love you best of all!

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-95, alt.  
 Tune: STUTTGART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660-1716, alt.

OFFERING

Members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church use this time to respond to God's goodness with gifts of thanks and love. Our giving is guided by God's Word: "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits from your entire harvest" (Proverbs 3:9); "Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8, EHV).

Feel free also to make use of online giving options: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/>, then click on the "Giving" tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address (links to the app & more info on p. 20).



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

**C:** **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

**M:** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**C:** **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

**M:** Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**C:** **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

**M:** Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**C:** **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow, including the following special prayer:*

*for the development of a new Christian education curriculum:*

Loving Shepherd, we want to do our very best when teaching your saving Word to our children. Guide Melanie Giddings, whom our church body called as the coordinator for a new theology curriculum, and the over 20 educators working with

her, as they develop the focus of the curriculum. We ask you to bless this Christian education project so that our church body can better train children ages infant through high school to be your disciples in today's world. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE SACRAMENT**

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy Supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this Supper, we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

*Following the teaching of the Bible (1 Corinthians 10:17; 11:27-29; etc.), our church practices "close communion." We ask that only those who are communicant members of this church or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) partake of the sacrament today. If you are a visitor who is not a member of one of our sister churches, our pastor would be happy to speak with you about receiving the Lord's Supper with us in the future. Please mention it to him after the service.*

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**C:** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

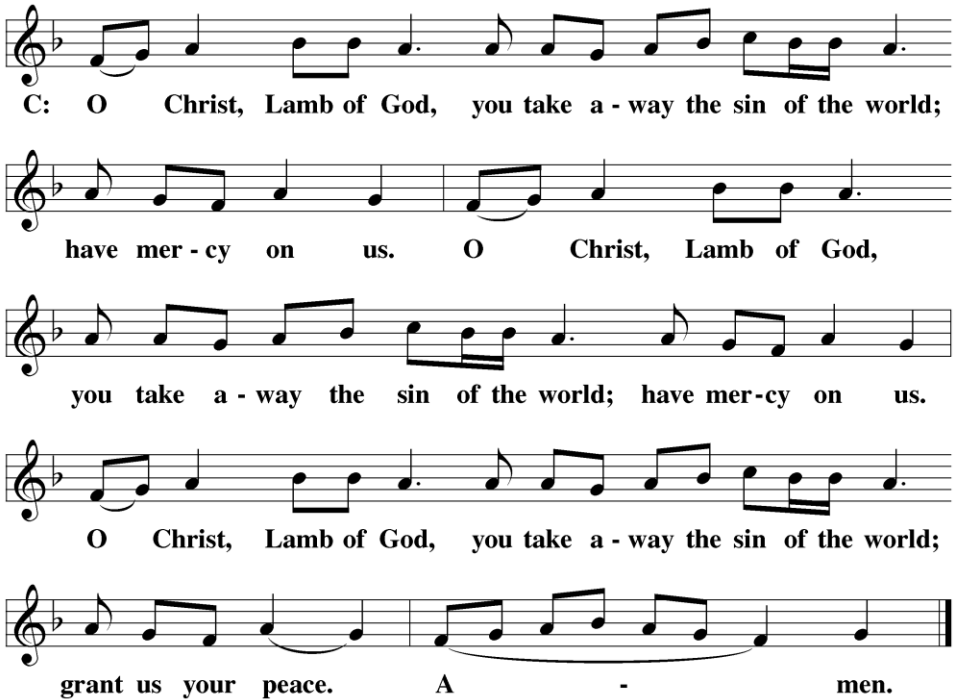
## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - men.

## DISTRIBUTION

*At the direction of the usher, communicant members of St. Andrew and our sister churches in the WELS and ELS may come forward down the center aisle, then wait until directed by an usher to go to the communion rail. Communicants may kneel or stay standing. Please hold out your hand to receive the bread. If you wish to partake of the common cup, do*

*not take an individual cup when the assistant comes by with the tray. Those who need to receive grape juice instead of wine may take the purple individual cups in the center of the tray. The minister and assistant will use hand sanitizer before and/or wear sterile gloves during communion setup and distribution. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak with the pastor or an usher to receive one.*

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**PRAYER and BLESSING**

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C:** **And his mercy endures forever.**

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

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## I Hear the Savior Calling



1 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! The gos - pel comes to  
 2 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He leads a soul to  
 3 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He gives this charge to  
 4 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He chang - es hearts for  
 5 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! His call has ur - gen -



me. My eyes once closed in blind - ness Are o - pened  
 me, A soul in bit - ter an - guish, One need - ing  
 me: To serve the best I'm a - ble, What - e'er the  
 me. From door to door I wit - ness To share my  
 cy! Each mo - ment souls are dy - ing; Soon comes e -



now to see That I my - self was help - less To  
 to be free. The gift I have to of - fer Is  
 call may be. Thus hand in hand with oth - ers Who  
 Sav - ior's plea; Yet noth - ing can be add - ed, No  
 ter - ni - ty. And so, my pre - cious Sav - ior, This



live e - ter - nal - ly, But, dy - ing, Christ did  
 Christ, my Lord's de - cree That all have been for -  
 share the gos - pel key We spread the gos - pel  
 word on bend - ed knee, Be - yond the sim - ple  
 is my hum - ble plea: Pre - pare me for my



save me, And now he calls for me!  
 giv - en— My Sav - ior calls for me!  
 tid - ings— My Sav - ior calls for me!  
 gos - pel— My Sav - ior calls for me!  
 mis - sion For you are call - ing me!



**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**January 21-28, 2024**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
	10:45 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study</b>
Monday	7:00 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Tuesday	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>
Sunday (1/28)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	10:45 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study</b>

*The paraments are green for the Sundays after the Epiphany. Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles, along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through the proclamation of God's Word, calls for the use of green – the symbolic color of growth.*

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** – We are glad to have you worship with us today! Please sign the guest book in the center church entryway so that we have a record of your visit. Our pastor, Adam Gawel, would be happy to speak with you if you would like; please contact him (see page 2 for contact information). Please join us for worship or Bible study again!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES & STATEMENTS**

If you made use of offering envelopes in 2023, there is a box of envelopes with your name on it for 2024 on the Bible study table in the back of the worship space. If you would like to make use of offering envelopes but don't have a box with your name on it, we have extras and can assign one to you. Online giving is also available (see note on p. 24 below). ... If you made use of offering envelopes or online giving in 2023 and would like a statement of your offerings for tax deduction purposes, please sign up on the sheet on the podium in the center entryway.

## **BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW CONFERENCE VIDEOS AVAILABLE FREE ONLINE**

You can now view and share all the presentations from the November 2023 Biblical Worldview Conference held at St. Timothy in Lombard, IL: “For Such a Time as This – Discernment, Boldness, Compassion.”

Bryan Wolfmueller: “The Theology of Pronouns”

John Bombaro: “Christian Witness & Your LGBTQ Friends and Family”

Joshua Nelson: “Confronting Modern Heresies in Schools and Elsewhere”

Jennifer Kom: “Gender Solid Parenting”

Go to <https://www.sainttimothy.org/2023-biblical-worldview-conference-replay/>

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL – 10:45 / after worship**

Sunday school is held after the worship service, either in the church basement or in the ministry center next-door to church. Sunday school is open to children from age 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. (High-schoolers are welcome to join adult Bible study in church during the same time.) All are welcome!

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY: “10 Lies About God” – Sundays after worship**

On Sundays in adult Bible study, we’re going through a series entitled “10 Lies about God,” in which we use the Bible to evaluate some popular statements about God and religion that sound good but that actually contain serious errors. Feel free to join us whenever you’re able. All are welcome!

## **YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS – Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm**

Youth confirmation class is open to youth in grades 5 through 8, and to high-schoolers who have not yet been confirmed. If you have a potential student in mind, please speak with Pastor Gawel or St. Andrew’s elder for Christian education, George Lawson. All are welcome! The class is currently held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00, but we can adjust the class day or time if needed, to accommodate the schedules of everyone who is interested.

## **MONDAY EVENING CHINESE MINISTRY**

On Monday evenings at 7:00pm, we have Chinese ministry, which includes elements of a worship service, Bible study, and prayer. New friends are always welcome to join! Please invite any Chinese friends or neighbors. You may share with them the following invitation, which contains the note that we meet in person in our ministry center (the

house next-door to our church building), but we also continue to include people by video on Zoom, using speakerphones and webcam: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4900685240> .

每周一晚上 7:00, 圣安得烈基督教路德宗教会有成人中文圣经学习。欢迎您参加! 高乐仁牧师的手机号码是 773-217-8132。我们在教会的事工中心(教堂隔壁的房子)现场聚会;有些人还通过 Zoom 软件线上参加。欢迎你来现场聚会!如果你不能现场来,你可以点这个链接: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4900685240> , 或在 Zoom 软件或网站上投入会议号: 4900685240 。

### **BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS**

This class is open to anyone who is interested in learning more – or who would like a review – about what the Bible teaches and what Lutheran Christians believe. At the conclusion of the class, those who are in agreement in faith are invited to join our church, though this is not a requirement for taking the class. Pastor Gawel is able to teach the class in English and Mandarin Chinese, and we have class materials in Spanish available as well. If you or someone you know are interested in starting Bible information class, please contact Pastor Gawel.

### **PASTORAL COUNSELING AND PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

Pastor Gawel is available for confidential pastoral counseling and for private confession and absolution. Please feel free to make an appointment to see him if you ever wish to do so. (You may call the church office, or call or text Pastor Gawel on his cell phone: 773-217-8132.)

### **WELS Family Devotions**

Get your family into God's Word during the week! WELS has developed short devotions for the entire family to use. Each devotion comes complete with a set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Downloadable printable versions are also available. Find the family devotions at [www.wels.net/family-devotions](http://www.wels.net/family-devotions)

### **2024 WELS International Youth Rally**

It's time to start planning for the 2024 WELS International Youth Rally, which will be held June 25-28, 2024, at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. Teens from across the country will gather at the foot of

the Rocky Mountains to explore the many messages God delivers “From the Mountaintops” of Scripture. Find out more at [www.welsyouthrally.net](http://www.welsyouthrally.net) .

**ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION**

There are a number of ways to give to St. Andrew online: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/> , then click on the “Giving” tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our church’s invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address. You can download the Vanco Mobile app from the [Apple App Store](#) for iOS devices or the [Google Play Store](#) for Android devices. Please contact St. Andrew’s elder for stewardship, Sam DeLaurentis [del Laurentis.sam@gmail.com](mailto:del Laurentis.sam@gmail.com) with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in December
\$14,517.92	\$9,420.74

Offerings received last week: \$1,574.44  
(budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)  
Total offerings received so far this month: \$3,892.82

**Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 16** (13 adults, 3 children)

**Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 10**

**Monday Chinese ministry:**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 10** (Wed.: 5; Thu.: 3; Fri.: 2)

**Sunday School:**

**Youth Confirmation Class: 4**

**God bless you this week as you live and witness for him!**