

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him
Hebrews 5:7-9

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WELCOME — We're so glad that you've joined us for this worship service! Please let us know if you need any assistance while you're here.

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 Bible readings this Sunday tie Lent together with both Epiphany and Easter. Jesus shows his glory as a saving glory, but a glory that is hidden under a blanket of suffering and a veil of humiliation.

Communicant members may wish to prepare for the Lord's Supper using the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on p. 156 in the front part of the hymnal (the red book in the pew rack: Christian Worship).

OPENING HYMN – *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* – CW93 #100



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, Our guilt and
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what
 4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,



e - vil bear - ing And, lad - en with the sins of earth,
 God, our Sav - ior; Him God the Fa - ther chose to send
 you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;
 Christ, my trea - sure. To sac - ri - fice my - self for you



None else the bur - den shar - ing. Goes pa - tient on,
 To gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"
 I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,
 Shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life



grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,
 the Fa - ther said, "And free my chil - dren from their dread
 what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,
 shall ev - er be A cur - rent flow - ing cease - less - ly,



That spot - less life to of - fer, Bears shame and stripes
 Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes
 De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong
 Your con - stant praise out - pour - ing. I'll trea - sure in



and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er - y and says,
 are hard to bear, But by your pas - sion they will share
 you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave
 my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."
 The fruit of your sal - va - tion."
 Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 Your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; 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 5: Mark 15:16-47 (EHV)

Soldiers Mock Jesus

¹⁶The soldiers led him away inside the palace, which is the Praetorium, and called together the whole cohort¹ of soldiers. ¹⁷They put a purple robe on him, twisted together a crown of thorns, and put it on him. ¹⁸The soldiers began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹They kept hitting him on the head with a reed and spitting on him. They also kneeled down to pay homage to him.

The Crucifixion

¹16 A Roman cohort was about six hundred soldiers.

²⁰When they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothing on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹A certain man, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), was passing by on his way in from the country. They forced him to carry Jesus' cross. ²²They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means, "The place of a skull." ²³They tried to give him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴They crucified him. And they divided his garments, casting lots for them to decide what each of them would take.

²⁵Now it was the third hour² when they crucified him. ²⁶The superscription stating the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷They also crucified two criminals with him, one on his right and one on his left.³

²⁹Those who passed by ridiculed him, shaking their heads and saying, "Ha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰save yourself! Come down from the cross!"

³¹In the same way the chief priests along with the experts in the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said. "He cannot save himself. ³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross so that we may see and believe!"

Those who were crucified with him also insulted him.

Jesus' Death

³³When it was the sixth hour,⁴ darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.⁵ ³⁴At the ninth hour Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"⁶

³⁵When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah!"

³⁶Someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. They said, "Leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down."

³⁷Jesus cried out with a loud voice and breathed his last. ³⁸The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹When the

²25 9 AM

³27 Some witnesses to the text include verse 28: *The Scripture was fulfilled, which says, "He was numbered with transgressors."* See Luke 22:37, where its inclusion is certain.

⁴33 Noon

⁵33 3 PM

⁶34 Psalm 22:1

centurion who stood facing him saw how he cried out and breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰There were also women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹When he was in Galilee, they followed him and served him. Many other women also came up with him to Jerusalem.

Jesus' Burial

⁴²It was already evening, and since it was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath), ⁴³Joseph from Arimathaea, a prominent member of the council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had been dead for a long time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he granted the body to Joseph.

⁴⁶Joseph bought a linen cloth, took him down, and wrapped him in the linen cloth. He laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of rock, and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were watching where the body was laid.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 143 – CW93 p. 118 (text NIV84) – printed on the following page

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone



Refrain

O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;*
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,*
for no one living is before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;*
my heart within me is dismayed.

Refrain

Answer me quickly, O LORD;*
do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,*
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;*
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

**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 – Jeremiah 31:31-34 (EHV)

³¹Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah.

³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers,
when I took them by the hand
and led them out of the land of Egypt.
They broke that covenant of mine,
although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.

³³But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after
those days,
declares the LORD.
I will put my law^a in their minds,
and I will write it on their hearts.

^a The term *law* here refers to the whole word of God. As verse 34 demonstrates, here the term *law* does not refer to the natural knowledge of the law written in our hearts, but rather to our knowledge of the gospel.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴No longer will each one teach his neighbor,
or each one teach his brother, saying, “Know the LORD,”
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD,
for I will forgive their guilt,
and I will remember their sins no more.

SECOND READING – Hebrews 5:4-10 (EHV)

⁴No one takes this honor on himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵In the same way, Christ did not take the glory of becoming a high priest on himself, but God said to him:

You are my Son.

Today I have begotten you.^a

⁶He also said the same thing in another place:

You are a priest forever, like Melchizedek.^b

⁷In the days of his flesh,^c he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him, ¹⁰because he was designated by God as a high priest, like Melchizedek.

GOSPEL – John 12:20-33 (EHV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went to tell Andrew. Andrew came with Philip and told Jesus.

^a Psalm 2:7

^b Psalm 110:4

^c This refers to Christ’s state of humiliation.

²³Jesus answered them, “The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it continues to be one kernel. But if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵Anyone who loves his life destroys it. And the one who hates his life in this world will hold on to it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, let him follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, this is the reason I came to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name!”

A voice came from heaven: “I have glorified my name, and I will glorify it again.”

²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said it thundered. Others said an angel talked to him. ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice was not for my sake but for yours.

³¹“Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY – *My Song Is Love Unknown* – CW93 #110 – printed on the following page

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My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es
 4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might
 stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for
 sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas
 spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the
 way. A mur - der - er they save; The Prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I That for my
 Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend in -
 to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their
 blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at
 life they slay. Yet cheer - ful he To suff'r - ing



sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
 breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.
 these Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst him rise.
 goes That he his foes From death might free.

6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was his home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein he lay.

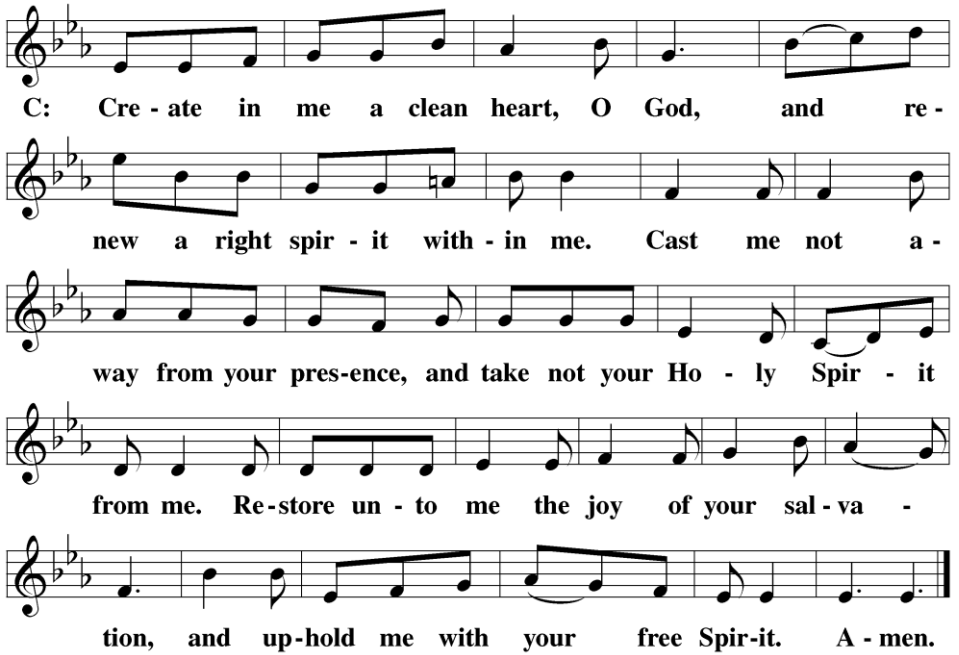
7 Here might I stay and sing;
 No story so divine,
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

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SERMON – Hebrews 5:4-10 – Jesus, Our Perfect High Priest

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. 28).



RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction in God's Word. It is a rite by which a person is recognized as one who is properly prepared to receive Holy Communion.

The one being confirmed stands.

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your heart to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

M: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

R: **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.

M: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R: **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

R: **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

The confirmand may kneel. The minister lays his hand on the head of the confirmand and speaks the following blessing.

M: John Henry Hughes, may God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

After the blessing, the minister dismisses the confirmand, saying:

M: Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

The minister addresses the congregation.

M: Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for John, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in him. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

PRAYER

M: Gracious Father, you have adopted John in Baptism and anointed him with your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen him by that same Spirit so that he may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Move him to faithfully hear your Holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that he may again and again be assured of your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Give him the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Clothe him with the kindness, humility, and patience of Christ and so that he may live at peace with all the members of Christ's body. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Protect him from the powers of evil, and give him the weapons to fight against the devil. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Keep him faithful and holy so that he may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

for the home mission in Boston, Massachusetts:

Dear Lord, by your grace you opened the door to mission work in Boston, Massachusetts. Be with your people. Remove obstacles that stand in the way of their witness. Provide wisdom in their decision-making and help them spread Christ's gospel in their community. Especially bless Pastor Joshua Koelpin as he leads this effort. Give the mission all the resources they need to fulfill your plans. By your Spirit, motivate members with the joy of salvation in Christ their Savior. Remind them that your Word never returns to you empty, so their efforts are never in vain. In Jesus' name. 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.

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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. 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 – *Jesus, My Great High Priest* – CW93 #359 – printed on the following page

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Jesus, My Great High Priest



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, Of - fered his blood and
 2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, Will I com - mit my
 3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on
 4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -



died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -
 cause; He an - swers and ful - fills His Fa - ther's
 high; A gra - cious Fa - ther hears And lays his
 known Put their most dread - ful forms Of rage and



face be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -
 bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom
 thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can
 mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne.
 set— My Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!
 say Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.
 plays Su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: BEVAN (66 66 88) John Goss, 1800–80.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
March 17-24, 2024

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Thursday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (3/24)	9:30 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

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!

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!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Holy Week begins next Sunday, with **Palm Sunday worship (March 24, 9:30am)**, commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday before he was crucified, with crowds of people welcoming him and acclaiming him as the Messiah. Our Holy Week worship continues on **March 28, Maundy Thursday, at 7:00pm**, as we commemorate Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of our sins and strengthening of our faith. **March 29 at 7:00pm is our Good Friday** worship service, commemorating the death of Jesus on the cross, by which he broke the devil's power over us by paying for the sins of the whole world. On **March 31, Easter Sunday, at 9:30am**, we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, which proves to us that Jesus really is who he says he is – the Son of God and our Savior – and that all of our sins really have been forgiven, death has been conquered, and as a result we have the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our own bodies from the dead for a perfect eternal future with him in heaven. **Following the worship service on Easter Sunday we will have a continental breakfast** at the tables in the back of our worship space. ... Please join us to celebrate these high holy days of the Christian year! Please invite your friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors to join us as well! All are welcome – for Holy Week and every week!

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!

Hymns for Him concert and spaghetti dinner – Mar. 24, 4pm, Aurora, IL

Several of the creators of the popular “Hymns for Him” (which you can find by searching “Camp Phillip” on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/artist/5pEY9I72MNib2XvsvE3ZXU>) 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 an additional 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.

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 . 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 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 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

WORKSHOP FOR VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS – Apr. 20, near MKE

Long shifts, poor sleep, and a dangerous work environment are not the only experiences shared by Veterans and First Responders. Both are significantly more likely to experience trauma related to their job. These experiences can impact us, our families, and our faith. Join us as we focus on the impacts of moral injury, trauma, and how God has prepared us for peace. Bring a friend for a morning workshop and lunch on Saturday, April 20 at Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in New Berlin, Wisconsin. This event is co-sponsored by Lutheran Military Support Group and Institutional Ministries (www.im.life). For more information and registration info, visit www.LutheranMilitary.org.

***Reviving Relationships Through Biblical Hospitality* webinar recording**

Want to learn about using hospitality to connect with others at your church and also as an evangelism tool? Watch the recording of the webinar hosted by WELS Women's Ministry on *Reviving Relationships Through Biblical Hospitality*. 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. 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.

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. 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.)

SATURDAY EVENING CHINESE MINISTRY

On Saturday evenings at 7:45pm in our ministry center (the house next-door to church), we have Chinese ministry, which includes elements of a worship service, Bible study, and prayer, all in Mandarin Chinese. New friends are always welcome to join! Please invite any Chinese friends or neighbors. You may share with them the following invitation:

每周六晚上 7:45, 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(教堂旁边的房子)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 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.

Highlights include: 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

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 (see above) will receive a rebate of \$150 after attending both conferences. (Attendees must register for both conferences separately.)

TASTE OF MISSIONS – June 15, Mequon, WI (and online)

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/>

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

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

Offerings received last week: \$1,182.94

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$2,793.92

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 24 (22 adults, 2 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 9

Saturday Chinese ministry: 12 Monday Chinese ministry: 3

Adult Bible study attendance: 10 (Sun.: 5; Tue.: 3; Thu.: 2)

Sunday school: 6

Youth confirmation class: 5

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