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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

Though the call to faith is general and always miraculous in its capacity to create a willing following, it is also always individual. It comes to each in his own special or unique set of circumstances. Jesus both arranges and takes those circumstances into account when he calls us to follow him. He so rules over history that he allows and then overcomes the obstacles in each of us to heeding his call. Again he shows himself glorious, but hides the glory in apparent weakness.

Brightest and Best



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 Shall we not yield him in cost - ly de - vo - tion
 4 Vain - ly we bring him the fin - est of of - f'ings,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
 Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall.
 Rar - est of fra - gran - ces, tri - bute di - vine,
 Vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure.
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 An - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 Rich - er by far is the praise that the heart brings;
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Mak - er and mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Tune: MÖRNING STAR (11 10 11 10) James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

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

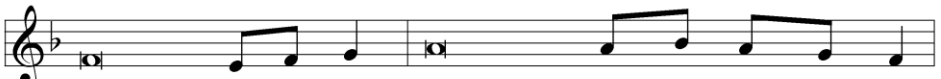
M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.



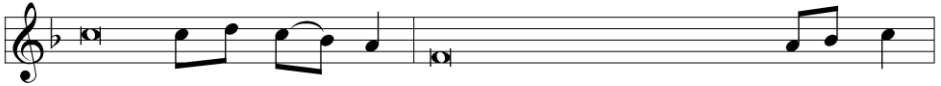
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we worship 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 one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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 – Job 7:1-10 (EHV)

Isn't man's time on earth like being compelled to serve in the army?
 Aren't his days like those of a hired man?

²Like a slave, he longs for shade,
 or like a day laborer, he waits for his pay.

³In the same way, I have been allotted months of futility,
 and nights of agony have been assigned to me.

⁴When I lie down, I think, "How long before I get up?"
 But the night drags on,
 and I am filled with restlessness until dawn.

⁵My flesh is clothed with maggots and caked with dirt.
 My skin scabs over and then oozes again.

⁶My days pass by more swiftly than the shuttle of a weaver's loom.
 They come to an end without hope.

⁷Remember that my life is just a breath.^a

My eyes will never again see good fortune.

⁸The eyes that see me now will no longer watch me.

Your eyes will look for me, but I will not be there.

⁹As a cloud vanishes and is gone,

so does the one who goes down to the grave.^b

He does not come back up again.

¹⁰He never again returns to his home,

and his place will no longer know him.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 103 – CW93 p. 105 (text NIV84)

Refrain



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.

Psalm tone



Refrain

Praise the LORD, O my soul;*

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins*

and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave*

and crowns you with love and compassion.

Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,*

^a This verse begins a new section of Job's speech. For the rest of the chapter, Job is no longer speaking to Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, but directly to God. This happens often in Job's speeches.

^b Hebrew *sheol*

slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve*
or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,*
so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,*
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Refrain

As a father has compassion on his children,*
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed,*
he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;*
the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him*
from everlasting to everlasting.

**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 Peter 5:6-11 (EHV)

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, ⁱ the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for

^h A few witnesses to the text read *at the time he visits us*.

ⁱ Some witnesses to the text read *Be alert because your enemy*.

someone to devour. ⁹Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood^j all over the world.

¹⁰After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. ¹¹To him be the glory and^k the power forever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Alleluia. (*John 8:12 – NIV*)

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

GOSPEL – Mark 1:29-39 (EHV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

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

²⁹They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon’s mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. ³¹He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. ³³The whole town gathered at the door. ³⁴He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.^a

³⁵Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. ³⁶Simon and

^j Or *family of believers*

^k A few witnesses to the text omit *the glory and*.

^a Some witnesses to the text read *knew that he was the Christ*.

his companions searched for him, ³⁷and, when they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is looking for you!”

³⁸He told them, “Let’s go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come.”

³⁹Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 – *Hail to the Lord’s Anointed* – CW93 #93 – printed on the following page

93 Hail to the Lord's Anointed



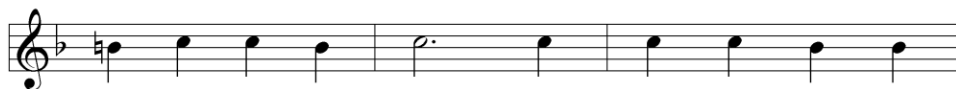
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer
 3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him And gold and in - cense
 4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on his throne shall



Son! Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on
 wrong, To help the poor and need - y And bid the
 bring; All na - tions shall a - dore him; His praise all
 rest, From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing



earth be - gun! He comes to break op - pres - sion, To
 weak be strong, To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their
 peo - ple sing. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And
 and all - blest. The tide of time shall nev - er His



set the cap - tive free, To take a - way trans -
 dark - ness turn to light Whose souls, con - demned and
 dai - ly vows as - cend, His king - dom still in -
 cov - e - nant re - move; His name shall stand for -



gres - sion, And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 dy - ing, Are pre - cious in his sight.
 creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.
 ev - er— That name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

Tune: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN CHRISTEN (76 76 D) Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601.

SERMON – Job 7:1-10 – God's Grace in the midst of Affliction

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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 Pastoral Studies Institute:

Lord of the Church, we thank you for our synod's strong ministerial education program that provides extensive training to our future pastors. We also thank you for the flexibility of the Pastoral Studies Institute, which trains men from other cultures to become pastors without leaving their communities. We praise you for providing a diversity of well-trained pastors proclaiming the gospel throughout the world. We pray that many more people hear your good news of salvation, repent of their sins, and trust in Jesus. 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.

CLOSING HYMN – Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me – CW93 #439 –
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Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
 For you, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en My steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 And noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
 For when your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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 Tune: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE (74 74 D) P. Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
February 4-11, 2024

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	10:45 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 (2/11)	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 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!

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.

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.

“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, located at [32405 N US Hwy 12, Ingleside, IL 60041](https://www.youth.org/locations/camp-duncan). 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 now or find more info at <https://smniles.org/overnight-bible-camp> .

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

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. 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 <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 with any questions.



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\$14,517.92	\$5,892.08

Offerings received last week: \$818.94

(budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 29 (26 adults, 3 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 8

Monday Chinese ministry:

Adult Bible study attendance: 16

(Sat.: 2; Sun.: 4; Tue.: 3; Wed.: 5; Fri.: 2)

Sunday School:

Youth Confirmation Class: 5

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