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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

Lent began with an almost equal focus on the sinner and the Savior. But increasingly and now in Holy Week the focus is on Christ. The readings for today want us to understand once and for all who it really is who has come to save us, so that with all confidence we may do as the Prayer for the Day suggests: follow him from Holy Week to Easter, from earth to heaven.

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Those who wish to participate in the procession gather in the center entryway. Palm branches or fronds are distributed.

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: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

PSALM 118 (NIV84 – selected verses)

The psalm is spoken responsively by the half verse: the minister reads the first line of each verse; **the congregation reads the second line.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD

through which the righteous may enter.

O LORD save us;

O LORD, grant us success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD we bless you.

The LORD is God.

and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

M: Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise, and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

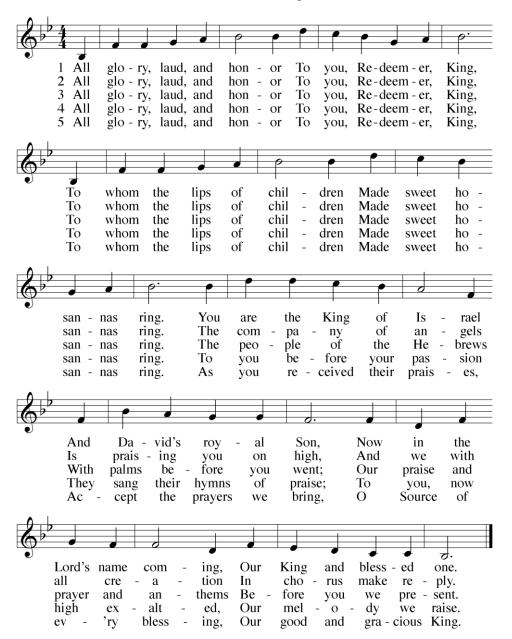
M: Let us go forth in peace,C: In the name of the Lord.

The procession begins. During the procession we sing the hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (CW93 #131), printed on the following page. Those processing with palms are invited to lay the palms in front of the altar and then return to a place in the pews for the remainder of the service.



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All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 762–821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

After all have reached their places and the singing of the hymn has concluded, the minister stands at the altar and says:

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

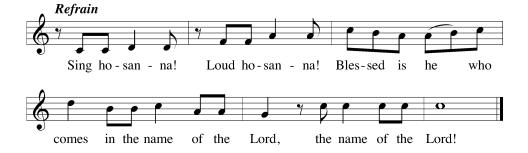
FIRST READING – Zechariah 9:9-10 (EHV)

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River^a to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will release your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to the stronghold, you prisoners who have hope. This very day I declare that I will restore double to you.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 24 – CWS p. 42 (text NIV84)

^a That is, the Euphrates

Psalm 24





The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill <u>of</u> the LORD?
Who may stand in his <u>ho</u>ly place?
He who has clean hands and a <u>pure</u> heart,
he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you <u>an</u>cient doors, that the King of glory <u>may</u> come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in <u>battle</u>.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you <u>an</u>cient doors, that the King of glory <u>may</u> come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?

The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

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

Refrain

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SECOND READING – Hebrews 12:1-3 (EHV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us. ²Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. ³Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.

GOSPEL – Mark 11:1-10 (EHV)

As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.'"

⁴They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. ⁵Some who were standing there asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go.

⁷They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out,

Hosanna!b

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!^c ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in the highest!

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



^b Hosanna means save us or help us, we pray.

c Psalm 118:25-26

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Oh, Love, How Deep



- 6 For us he rose from death again; For us he went on high to reign; For us he sent his Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad, The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

Text: attr. Thomas à Kempis, 1380-1471, abr.; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819-85, alt.

Tune: DEO GRACIAS (LM) English melody, 15th century.

SERMON – Philippians 2:5-11 – The Divine Servant

⁵Indeed,^a let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶Though he was by nature God,^b he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed,^c ⁷but he emptied himself by taking the nature^d of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man,^e ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (EHV)

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

^a A few witnesses to the text omit *Indeed*.

^b Or in the form of God

^c Or something to be used for his own advantage, or something to cling to

d Or form

^e Literally was found in appearance as a man

all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8, EHV).

Feel free also to make use of online giving options: 1) via our website: go to http://standrewchicago.org/, then click on the "Giving" tab; or just click on this link; or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address (links to the app & more info on p. 22).



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Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

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Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

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Christ, your power and

reign.

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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 our brothers and sisters in Christ in Haiti:

Lord Jesus, be with your saints in the country of Haiti. Protect them from the violence and trouble that is being perpetuated by political unrest. Provide them with relief from the natural disasters that have plagued them. Especially bless Haitian national pastor Rona Abraham as he leads the way in bringing comfort and peace to hurting souls through your good news of forgiveness and eternal life. Remind your afflicted saints that although there is trouble in the world, you have overcome the

world. Give us the ability to support and encourage Haitian Christians in any way we can. In your name we pray. 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.



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Tune: No TRAMP OF SOLDIERS' MARCHING FEET (CM D) David W. Music, b. 1949 © 2006 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK March 24-31, 2024

Today	9:30 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Friday	7:00 PM	Good Friday Worship Service
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (3/31)	9:30 AM	Easter Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Easter brunch (in back of church)

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!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Our Holy Week worship continues on Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7:00pm, as we commemorate Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of our sins and strengthening of our faith. Our Good Friday worship service is March 29 at 7:00pm, 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 brunch** 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!

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 & MLC

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 on its website: https://forwardinchrist.net/lent/. Martin Luther College, our church-body's college of ministry in New Ulm, MN, has also produced written and audio devotions for Holy Week (beginning today), which you can read online, listen to, or subscribe to here: https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/. May God bless your meditation on his Word this Holy Week!

Hymns for Him concert and spaghetti dinner – today, 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, today (March 24) 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. All are welcome!

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 The WELS International Youth Rally 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. 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, MKE area 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; 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. (You may 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有成人中文圣经学习。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

Sign up today for Marriage Moments

Every marriage has its "moments." That's why marriages need moments

of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Watch a video introduction and subscribe to receive the videos directly to your e-mail at www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments

WELS 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 .

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 delaurentis.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

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

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 46 (34 adults, 12 children)
Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 8
Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: n/a

Adult Bible study attendance: 8 (Sun.: 4; Thu.: 2; Fri.: 2)

Sunday school: 14
Youth confirmation class: 5

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