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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

The season of showing his glory to those he has called is coming to a close. We stand at the threshold of the season of his ultimate humiliation. But before we go down to the valley of the shadow of death, he gives us a glimpse of the glory which he hid so carefully even while he was revealing it. Lent is coming. Hang on to the glory that soon will be covered in shame and washed with blood!

96 Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair



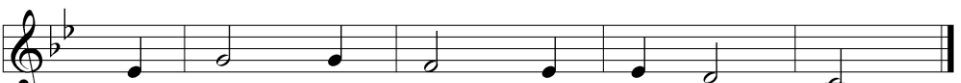
1 Oh, won - drous type! Oh, vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 5 O Fa - ther, with th' e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
 Th' in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high,
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise
 We pray you, bring us by your grace



Where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
 Who trust in his a - ton - ing love.
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 To see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, 15th century; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
 Tune: DEO GRACIAS (LM) English melody, 15th century.

- 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.

79 How Lovely Shines the Morning Star



1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see and
2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, True Son of God and
3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son You loved me ere you
4 Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend, Are Lord, be - gin - ning
5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, Let all glad sounds of



hail a - far The light in Ju - dah shin - ing.
Mar - y's Son, The high - born King of a - ges!
had be - gun This an - cient world's foun - da - tion.
with - out end, The first and last, e - ter - nal!
mu - sic ring In God's high prais - es blend - ed.



O Da - vid's Son of Ja - cob's race, My Bride - groom
In your blest bod - y let me be, E'en as the
Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in
And you at length— O glo - rious grace— Will take me
Christ will be with me all the way, To - day, to -



and my King of grace, For you my heart is pin - ing.
branch is in the tree, Your life my life sup - ply - ing.
spir - it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.
to that ho - ly place, The home of joys su - per - nal.
mor - row, ev - 'ry day Till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.



Low - ly, Ho - ly, Great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious
Sigh - ing, Cry - ing For the sa - vor Of your fa - vor
What bliss Is this! He is liv - ing, To me giv - ing
A - men, A - men! Come and meet me, Quick - ly greet me!
Sing out, Ring out Tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious



Prince of gra - ces, Fill - ing all the heav'n - ly pla - ces.
Rest - ing nev - er, Till I rest in you for - ev - er.
Life for - ev - er; Noth - ing me from him can sev - er.
With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.
Chos - en na - tion; Praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, abr., adapt.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – 2 Kings 2:1-12a (EHV)

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah was traveling with Elisha from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

³The sons of the prophets^b who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?”

Then he said, “Yes, I know. Be quiet.”

⁴Then Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here because the LORD has sent me to Jericho.”

But he said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

⁵Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?”

He said, “Yes, I know. Be quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here because the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.”

But he said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on.

⁷Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood and watched them from a distance, while the two of them were standing at the Jordan. ⁸Elijah took his cloak, folded it together, and struck the water. The water divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask me for whatever I can do for you before I am taken from you.”

Then Elisha said, “Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.”

¹⁰He said, “You have asked for a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, it will surely be yours. But if not, then it will not.”

¹¹While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹²Elisha was watching and crying out, “My father! My father! Israel’s chariot and its charioteers!” Then he did not see him anymore.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 148 – CWS p. 61 (text NIV84)

^b *The sons of the prophets* were assistants to the prophets and were possibly being trained by them, in the same way as Elisha served under Elijah for a time.

Psalm 148

Refrain



We have seen his glo - ry; he shines forth with truth and grace.

Psalm Tone



Praise the LORD from the heavens,
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars.

Refrain

Praise the LORD from the earth,
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Refrain

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**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 – 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2 (EHV)

¹²Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. ¹³We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away. ¹⁴In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. ¹⁵Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸But all of us who reflect the Lord’s glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit. ^{4:1}Therefore, since we have this ministry as a result of the mercy shown us, we are not discouraged. ²On the contrary, we have renounced shameful, underhanded methods. We do not operate in a deceitful way, and we do not distort the word of God. Instead, by proclaiming the truth clearly, we commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.” Alleluia. (*Mark 9:7b*)



GOSPEL – Mark 9:2-9 (EHV)

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. ³His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. ⁴And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

⁵Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say because they were terrified.

⁷A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.”

⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Down from the Mount of Glory* – CW93 #97 –
printed on the following page

97 Down from the Mount of Glory



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus
 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - diant
 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the
 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that
 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus



Christ, our Lord. Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,
 in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,
 mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,
 is his fame Our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed
 Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry



Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will
 For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from
 His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -
 A mount—the hill of shame. Up - on the cross he
 Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -



view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er
 heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words "my
 a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer
 prof - ered Him - self to ag - o - ny; His ho - ly
 claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -



hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.
 Son" were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.
 deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know.
 soul he of - fered To set the guilt - y free.
 ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

SERMON – Mark 9:2-9 – God’s Glory Revealed in His Word

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 <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. 22).



HYMN – How Good, Lord, to Be Here – CW93 #95 – printed on the following page

How Good, Lord, to Be Here



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry
 2 How good, Lord, to be here Your beau - ty
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past, Prom - ise of
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may



fills the night; Your face and gar - ments, like
 to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E - li -
 things to be, We hail your bod - y glo -
 king - dom come; We long to hold the vi -
 not re - main; But since you bid us leave



the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
 ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
 sion bright And make this hill our home.
 the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.
 Tune: POTSDAM (SM) J. S. Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

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 “100 Missions in 10 Years” initiative:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by your grace alone through our mission offerings we have a church presence in many new locations across North America. We humbly ask that you continue to bless our synod’s 100 Missions in 10 Years effort. Thank you for providing the finances to begin work from Massachusetts to California and from Idaho to Florida. Bless the efforts of the missionaries already on location who are seeking, visiting, and gathering the lost through your good news in Word and sacraments. Give patience to the core groups who are still waiting for you to send them their first pastor. Most of all, open more hearts to receive the message of saving grace given through the gospel. Amen.

for the spread of the gospel in China:

Holy Spirit, we fervently pray for the eternal well-being of China’s 1.4 billion souls. Less than one out of ten trusts Jesus as their Savior. Make Chinese Christians bold to confess their faith; feed them on your pure Word and on your powerful sacraments. Use the gospel-sharing efforts of the WELS groups that work in China to build up believers and to witness to those who are not yet believers. We pray in Jesus’ name. 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.



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

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing

during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, “praise the Lord.”

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter, when we gather to sing our praise to the risen Lord.

CLOSING HYMN – Alleluia, Song of Triumph (tune of CW 122)

ALLELUIA, SONG OF TRIUMPH



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
 4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a - dorned in
 jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, And with all his
 make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn
 here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
 faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
 time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
 more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
February 11-18, 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
Wednesday	7:00-8:00 AM	Imposition of ashes offered in church
	12:00-1:00 PM	Imposition of ashes offered in church
	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Sunday (2/18)	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

The paraments are white for the Festival of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. White is the color of purity and completeness. This color assists in bearing the message that "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). Christ's purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

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 my dad, Joseph Czarny, who went to his Lord 2-11-1954, by Barbara Essig.

THANK OFFERING — In honor of our 56th wedding anniversary on February 10th, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – Feb. 14, 7:00pm ; OPTIONAL IMPOSITION OF ASHES during 7pm service and 7-8am & 12-1pm

Please join us for worship on Ash Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00pm.

This year again we will offer the imposition of ashes for those who desire to receive it at these times: during the Ash Wednesday worship service (7:00pm) or in church in the morning (7:00-8:00am) or at noon (12:00-1:00pm); or at another time by appointment with Pastor Gawel.

Please see the following information about the imposition of ashes:

Ash Wednesday begins the Christian's Lenten journey with a reminder of our mortality and a call to repentance (see Genesis 18:27; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26; Matthew 11:21). The ancient practice of "imposing" (marking) ashes on the foreheads of believers gives "Ash Wednesday" its name. The church father Tertullian (c. A.D. 160-215) writes of the practice as a public expression of repentance and of our human frailty that stands in need of Christ. The ashes remind us forcefully of our need for God's redeeming grace as they recall words from the rite for Christian burial: "... earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust..." (see Genesis 3:19 and Ecclesiastes 3:20) – words that will someday be spoken over us all. The imposition of ashes has never been an exclusively Roman Catholic practice, and today it is observed widely by Christians of many traditions, including a number of WELS and ELS churches.

At a designated point in the service, after the confession of sins, those who desire to receive the sign of ashes come forward, and the minister applies ashes to the forehead of each in the shape of a small cross, saying: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (see Genesis 3:19). The imposition of ashes is not required; any who wish to participate may do so, while others may remain seated during that part of the service. (Children may come forward for the imposition of ashes at their parents' discretion.)

Please contact Pastor Gawel or any member of the ministry council with any questions.

FUNDRAISER FOR BIBLES FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN APACHE MISSION

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will be raising funds for Native American Missions, specifically the Apache mission in Arizona served by WELS Apache pastor Kirk Massey, for its spring rally Befriend-

a-Mission (BAM) offering. The BAM offering will raise funds for Bibles which will cost \$5/ Bible. What we at St. Andrew's have chosen to do is to put hearts with candy inside on a Christmas tree; to make your contribution, simply put a \$5 bill for each Bible you would like to contribute... take the candy out of the heart and put the \$5 bill into it. If you prefer to write a check, please make your check out to "LWMS" and in the memo line write "Native American Missions." The tree is on the back table in church.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR CHICAGO – Mar. 4 (Mon.), 6pm, in front of church

Our friends at the McKinley Park News (<https://mckinleypark.news/>) are planning a "birthday party" for Chicago on March 4 (Mon.) at 6:00pm at the center-of-the-city sign out in front of our church building. Plans are still developing, but a number of community organizations have been invited. If you're able to attend, it would be great to have some of our members there to interact with our other members of our community on St. Andrew's behalf!

UPCOMING SACRED MUSIC CONCERTS

- The **College Choir of Martin Luther College** in New Ulm, MN (our church-body's college of ministry [for pastors, teachers, and staff ministers]), will be presenting a concert of sacred music at Trinity Lutheran Church in Crete, IL, on March 1 (Fri.) at 7:00pm.
- The **Prep Singers, the concert choir of Luther Preparatory School** in Watertown, WI (one of our church-body's preparatory high schools, which provides a general college-prep education, and encourages students to consider studying for ministry at Martin Luther College), will be presenting a concert of sacred music at St. John Lutheran Church in Libertyville, IL, on March 16 (Sat.) at 7:00pm.
- Music of the Baroque is presenting **Johann Sebastian Bach's St. John Passion** on March 11 (Mon.) at 7:30pm at the Harris Theater (205 E. Randolph St., Chicago), and offering our members a 20% discount on tickets. "An intimate and deeply human account of Christ's betrayal, suffering, and death, Bach's *Passion According to St. John* sets Scripture and poetry in emotionally moving, expressively beautiful music. Dame Jane Glover leads the chorus, orchestra, and a roster of internationally renowned soloists in one of the greatest sacred works of all time." **Use code SJP20 at checkout to receive 20% off all available tickets at the Harris Theater.** Tickets and concert information: baroque.org/stjohn .

Leadership Workshop | St. Matthew's, Niles, IL | Saturday, Feb. 24th

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 smniles.org/leadership-workshop or when you arrive. This workshop costs \$25 to cover lunch and materials.

“TRAINING CAMP” WELS YOUTH CAMP – JULY 14-19, INGLESIDE, IL

Proverbs 22:6 says, *“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”* The purpose of Training Camp is to provide an opportunity for kids to grow in God's Word and enjoy God's creation. Youth entering grades 3 - 9 in the fall are eligible to be campers. Youth entering grades 11 and 12 in the fall are eligible to be junior counselors. Under the guidance of Christian counselors, your child will be involved in daily devotions and Bible studies, arts and crafts, hiking, boating, tower climbing, swimming, singing, and athletics of all types. The total cost per camper is \$500. This includes lodging, meals, camp T-shirt, and all activities. Campers do not need extra money at camp. Training Camp is held at YMCA Camp Duncan, in Ingleside, IL. Camp Duncan is on a 65-acre lake and 400 acres of wooded forests and rolling prairies. Pastor Paul Spaude from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Niles, IL, is the head counselor of Training Camp. You may email him with questions at paul.spaude@smniles.org . Register for camp or find more info at <https://smniles.org/overnight-bible-camp> .

2024 WELS International Youth Rally – June 25-28, Fort Collins, CO

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, CO. 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 . Our teens (currently in grades 8-12) have been invited to join up with our sister church, Resurrection, in Aurora, IL, that has a group of teens and chaperones going. Please speak to Pastor Gawel or Sherry for more info.

WELS & ELS Singles Retreat: Living in Our Season

April 26-28, Camp Shiloh Lutheran Retreat Center, Pittsburg, Texas

We invite all single adult members of the WELS and ELS to join us this spring on April 26-28 for the 2024 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat at Camp Shiloh in Pittsburg, Texas, for a weekend of fun and fellowship. Register by April 8, 2024 at wels-els-singles.com/2024-texas-retreat . If you have single friends who are members of the WELS or ELS and would like to receive information about group events, they can sign up at wels-els-singles.com/subscribe .

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 8th 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

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 www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments

WELS Annual Report

“Your gifts, God’s blessings: An annual report to our members” is now available. The 24-page report includes photos of Christian brothers and sisters around the world, stories of faith, and updates on WELS’ ministry. View the stories and updates, download a PDF or Powerpoint, or order copies at www.wels.net/annualreport .

Pastoral Studies Institute

The Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI) of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary exists to walk with kingdom-committed spiritual leaders worldwide. Through PSI, men from nontraditional backgrounds train to serve as confessional Lutheran pastors to the people of their culture. These men can remain in their home congregations while their local pastor serves as their supervising pastor and instructor for much of their theological instruction.

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 delarentis.sam@gmail.com with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in January
\$14,517.92	\$5,892.08

Offerings received last week: \$1,921.48
(budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 40 (33 adults, 7 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 7

Monday Chinese ministry: 4

Adult Bible study attendance: 16 (Sun.: 7; Wed.: 2, 5; Fri.: 2)

Sunday School: 7

Youth Confirmation Class: 5

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