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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

Darkness descended on the world that day as God draped creation in the darkness of mourning, for the Light of the world was flickering out; the great Prince of the heavenly kingdom was dying. Though guiltless, he was tortured and cursed; though innocent, he died among criminals. Who could ever call this day "good"? Only those who know the truth of the cross: "Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; sing the ending of the fray. Now above the cross, the trophy, sound the loud triumphant lay. Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer, as a victim won the day." – Venantius Fortunatus (+609 AD), CW93 #122.

The service concludes today without a blessing, since conceptually this service continues through to its conclusion in the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord 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 – *O Dearest Jesus* – CW93 #117 – printed on the following page

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O Dearest Jesus



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken
 2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
 5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;
 It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
 The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime have you to make con -
 They give you gall to drink, they still de -
 Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -
 The Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants
 We for - feit - ed our lives, yet are ac -



fes - sion— What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry you; They cru - ci - fy you.
 her - it, This I do mer - it.
 owe him, Who would not know him.
 quit - ted— God is com - mit - ted.

6 I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,
 That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
 To do your will shall be my sole endeavor
 Henceforth forever.

7 And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven
 To me the crown of joy at last is given,
 Where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you,
 I too shall praise you.

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

C: Amen.

STAND OR KNEEL

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Surely I was a sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (*Psalm 51, selected verses*)

M: The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off- for all whom the Lord our God will call. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. Amen. (*Acts 2:39; 1 John 1:9, 2:2*)

Those kneeling stand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

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.

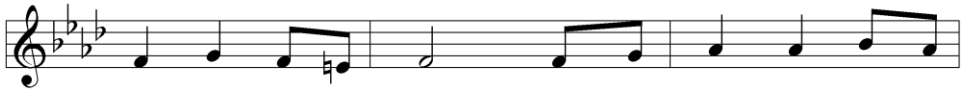
HYMN – *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted* – CW93 #127 – printed on the following page

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Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See him
 2 Tell me, as you hear him groan - ing, Was there
 3 If you think of sin but light - ly Nor sup -
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the



dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re -
 ev - er grief like his? Friends through fear his cause dis -
 pose the e - vil great, Here you see its na - ture
 ref - uge of the lost; Christ's the rock of our sal -



ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
 own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress,
 right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 va - tion, His the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's
 Man - y hands were raised to wound him, None would
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed; See who
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, Sac - ri -



Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I see suf - fi - cient
 in - ter - vene to save, But the deep - est stroke that
 bears the aw - ful load— 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A -
 fice to can - cel guilt— None shall ev - er be con -



of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 pierced him Was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 found - ed Who on him their hope have built.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 (EHV)

¹³Look, my servant will succeed.^b

He will rise. He will be lifted up. He will be highly exalted.

¹⁴Just as many were appalled at him^c—

his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man,
and his form was disfigured more than any other person—

¹⁵so he will sprinkle^d many nations,

and kings will shut their mouths because of him,

because they will see something they had never been told before,
and they will understand something they had never heard before.

53 Who has believed our report,

and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²He grew up before him like a tender shoot^e

and like a root from dry ground.

He had no attractiveness and no majesty.

When we saw him, nothing about his appearance made us desire
him.

³He was despised and rejected by men,

a man who knew grief,

who was well acquainted with suffering.

Like someone whom people cannot bear to look at,

he was despised,

and we thought nothing of him.

⁴Surely he was taking up our weaknesses,^a

and he was carrying our sufferings.

We thought it was because of God

that he was stricken, smitten, and afflicted,

⁵but it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced.

He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved.

The punishment that brought us peace was upon him,

and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶We all have gone astray like sheep.

Each of us has turned to his own way,

^b Or *act wisely*

^c The translation follows some Hebrew manuscripts and ancient versions. The main Hebrew reading is *at you*. Sudden shifts in person are not unusual in Hebrew poetry.

^d Or *stattle*

^e A *shoot* or *sucker* is a plant that grows up from the stump where a tree has been cut down.

^a Or *sicknesses*

but the LORD has charged all our guilt to him.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth.

Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep^b that is silent in front of its shearers,
he did not open his mouth.

⁸He was taken away without a fair trial^c and without justice,
and of his generation, who even cared?^d

So, he was cut off from the land of the living.

He was struck because of the rebellion of my people.

⁹They would have assigned him a grave with the wicked,
but he was given a grave with the rich in his death,
because he had done no violence,
and no deceit was in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him
and to allow him to suffer.

Because you^e made his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring.

He will prolong his days,

and the LORD's gracious plan will succeed in his hand.

¹¹After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life.^f

He will provide satisfaction.^g

Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the
many,

for he himself carried their guilt.^h

¹²Therefore I will give him an allotment among the great,^a
and with the strong he will share plunder,

^b Or *ewe*

^c Or *protection*

^d Verse 8 is difficult, and translations and arrangements of the verse vary widely.

^e The shift to the second person pronoun *you* must refer to God, who gives his Son as a sin offering.

^f The words *the light of life* are not included in the standard Hebrew text but are in the Dead Sea Scroll of Isaiah.

^g Or *be satisfied*. The understanding of this line depends on whether the subject is the Messiah, as is the case in all the other lines of this verse, or it is God the Father, who is satisfied by the Messiah's suffering. The understanding of the verse also depends on whether the variant *the light of life* is included in the preceding line. Another factor is whether this line goes with what precedes or with what follows. What is clear is that the Messiah provides a full payment for sin (satisfaction), and the LORD is satisfied with that payment. What is uncertain is which of these two points is stressed by this verb.

^h As in verse 5, the Hebrew term is plural and refers to the guilt deserved for sins.

^a Or *give him the many as his portion*

because he poured out his life to death,
and he let himself be counted with rebellious sinners.
He himself carried the sin of many,
and he intercedes for the rebels.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 22 – CWS p. 41 (NIV)

Refrain



Be - hold the Lamb, be - hold the Lamb of



God, who takes a - way the sin of the world.

Psalm Tone



Refrain

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me?

I am a worm and not a man,*

scorned by men and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me;*

they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

“He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.*

Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

Refrain

My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks

to the roof of my mouth,*

you lay me in the dust of death.

A band of evil men has encircled me,*
they have pierced my hands and my feet.

They divide my garments among them*
and cast lots for my clothing.

But you, O LORD, be not far off;*
O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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SECOND READING – Hebrews 7:26-28 (EHV)

²⁶This is certainly the kind of high priest we needed: one who is holy, innocent, pure, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices on a daily basis, first for his own sins and then for the sins of the people. In fact, he sacrificed for sins once and for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests men who have weaknesses. But the word of the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been brought to his goal forever.

HYMN – *Upon the Cross Extended* – CW93 #113 – printed on the following page

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Upon the Cross Extended



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, See, world, your Lord sus -
 2 How God at our trans - gres - sion To an - ger gives ex -
 3 'Tis I who should be smit - ten, My doom should here be
 4 A crown of thorns you're wear - ing, My shame and scorn you're
 5 Your cords of love, my Sav - ior, Bind me to you for -



pend - ed; Your Sav - ior yields his breath. The Prince of
 pres - sion, How loud his thun - ders roll, How fear - ful -
 writ - ten: Bound hand and foot in hell. The fet - ters
 bear - ing That I might ran - somed be. My bonds - man,
 ev - er; I am no long - er mine. To you I



life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly giv - en
 ly he smites him, How sore - ly he re - quites him—
 and the scourg - ing, The floods a - round you surg - ing,
 ev - er will - ing, My place with pa - tience fill - ing,
 glad - ly ten - der All that my life can ren - der



To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
 All this your suf - f'rings teach my soul.
 'Tis I who have de - served them well.
 From sin and guilt has made me free.
 And all I have to you re - sign.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.

Tune: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN (776 778) Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517, alt.

GOSPEL – John 19:17-30 (EHV)

¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to what is called the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him with two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”

²⁰Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘this man said, “I am the King of the Jews.” ’ ”

²²Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

²³When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

²⁴So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

They divided my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing.^b

So the soldiers did these things.

²⁵Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!”

²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.”

²⁹A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!” Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

HYMN – *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* – CW93 #105 – printed on the following page

^b Psalm 22:18



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, With grief and
 2 Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your
 3 Now from your cheeks has van - ished Their col - or,
 4 My bur - den in your pas - sion, Lord, you have
 5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank you,



shame weighed down, Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed,
 coun - te - nance, Though might - y worlds shall fear you
 once so fair; From your red lips is ban - ished
 borne for me, For it was my trans - gres - sion,
 dear - est Friend, For this, your dy - ing sor - row,



With thorns your on - ly crown, O sa - cred head, no
 And flee be - fore your glance. How pale you are with
 The splen - dor that was there. Grim death with cru - el
 My shame, on Cal - va - ry. I cast me down be -
 Your pit - y with - out end? Oh, make me yours for -



glo - ry Now from your face does shine; Yet, though de -
 an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn! Your eyes with
 rig - or Has robbed you of your life; Thus you have
 fore you; Wrath is my right - ful lot. Have mer - cy,
 ev - er, And keep me strong and true; Lord, let me



spised and go - ry, I joy to call you mine.
 pain now lan - guish That once were bright as morn!
 lost your vig - or, Your strength, in this sad strife.
 I im - plore you; Re - deem - er, spurn me not!
 nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love for you.

6 My Savior, then be near me
 When death is at my door,
 And let your presence cheer me;
 Forsake me nevermore!
 When soul and body languish,
 Oh, leave me not alone,
 But take away my anguish
 By virtue of your own!

7 Lord, be my consolation,
 My shield when I must die;
 Remind me of your passion
 When my last hour draws nigh.
 My eyes will then behold you,
 Upon your cross will dwell;
 My heart will then enfold you—
 Who dies in faith dies well!

122 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle;
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished,
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph,
 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry;



Sing the end - ing of the fray. Now a -
 Of th' ap - point - ed time was come, He, the
 He went forth from Naz - a - reth, Des - tined,
 Be for all the no - blest tree; None in
 To the Fa - ther and the Son, To th' e -



bove the cross, the tro - phy, Sound the loud tri -
 Word, was born of wom - an, Left for us his
 ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing, Did his work and
 fo - liage, none in blos - som, None in fruit your
 ter - nal Spir - it hon - or Now and ev - er -



um - phant lay. Tell how Christ, the world's Re -
 Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of true o -
 met his death; Like a lamb he hum - bly
 e - qual be, Sym - bol of the world's re -
 more be done— Praise and glo - ry in the



deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
 be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
 yield - ed On the cross his dy - ing breath.
 demp - tion, For your bur - den makes us free.
 high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

Text: Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530–609, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
 Tune: FORTUNATUS NEW (87 87 87) Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929. © 1967 Concordia Publishing House.
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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).



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.

HYMN – Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed – CW93 #129 – printed on the following page

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, And
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my Sov - 'reign die? Would he de - vote that
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
 shut its glo - ries in When God, the might - y
 his dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For sin - ners such as I?
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
 Mak - er, died For his own crea - tures' sin.
 thank - ful - ness, And melt my eyes to tears.
 self a - way— 'Tis all that I can do.

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

Tune: MARTYRDOM (CM) Hugh Wilson, c. 1766–1824.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you are a just God who accepts nothing less than perfection. All too often we fail to realize how much our sins offend you. We forget that the wages of sin truly is death. We forget that there actually is a hell. Lead us to recognize the seriousness of our sinfulness. Lead us also to admit our inability to make things right with you.

C: **Teach us to look to you as the only one who can make us just and right.**

M: Today we are reminded not only of your justice but also of your love. You did not spare your own Son but gave him as a ransom for

each one of us. Comfort us with the knowledge of this great love.
Give us the peace that the forgiveness of sins brings.

C: When we feel our guilt, point us to the cross, where our guilt was washed away in Jesus' blood.

M: Lord Jesus, we thank you for paying the debt that we could not pay.
We thank you for coming to earth so that we could be with you forever in heaven.

C: For being our perfect substitute, we thank you, Lord Jesus.

M: Son of God, you offered up your body as an unblemished sacrifice for sin and commended your spirit into the hands of your Father. Teach us to cast the cares of this brief life on our heavenly Father and commit our bodies and souls to his love.

C: Give us the courage to face death, knowing that it is the gate to our home in heaven.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we offer our personal thanks for the forgiveness that you have given us and for the home that you have won for us.

Silent prayer.

M: The cross was once an instrument of death. It is now a sign of life.

C: Dear Savior, we humbly kneel at the cross in awe of your power and of your love. 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.

HYMN – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* – CW93 #125 – printed on the following page

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
 Save in the death of Christ, my God.
 Sor - row and love flow min - gled down.
 That were a trib - ute far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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

Tune: HAMBURG (LM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

The minister exits the chancel in silence. The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.

Please join us on Easter Sunday, March 31, at 9:30am, to celebrate Jesus' victory over death and the good news that because he lives we also will live (John 14:19). After the worship service on Sunday, you're also welcome to join us for Easter brunch at the tables in the back of the worship space here at church.

SCHEDULE OF ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY
March 29 – April 2, 2024

Today	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)
Tuesday (4/2)	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class

The paraments are black for Good Friday. Black is the color of death and mourning, and calls for sober reflection on the cost of our redemption.

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 WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join us on **Easter Sunday, March 31, at 9:30am**, as 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 Easter and every Sunday!

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 63rd 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 . 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 del Laurentis.sam@gmail.com with any questions.



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\$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!