

**Because of His great love for us...**  
God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive  
with Christ even when we were dead in  
transgressions  
**It is by grace you have been saved**

Ehesians 2:4-5

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**March 10, 2024**

**SERVICE THEME:**  
**A New Standing through Christ**



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## March 10, 2024 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### SERVICE THEME: A New Standing through Christ

**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

*Traditionally this Sunday was called Laetare, "Rejoice" Sunday. We rejoice in the middle of Lent that God has so fully and so perfectly taken to heart our only real need as sinners, and satisfied it in Christ.*

## Deep Were His Wounds

1 Deep were his wounds, and red, On cru - el Cal - va -  
 2 He suf - ered shame and scorn And wretch - ed, dire dis -  
 3 His life, his all, he gave When he was cru - ci -

ry, As on the cross he bled In bit - ter  
 grace; For - sak - en and for - lorn, He hung there  
 died; Our bur - dened souls to save, What fear - ful

ag - o - ny. But they whom sin has wound - ed  
 in our place. But all who would from sin be  
 death he died! But each of us, though dead in

sore Find heal - ing in the wounds he bore.  
 free Look to his cross for vic - to - ry.  
 sin, Through him e - ter - nal life may win.

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**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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

### **PASSION HISTORY READING, PART 4: Mark 14:66 – 15:15 (EHV)**

#### *Peter Denies Jesus*

<sup>66</sup>While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the servant girls of the high priest came there. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, “You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus!”

<sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, “I don’t know or understand what you are saying,” and he went out to the entryway. Then a rooster crowed.

<sup>69</sup>When the servant girl saw him, once more she began to tell those standing there, “This is one of them.”

<sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. After a little while those who were standing there said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, because you are a Galilean.”

<sup>71</sup>But he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know this man you are talking about!” <sup>72</sup>Just then, the rooster crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him: “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

#### *Jesus’ Trial in Pilate’s Court*

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, along with the elders, the experts in the law, and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

He answered him, "It is as you say."

<sup>3</sup>The chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate questioned him again, "Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!"

<sup>5</sup>But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

*Barabbas or Jesus?*

<sup>6</sup>At each Festival, Pilate used to release to the people one prisoner whom they requested. <sup>7</sup>There was one named Barabbas, who was imprisoned with the rebels and had committed murder in the rebellion. <sup>8</sup>The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

<sup>9</sup>Pilate replied, "Do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you?" <sup>10</sup>In fact, he knew that it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed him over.

<sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas to them instead.

<sup>12</sup>Again, Pilate replied to them, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

<sup>13</sup>"Crucify him!" they shouted back.

<sup>14</sup>But Pilate said to them, "Why? What has he done wrong?"

But they shouted even louder, "Crucify him!"

<sup>15</sup>Since he wanted to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. After he had Jesus flogged, he handed him over to be crucified.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 32 – CW93 p. 78 (text NIV84) – printed on the following page

*Refrain*



Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;



re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

*Psalm tone*



**Refrain**

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,\*  
whose sins are covered.

When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me;\*  
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you\*  
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"\*  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**Refrain**

You are my hiding place;\*  
you will protect me from trouble.

Many are the woes of the wicked,\*  
but the LORD'S unending love surrounds those who trust in him.

**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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## FIRST READING – Numbers 21:4-9 (EHV)

<sup>4</sup>They set out from Mount Hor along the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom, but the people became very impatient along the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!”<sup>b</sup>

<sup>6</sup>The LORD sent venomous<sup>c</sup> snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. <sup>7</sup>The people went to Moses and said, “We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD to take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed on behalf of the people.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live.” <sup>9</sup>Moses made a bronze snake and put it on the pole. If a snake had bitten anyone, if that person looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

## SECOND READING – Ephesians 2:1-10 (EHV)

You were dead in your trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you formerly walked when you followed the ways of this present world. You were following the ruler of the domain of the air, the spirit now at work in the people who disobey.

<sup>3</sup>Formerly, we all lived among them in the passions of our sinful flesh, as we carried out the desires of the sinful flesh and its thoughts. Like all the others, we were by nature objects of God’s wrath.

<sup>4</sup>But God, because he is rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in trespasses. It is by grace you have been saved! <sup>6</sup>He also raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup>He did this so that, in the coming ages, he might demonstrate the surpassing riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast.

<sup>10</sup>For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them.

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<sup>b</sup> The word twice translated *food* is the same as the word for *bread*.

<sup>c</sup> Literally *burning*

**GOSPEL** – John 3:14-21 (EHV)

<sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but<sup>b</sup> have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup>The one who believes in him is not condemned, but the one who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup>This is the basis for the judgment: The light has come into the world, yet people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>In fact, everyone who practices wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, or else his deeds would be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But the one who does what is true comes toward the light, in order that his deeds may be seen as having been done in connection with God.”

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



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *God Loved the World So that He Gave* – CW93  
#391 – printed on the following page

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<sup>b</sup> A few witnesses to the text omit *not perish but*.



# 391 God Loved the World So that He Gave



1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the  
 5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your



Son the lost to save That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the  
 sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my



him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.  
 Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.  
 soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To you, O blessed Trinity,  
 Be praise now and eternally!

Text: *Heiliges Lippen . . . Gesangbuch*, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

**SERMON** – Ephesians 2:1-10 – A New Standing through Christ

## **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. 23).*



**HYMN – In the Cross of Christ I Glory – CW93 #345 – printed on the following page**

## 345

## In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry,  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me,  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure



Tow - 'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the  
 Hopes de - ceive and fears an - noy, Nev - er  
 Light and love up - on my way, From the  
 By the cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is



light of sa - cred sto - ry  
 shall the cross for - sake me;  
 cross the ra - dianc - e stream - ing  
 there that knows no mea - sure,



Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 Joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872.

Tune: RATHBUN (87 87) Ithamar Conkey, 1815–67.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C:** **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

**M:** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C:** **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

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

*for the WELS Commission on Worship:*

Lord of heavenly hosts, we thank you for Rev. Bryan Gerlach's many years of faithful service as pastor, musician, and director of the WELS Commission on Worship. Bless his retirement and continuing service to you through his local congregation. Guide the efforts of Rev. Paul Prange as the interim director of the Commission on Worship. Let the work of the commission continue to equip our congregations with worship materials that glorify you above all and point people to Christ's saving work. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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.

**CLOSING HYMN** – *Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You* – CW93 #380 – printed on the following page

# 380 Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; That, I  
 2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my  
 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the



know, could nev - er be, For this heart would  
 dark - ened heart and mind, Else the world had  
 Fa - ther's bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our



still re - fuse you Had your grace not cho - sen me.  
 yet en - thrall'd me, To your heav'n - ly glo - ries blind.  
 ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and King en - throned a - bove.



You re - moved the sin that stained me, Cleans -  
 Now I wor - ship none a - bove you; For  
 Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion, Him



ing me to be your own; For this pur - pose  
 your grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,  
 by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed



you or - dained me, That I live for you a - lone.  
 if I love you, You, O Fa - ther, loved me first.  
 ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

Text: Josiah Conder, 1789-1855, alt.

Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**March 10-17, 2024**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study</b>
Monday	7:00 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Tuesday	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>
Sunday (3/17)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study</b>

*The paraments are purple for the season of Lent. Purple, like black, is a penitential color. Purple dye was also very expensive in the ancient world and was therefore worn mostly by royalty; the Bible records that, as the Roman soldiers mocked and tortured Jesus on Good Friday, they put a purple robe on him to ridicule him and belittle the claim that he was a king. Therefore, purple is used during this penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn Jesus endured and the sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation.*

**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, on his birthday, 3/11/1911, with love, by Barbara Essig.

**CHICAGO'S BIRTHDAY PARTY** – held last Monday in front of church  
Our church building served as host for "Chicago's Birthday Party" this past Monday (Mar. 4). Check out the highlights here  
<https://mckinleypark.news/news/5200-mckinley-park-celebrates->

[chicagos-187th-birthday](#) . Many thanks to our church members who were there to represent St. Andrew and invite members of our community to join us here to hear and learn God’s Word!

### **EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SIGNUP**

On Easter Sunday (March 31) after the worship service we’ll be having a continental breakfast. If you plan to attend and if you’re able to bring anything to share, please sign up on the signup sheet on the Bible study table in the back of the worship space. All are welcome!

### **LENT DEVOTIONS & ARTICLES FROM *FORWARD IN CHRIST***

*Forward in Christ*, the monthly magazine of our church body, has a number of Lent-related articles and devotions in written, audio, and video formats available on its website: <https://forwardinchrist.net/lent/> . May God bless your meditation on his Word this Lenten season!

### **UPCOMING SACRED MUSIC CONCERTS**

- 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**.
- **Hymns for Him concert and spaghetti dinner** – Some of the creators of the popular “Hymns for Him” (under “Camp Phillip” on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/artist/5pEY9I72MNib2XvsvE3Z XU> ) will be presenting a concert at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Aurora, IL, on **March 24 (Sun.) at 4:00pm**. A spaghetti dinner will be held afterward for \$5 per person, with opportunity for a free-will offering to benefit music development at Camp Phillip and to offset costs for those attending the WELS Youth Rally in Colorado in June. Youth who plan to attend the youth rally with Resurrection’s group are welcome to help with serving the dinner and share in the funds raised to help defray the cost of their trip to the youth rally. If you plan to attend the dinner (either as just an attendee or a youth helper), please let Pastor Gawel know by March 20.
- 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](http://baroque.org/stjohn) .

### **CARD SHOWER FOR REBEKAH FINCHAM (LEARMAN)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the members of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE, are celebrating the 25th teaching anniversary of Mrs. Rebekah Fincham, née Learman, on Sunday, April 21st at 9:20 am. During her many years in the public gospel ministry, she taught at St. Andrew Lutheran School. Even though we’d like for all to join us, we know this is improbable. For those unable to join but who want to recognize her service, especially former students and families, we are celebrating this special event with a card shower. Cards may be sent to:

Mrs. Rebekah Fincham  
c/o Gethsemane Lutheran School  
4040 N. 108th St.  
Omaha, NE 68164

Thank you for helping us celebrate the importance of our called workers in helping to spread the good news of Jesus!

In Christ, Gethsemane Lutheran WINGS (Women in God’s Service)

### **“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](mailto: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**

Registration will be opening in March 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](http://www.welsyouthrally.net) . ... St. Andrew's teens (those currently in grades 8-12) have been invited to join with our sister church, Resurrection, in Aurora, IL, which has a group of teens and chaperones going. A fundraising opportunity is available at Resurrection on Mar. 24 in connection with the Hymns for Him concert (see info above). Please speak to Pastor Gawel or Sherry for more info.

### **LWMS CIRCUIT RALLY – Apr. 20 (Sat.), Zion Lutheran Church, Crete, IL**

You are invited to the **2024 Spring Rally** of the Chicago Area Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society on **Saturday, April 20**, beginning at 9 a.m., at Zion Lutheran Church, 1610 Main St, Crete, IL 60417. Our theme for the day, “Beware and Stand Firm!”, centers around Colossians 2:6-8, and our speaker is Pastor Daniel Lindner on Campus Ministry. In this day and age, our young people need encouragement and lots of it as they venture into their college years. It's a time where faith can be challenged, and so Campus Ministry is so important. Pastor Lindner will share details on how Campus Ministry supports our youth.

All women in an LWMS member congregation (confirmation age and older) are members of LWMS and are encouraged to attend. Guests are also welcome. **Child care will be provided. Participants planning on bringing children along are asked to register by sending the number of children attending and their ages to Circuit Secretary Elise Loduha [elise.rosenbaum@gsdg.org](mailto:elise.rosenbaum@gsdg.org) by April 2.**

Rally schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee Hour
- 9:30 a.m. Opening Devotion – Host Pastor Michael Schneider
- 9:45 a.m. Business meeting and election of officers
- 10:15 a.m. Break

- 10:30 a.m. Presentation by Pastor Dan Lindner
- 12:00 p.m. Closing devotion, installation, prayer – Pastor Paul Spaude
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch

***Reviving Relationships Through Biblical Hospitality*** webinar recording  
WELS Women's Ministry hosted a webinar on *Reviving Relationships Through Biblical Hospitality* on Thursday, January 18, 2024. Did you miss it?! Want to learn about using hospitality to reconnect with others at your church and also as an evangelism tool? This webinar will inspire you to rethink your relationships and get you thinking about your own church culture with new eyes. Learn more and watch here: <https://wels.net/reviving-relationships-through-biblical-hospitality-webinar/>.

### **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](https://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](https://wels-els-singles.com/subscribe).

### **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.

### **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.)

### **MONDAY EVENING CHINESE MINISTRY**

On Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the ministry center (the house next-door to church), 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:

每周一晚上 7:00, 圣安得烈基督教路德宗教会成人中文圣经学习。欢迎您参加! 我们在教会的事工中心(教堂隔壁的房子)现场聚会; 地址是 3650 S. Honore St., Chicago。如果你想了解更多, 请联系高乐仁牧师: 手机: 773-217-8132。欢迎!

### **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.

## **WELS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WORSHIP, MUSIC, & THE ARTS**

**July 30 evening – Aug. 2 noon, at Carthage College, Kenosha, WI**

The theme of the conference is “Sing a New Song to the Lord.” While the song of the gospel is always new, this conference will make extensive use of new songs from the 2021 WELS hymnal and beyond. The worship conference offers something for everyone. It’s not only for pastors and musicians but also for lay people who love worship and want to encourage worship enrichment in their congregations.

- 50+ presentations
- Plenary address: “Lutheran Worship: What Now?” by Pastor Jonathan Bauer
- Vendors offering music, art, instruments, and professional services to congregations and individuals
- Opportunities for relaxation and fellowship
- Concerts and recitals
- Keyboard and choral reading sessions on new repertoire
- 120-voice Festival Choir (with full orchestra)
- 120-voice high school Honor Choir (with full orchestra)
- 70-voice children’s choir

Register and more info here: <https://welsworshipconference.net/>

## **WELS WOMEN’S MINISTRY CONFERENCE – July 28-30, Pewaukee, WI**

The foundation for the 2024 Women’s Ministry conference, “Empowered to Proclaim,” is the account in Acts of the spread of the kingdom of God through the apostles and everyday believers. Learn how these early Christians were emboldened and empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread the word. The keynote speakers and breakout sessions will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Acts and its application to us as 21st-century Christian women as we are empowered to proclaim the message of Jesus. The breakouts will emphasize growing in faith despite fierce cultural adversity, and you can choose breakouts that best suit your individual needs. This conference is for any woman who is passionate about the spread of the Good News of Jesus in our world today, no matter her age and background. New to the faith or seasoned, married or single, the keynotes and wide variety of breakout sessions will encourage, equip, and empower you in your walk of faith. Register and more info: <https://welswmconference.net/>. Individuals who register to attend both the WELS Women’s Ministry Conference and the WELS National Conference on Worship, Music, and

the Arts will receive a rebate of \$150 after attending both conferences. Attendees must register for both conferences separately.

### **TASTE OF MISSIONS – June 15, Mequon, WI**

This family-friendly event, held at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., and online, will give WELS members a “taste of missions”, no matter where you might be around the world. The event kicks off with a special worship service where we will commission new home and world missionaries. Sample ethnic cuisine from some of our mission fields while enjoying fellowship and presentations from home and world missionaries alike. View displays, participate in outdoor family-friendly activities, and ask questions about the ups and downs of mission work during panel discussions. Register at <https://tasteofmissions.com/> starting March 11.

### **WELS Family Devotions**

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

### **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](http://www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments)

### **WELS 100 in 10**

Twenty new home mission starts and enhancements were approved in 2023 toward the goal of starting 100 new home missions in 10 years! WELS does this through district mission boards, which support existing home missions and work with local congregations to identify where to plant new churches throughout their district. This volunteer group of pastors and laymen builds a solid foundation for each new mission, shepherding these churches and their pastors on their path from

mission status to self-supporting congregations. Learn more at [www.wels100in10.net](http://www.wels100in10.net) .

**ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION**

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



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in February
\$14,517.92	\$7,266.30

Offerings received last week: \$1,610.98  
(budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)

**Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 42** (34 adults, 8 children)

**Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 9**

**Monday Chinese ministry:**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 11** (Sat.: 5; Tue.: 2, 2; Thu.: 2)

**Sunday school: 5**

**Youth confirmation class: 5**

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