## Mark 1:27

<sup>27</sup> The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him."

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2024

SERVICE THEME: Beyond Amazement to Faith



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2024 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### **SERVICE THEME: Beyond Amazement to Faith**

**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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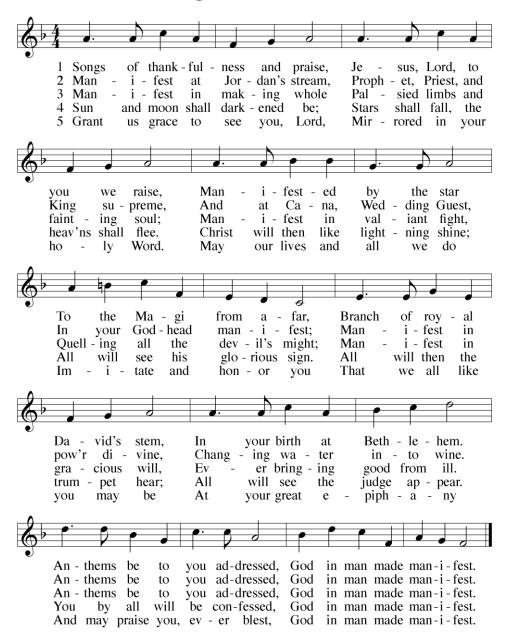
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#### INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Why follow him? Jesus shows his glory by his triumph over the devil. In his own day he sometimes did that openly for many to see. He still does it just as effectively but in a less public, less obvious way. Just as his victory made manifest his glory then, so it does now. Just as then, so now, everything is accomplished through his Word.

## **82**

## **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, alt.

Tune: St. George's, Windsor (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

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





#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; 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 - Deuteronomy 18:15-18 (EHV)

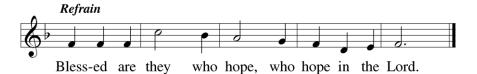
The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him.

<sup>16</sup>That is exactly what you asked from the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, "Do not let me hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die."

<sup>17</sup>Then the LORD said to me, "They have done well by saying what they said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. <sup>20</sup>Any prophet who presumes to speak something in my

name that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks something in the name of other gods—that prophet shall die."

### **PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 1 – *CW93* p. 64 (text NIV84)





### Refrain

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the <u>wicked\*</u> or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,\* and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in <u>sea</u>son\* and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

## Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the <u>judg</u>ment,\* nor sinners in the assembly of the <u>right</u>eous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the <u>right</u>eous,\* but the way of the wicked will perish.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Refrain

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### **SECOND READING** – Hebrews 3:1-6 (EHV)

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, focus your attention on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. <sup>2</sup>He was faithful to the one who appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in God's whole house. <sup>3</sup>In fact, Jesus is worthy of greater glory than Moses, in the same way that the builder of a house has more honor than the house. <sup>4</sup>For every house is built by someone, and God is the one who built everything.

<sup>5</sup>Moses was faithful as a servant within God's whole house by testifying to the things that would be spoken. <sup>6</sup>But Christ is faithful as a Son over God's house. We are his house, if we hold on firmly <sup>g</sup> to our confidence and the hope about which we boast until the end. <sup>h</sup>

#### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**M**: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia. (Luke 4:18a – NIV)



### **GOSPEL** – Mark 1:21-28 (EHV)

Then they went into Capernaum.

On the next Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup>They were amazed at his teaching, because he was teaching them as one who has authority and not as the experts in the law. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was a man with an unclean spirit in their synagogue. It cried out, <sup>24</sup>"What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

<sup>25</sup>Jesus rebuked the spirit, saying, "Be quiet! Come out of him!"

<sup>26</sup>The unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions, and after crying out with a loud voice, it came out of him. <sup>27</sup>Everyone was so amazed that they began to discuss this with each other. They said,

g A few witnesses to the text omit firmly.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>h</sup> A few witnesses to the text omit *until the end*.

"What is this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him!" <sup>28</sup>News about him spread quickly through all the region of Galilee.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



## **556**

## Rise, Shine, You People



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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **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 <a href="http://standrewchicago.org/">http://standrewchicago.org/</a>, 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. 17).

**HYMN** – *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* – *CW93* #353 – printed on the following page

## 353 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



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Tune: BEACH SPRING (87 87 D) attr. Benjamin F. White, 1800–79.

#### 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 Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Anderson, California:

Lord Jesus, we praise you that in 2023 the Board for Home Missions approved support for ten new home missions and ten mission enhancements. This is a strong start to our synod's goal of opening 100 new missions and enhancing 75 existing ministries in ten years. We pray today for Mount Calvary, a multi-site church in Redding and Anderson, California. Bless the congregation as they call a staff minister to assist with evangelism and youth/family ministry at the Anderson site. Give success to our outreach efforts at this mission and in all our churches, Lord. 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.

#### PRAYER and BLESSING

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



**CLOSING HYMN** – *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* – *CW93* #402 – printed on the following pages

## 402

## My Faith Looks Up to Thee



Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-87.

Tune: OLIVET (664 6664) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.

# ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK January 28 – February 4, 2024

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Monday	7:00 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Tuesday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Sunday (2/4)	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

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!

**MEMORIAL** — In loving memory of Mrs. Eleanor Petzel, who passed away Jan. 23, 2012, & Mr. Frank Thompson Sr., who passed away Jan. 27, 1969, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

**Leadership Workshop | St. Matthew's, Niles, IL | Saturday, Feb. 24**<sup>th</sup> Christian leadership is important, but what does it look like at church, home, and in society? St. Matthew's in Niles is hosting a workshop to study what the Bible says about these things. Pastor Paul Prange, a veteran leader in WELS, will lead a study of the book of Titus as we learn about Christian leadership. This workshop is from 9:00am-

2:30pm on Saturday, February 24th. Lunch is provided. You may register online at <a href="mailto:smniles.org/leadership-workshop">smniles.org/leadership-workshop</a> or when you arrive. This workshop costs \$25 to cover lunch and materials.

#### **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 <a href="https://www.sainttimothy.org/2023-biblical-worldview-conference-replay/">https://www.sainttimothy.org/2023-biblical-worldview-conference-replay/</a>

## 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/i/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

### Sign up today for Marriage Moments

Every marriage has its "moments." That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Watch a video introduction and subscribe to receive the videos directly to your e-mail at <a href="https://www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments">www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments</a>

### **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 <a href="https://www.welsyouthrally.net">www.welsyouthrally.net</a>. If there are not enough teens (finishing grades 8-12) or chaperones from our church to send our own group to the rally, we have been invited to join up with our sister church, Jerusalem, in Morton Grove, IL, that has a group going. Please speak to Pastor Gawel for more info.

#### ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

There are a number of ways to give to St. Andrew online: 1) via our website: go to <a href="http://standrewchicago.org/">http://standrewchicago.org/</a>, then click on the "Giving" tab; or just click on <a href="this link">this link</a>; 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 <a href="https://example.com/Apple App Store">Apple App Store</a> for iOS devices or the <a href="Google Play Store">Google Play Store</a> for Android devices. Please contact St. Andrew's elder



for stewardship, Sam DeLaurentis <u>delaurentis.sam@gmail.com</u> 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: \$1,180.32 (budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)
Total offerings received so far this month: \$5,073.14

### **Ministry Attendance Last Week**

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 29 (22 adults, 7 children)
Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 9
Monday Chinese ministry: 5

Adult Bible study attendance: 12 (Sat.: 2; Sun.: 4; Tue.: 4; Fri.: 2) Sunday School: 9

Youth Confirmation Class: 5

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