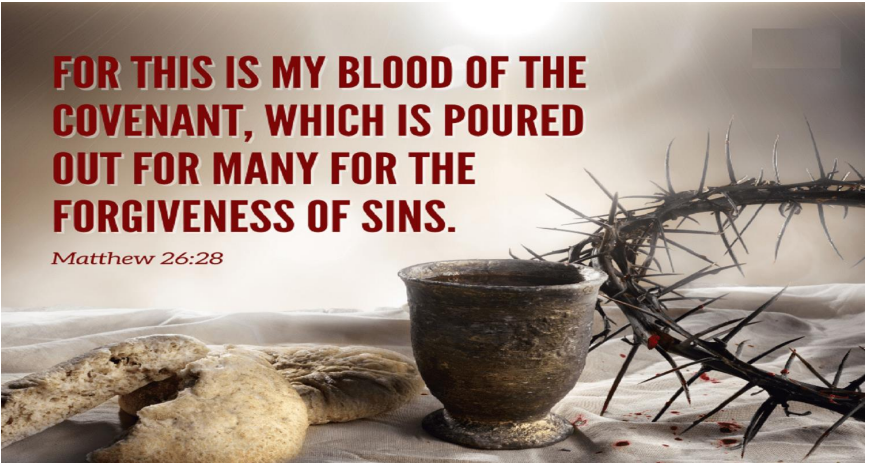


**FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE  
COVENANT, WHICH IS Poured  
OUT FOR MANY FOR THE  
FORGIVENESS OF SINS.**

*Matthew 26:28*



**Maundy Thursday  
March 28, 2024**

**SERVICE THEME:  
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# Maundy Thursday

## March 28, 2024 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### SERVICE THEME: The New Covenant in Christ's Blood

**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

*Jesus shows us the full extent of God's love for us. The Church calls this day "Maundy" because of Jesus' "new command" (Latin: "novum mandatum") in John 13:34-35, that his followers "love one another" as he has loved us. The Gospel readings for this day in two years of the three-year lectionary cycle focus on Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper, while in the third lectionary-year focusing on Jesus' command for humility and love. Jesus shows the full extent of his love in both service and sacrifice. He loves us more than life itself, and feeds us his flesh and blood in the Lord's Supper to prove it. Having been reconciled*

*to God through the flesh and blood of Christ, we now follow his command to love each other as he has loved us – with selfless, self-sacrificing love.*

*The action of ceremonially stripping the altar at the end of the service prepares the chancel and the congregation for the solemn worship of Good Friday. The service concludes today without a blessing, since conceptually this service continues through the Good Friday service tomorrow to its conclusion in the service on Easter Sunday.*

### **Regarding the Lord’s Supper and “Close Communion”**

*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.*

**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** – ‘Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night – CW93 #136  
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# 136 'Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night



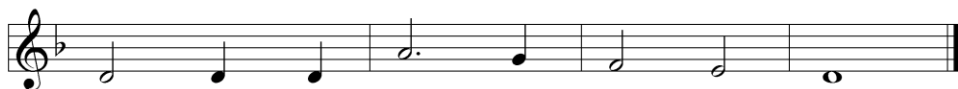
1 'Twas on that dark, that dole - ful night  
 2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan,  
 3 "This is my bod - y, slain for sin;  
 4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end,  
 5 Je - sus, your feast we cel - e - brate;



When pow'rs of earth and hell a - rose  
 He took the bread and blessed and broke.  
 Re - ceive and eat the liv - ing food."  
 In mem - 'ry of your dy - ing friend;  
 We show your death; we sing your name



A - gainst the Son, our God's de - light,  
 What love through all his ac - tions ran!  
 Then took the cup and blessed the wine:  
 Meet at my ta - ble and re - cord  
 Till you re - turn and we shall eat



And friends be - trayed him to his foes.  
 What won - drous words of grace he spoke!  
 "'Tis the new cov - 'nant in my blood."  
 The love of your de - part - ed Lord."  
 The mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.  
 Tune: ST. CROSS (LM) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

**M:** 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death

on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING – Exodus 12:1-14 (EHV)**

The LORD told Moses and Aaron this in the land of Egypt:

<sup>2</sup>This month is to be the beginning of your calendar. It is to be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the entire Israelite community that on the tenth day of this month, they are to take a lamb or a young goat<sup>c</sup> for themselves, according to their fathers' households, one lamb per household. <sup>4</sup>But if the household is too small for a whole lamb, then that person and his neighbor next door to him must select one, based on the number of people. Determine what size lamb is needed according to how much each person will eat.

<sup>5</sup>Your lamb must be unblemished, a year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup>You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month. Then the whole assembly of the Israelite community is to slaughter the lambs at sunset.<sup>d</sup> <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat the lamb. <sup>8</sup>That night they shall eat the meat that has been roasted over a fire, along with unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over a fire— with its head, its legs, and its internal organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall not leave any of it until the morning. Whatever remains until the morning, you shall burn in the fire. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt ready for travel,<sup>e</sup> your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.

<sup>12</sup>For on that night I will pass through the land of Egypt. I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood will be a sign for you on

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<sup>c</sup> One Hebrew word means both *lamb* (sheep) and *kid* (goat).

<sup>d</sup> Literally *between the evenings*, very likely between sunset and darkness

<sup>e</sup> Literally *with your hips girded*

the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. There will be no plague among you to destroy you when I strike down the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a memorial for you, and you are to celebrate it as a festival to the LORD. Throughout your generations you must celebrate it as a permanent regulation.


**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 116 – CWS p. 56 (text NIV84)

*Refrain*



I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion and  
call on the name of the Lord.

*Psalm Tone*



**Refrain**

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;  
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,  
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;  
when I was in great need, he saved me.

**Refrain**

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD  
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**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***

Music: © 2005 Kenneth Kosche.

### **SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (EHV)**

<sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion<sup>c</sup> of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion<sup>d</sup> of the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

### **GOSPEL – Mark 14:12-26 (EHV)**

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



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

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>13</sup>He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. <sup>14</sup>Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, ‘Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

<sup>16</sup>His disciples left and went into the city and found things just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>When it was evening, he arrived with the Twelve.

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<sup>c</sup> Or *joint partaking*

<sup>d</sup> Or *joint partaking*

<sup>18</sup>While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

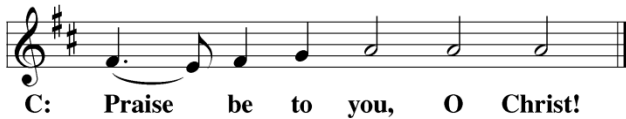
<sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful and said to him one by one, “Surely not I?”

<sup>20</sup>He said to them, “It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. <sup>21</sup>Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

<sup>22</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took bread. When he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “Take it.<sup>b</sup> This is my body.”

<sup>23</sup>Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. They all drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them, “This is my blood of the new testament,<sup>c</sup> which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Amen I tell you: I will certainly not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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



## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

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<sup>b</sup> A few witnesses to the text read *Take, eat*.

<sup>c</sup> As in *last will and testament*. See Galatians 3:15.



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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# Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way  
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre -  
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; Take heed how  
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion If sal - va -  
 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive



God's wrath for - ev - er; By his bit - ter grief and  
 cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives his bod - y with the  
 you are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be -  
 tion you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup -  
 my grace and fa - vor; Those who feel no pain or



woe He saved us from the e - vil foe.  
 bread And with the wine the blood he shed.  
 lieve, Judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.  
 pose You need not him who died and rose.  
 ill Need no phy - si - cian's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken  
 That this food is to be taken  
 By the souls who are distressed,  
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
 Unto us such food has given  
 And, to mend what we have done,  
 Gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes  
 And your mouth your sin confesses,  
 Surely you will be his guest  
 And at his banquet ever blest.

Text: John Hus, 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. composite.  
 Tune: JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, DER VON UNS (88 78) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*,  
 Wittenberg, 1535, alt.

**SERMON – Mark 14:12-26 – The New Covenant in Christ’s Blood**

**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. 27).*



**135 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord**



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -  
2 He blot - ted out with his own blood The judg - ment  
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a  
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this  
5 A pre - cious food is this in - deed— It nev - er



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort  
that a - gainst us stood; He full a - tone - ment  
sol - emn guar - an - tee; In this his ho - ly  
sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,  
fails us in our need— A heav'n - ly man - na



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.  
for us made, And all our debt he ful - ly paid.  
sup - per here We taste his love, so sweet, so near.  
as he said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.  
for our soul Un - til we safe - ly reach our goal.

## INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

**M:** In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism. God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion, the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**M:** Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

*KNEEL OR STAND*

**C:** **Almighty God, merciful Father,  
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.  
In what I have done and left undone,  
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.  
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.  
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.**

**I am truly sorry for my sins.  
I repent of them.  
I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

*Silence for meditation*

**M:** Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**C:** **Cleanse me from my sins.  
Release me from my guilt.  
Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

*The minister pronounces a corporate absolution with these words:*

**M:** The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

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.**

*Those kneeling stand.*

## **EXHORTATION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

**M/C: Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,  
in our words, and in our actions.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

**C: We gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.**

**M:** For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,

**C: We give you humble and hearty thanks.**

**M:** As our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to you when he broke the bread, as he gave thanks to you when he took the cup,

**C: We also give you thanks.**

M: Precious Savior, both Priest and offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, broken for us, and your blood, shed for us.

**C: We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we would still be in our sins,

**C: But through your sacrament of the New Testament, we are assured that our iniquities are forgiven and our sins are no longer remembered.**

M: O Holy Spirit, dwell within us as we remember our Lord's death in this sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.

**C: Move us to encourage one another to love and to do good works.**

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.

**C: Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. 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.**

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN** – *The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord* – stanzas 6-9 – CW93 #135  
– printed on the following page

6 Oh, blest is each believing guest  
Who in this promise finds his rest,  
For Jesus will in love abide  
With those who do in him confide.

8 They who his Word do not believe  
This food unworthily receive,  
Salvation here will never find—  
May we this warning keep in mind!

7 The guest that comes with true intent  
To turn to God and to repent,  
To live for Christ, to die to sin,  
Will thus a holy life begin.

9 Help us sincerely to believe  
That we may worthily receive  
Your supper and in you find rest.  
Amen! They who believe are blest.

Text: Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714, abr.; tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt.

Tune: GOTTLÖB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE (LM) Wagner, *Sammlung alter und neuer . . . Melodien*, 1742, alt.

## 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.*

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**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

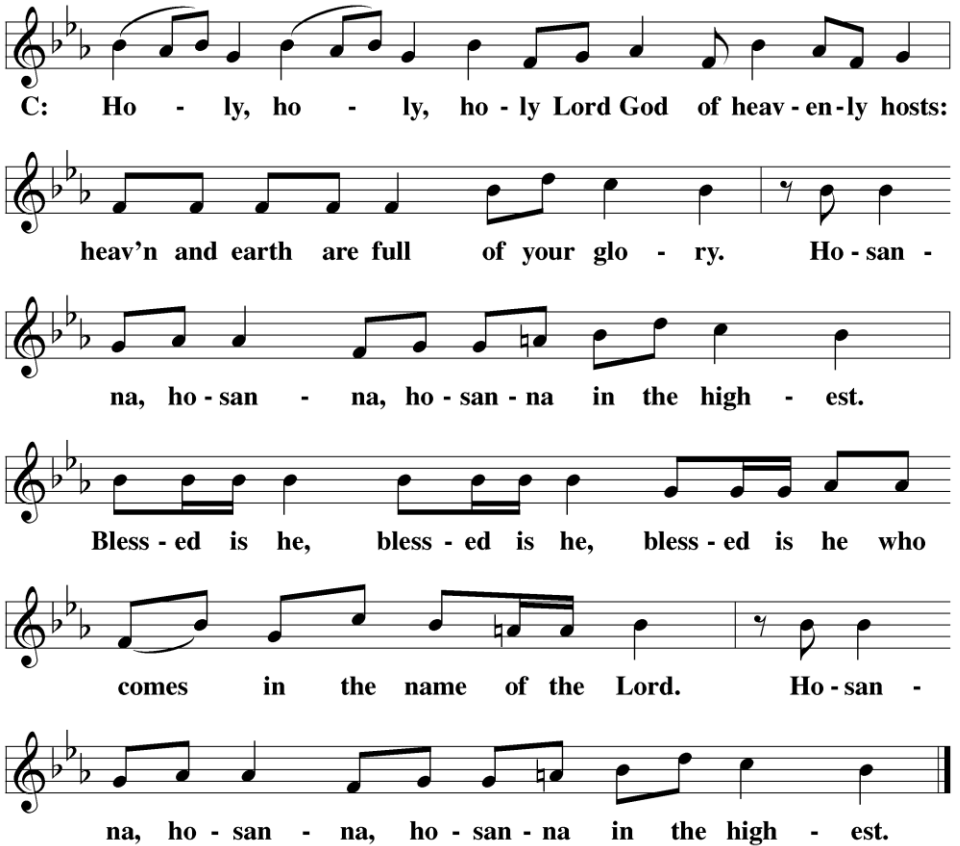
**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**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**

**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.**

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*Psalm 88 is read by a lector. During the reading of the psalm, the altar is solemnly stripped, in token of Jesus' abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for the Good Friday worship service.*

**PSALM 88 – read by lector**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, the God who saves me, by day I cry out.

At night I cry before you.

<sup>2</sup>May my prayer come before you.

Turn your ear to my cry.

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, my soul has had its fill of troubles,

and my life has arrived at the grave.

<sup>4</sup>I am treated like those who go down to the pit.

I am like someone without strength.

<sup>5</sup>I am turned loose with the dead.

I am like the slain who lie in the grave,

like the ones you do not remember anymore,

like those who are cut off from your hand.

<sup>6</sup>You have put me in the lowest pit,

in dark places, in the depths.

<sup>7</sup>Your wrath presses against me.

You have battered me with all your breakers.

Interlude

<sup>8</sup>You have distanced my acquaintances from me.

You have made me repulsive to them.

I am shut in and I cannot get out.

<sup>9</sup>My eyesight grows dim from affliction.

I call to you, O LORD, every day.

I spread out my hands to you.

<sup>10</sup>Is it for the dead that you do a miracle?

Do the spirits of the dead rise up and praise you?

Interlude

<sup>11</sup>Is your mercy declared in the tomb,

your faithfulness in decay?

<sup>12</sup>Is your wonderful work known in the darkness?

Is your righteousness known in the land of forgetfulness?

<sup>13</sup>But I cry to you, O LORD,

and in the morning my prayer comes before you.

<sup>14</sup>Why, O LORD, do you reject my soul?

Why do you hide your face from me?

<sup>15</sup>I have been afflicted

and I have been close to death since my youth.

I have endured your terrors.

I am in despair.

<sup>16</sup>Your rage has swept over me.

Your terrors have destroyed me.

<sup>17</sup>All day long they surround me like water.

They have battered me completely.

<sup>18</sup>You have distanced my loved one and friend from me.

My only friend is darkness.

*After the stripping of the altar, the minister exits the chancel in silence. The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.*

*Our Holy Week worship continues tomorrow (March 29) at 7:00pm with our Good Friday worship service, and then on Easter Sunday (March 31) at 9:30am, followed by Easter brunch at the tables in the back of our worship space here in church. All are welcome!*

**SCHEDULE OF ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY**  
**March 28 – April 2, 2024**

Today	7:00 PM	<b>Maundy Thursday Worship Service</b>
Friday	7:00 PM	<b>Good Friday Worship Service</b>
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (3/31)	9:30 AM	<b>Easter Worship Service</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Easter brunch (in back of church)</b>
Tuesday (4/2)	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</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!

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES**

Our Holy Week worship continues on **Good Friday, 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!

**HELP NEEDED SATURDAY AT 1:00 TO SET UP FOR EASTER BRUNCH**

If anyone is able to come to church on Saturday at 1:00pm to help set up for Easter brunch, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Pastor Gawel if you have any questions (773-217-8132).

**LENT & EASTER DEVOTIONS 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 and Easter, 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 and Easter!

**PRESENTATION ON ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S USE OF THE PSALMS – Apr. 13**

On April 13 (Sat.) at 2:00, our sister church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, in Downers Grove (525 63<sup>rd</sup> St.), is hosting a presentation by Tim Mutterer on "Abraham Lincoln and his use of the Psalms." The Psalter held a special love for Pres. Lincoln. Thoughts, phrases, and key statements flowed from his pen reflecting this deep treasure he saw in the Psalms. This presentation is designed to lead you to a new appreciation of Lincoln's genuinely American speeches and a deeper love of the Psalms. If you plan to attend, please respond by April 10 (Wed.) at this link: <https://linktr.ee/goodshepherdevents>, or contact Pastor Semenske, who is helping to coordinate the event (contact Pastor Gawel if you need Pastor Semenske's phone number).

**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**

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](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. 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

## **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](http://www.im.life)). For more information and registration info, visit [www.LutheranMilitary.org](http://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](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. 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](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.welscongregationalervices.net/marriagemoments](http://www.welscongregationalervices.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 [delarentis.sam@gmail.com](mailto:delarentis.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 the last two weeks: \$4,163.82

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$6,957.74

**Ministry Attendance This Week**

**In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 36 (30 adults, 6 children)**

**Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 7**

**Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 8**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 8 (Sun.: 5; Tue.: 3)**

**Sunday school: 10**

**Youth confirmation class: n/a**

**God bless your Holy Week and Easter meditation and worship!**