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**The Resurrection of Our Lord  
Easter Day  
March 31, 2024**

**SERVICE THEME:  
The Lord of Life and Death**



# The Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day March 31, 2024 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## SERVICE THEME: The Lord of Life and Death

**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

*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Sinners should fear God. Sinners ought to die for their wickedness. The grave should be the place of ultimate defeat for mankind. Yet on this day, the "Second Adam" (Jesus; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:45-49) did all that the first had left undone. Bearing our guilt and suffering our verdict, the Son of Man died, but three days later he rose in glory. As a result, fear is gone, mankind is redeemed, and Christ calls us his own brothers. Jesus came from death to life, and through baptism he brings us with him.*

**About the paschal candle** – *The flame of the paschal candle symbolizes the presence of the resurrected Christ, the light of the world. Besides its use during the Easter season, the paschal candle is lit for baptisms and funerals, signifying the hope of the resurrection into which Christians are baptized. The word "paschal" comes from the Hebrew word for Passover ("Pesach"). Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament festival of Passover. Jesus is called "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). The Apostle Paul identifies Good Friday and Easter as the fulfillment of the Passover: "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7). In many languages, "Passover" is the word also used to refer to Easter (such as Spanish: "Pascua").*

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# Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,  
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love,



Who did once up - on the cross,  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
 Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

## INVOCATION

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

Congregation: **Amen.**

## RESURRECTION DIALOGUE

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Psalm 118:24*

M: I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

*Exodus 15:1-2*

C: **Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.**

*Psalm 95:2*

M: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

*Psalm 118:17*

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

M: The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy. In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him.

*Exodus 15:6-7*

C: **Death has been swallowed up in victory.**

*1 Corinthians 15:54*

M: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*1 Corinthians 15:55, 57*

M: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

*Job 19:25*

C: **The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.**

*Revelation 11:15*

M: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

*Revelation 7:10*

C: **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

*Revelation 5:12*

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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# This Is the Feast of Victory

*Dignus est Agnus*

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1	Wor - thy	is	Christ,	the	Lamb	who	was	slain,	Whose
2	Pow -	er,	rich -	es,	wis -	dom,	and	strength,	And
3	Sing	with	all	the	peo -	ple	of	God,	And
4	Bless -	ing,	hon -	or,	glo -	ry,	and	might	Be to
5	For	the	Lamb		who	was	slain		Has be -

*Refrain*



blood	set	us	free	to	be	peo -	ple	of	God.
hon -	or,	bles -	ing,	and	glo -	ry	are	his.	
join	in	the	hymn	of	all	cre -	a	tion.	
God	and	the	Lamb	for -	ev -	er.	A	men.	
gun	his	reign.		Al -	le -	lu	-	ia!	

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## FIRST READING – Job 19:23-27 (EHV)

<sup>23</sup>Oh how I wish that my words were written down.

Oh how I wish that they were inscribed in bronze,<sup>a</sup>

<sup>24</sup>that they would be engraved in rock forever  
with an iron tool and letters filled with lead.

<sup>25</sup>As for me, I know that my Redeemer<sup>b</sup> lives,  
and that at the end of time<sup>c</sup> he will stand over the dust.

<sup>26</sup>Then, even after my skin has been destroyed,  
nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God.<sup>d</sup>

<sup>27</sup>I myself will see him.

My own eyes will see him, and not as a stranger.

My emotions are in turmoil<sup>a</sup> within me.

## PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 30 – CWS p. 43 (text NIV84)

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm Tone*



<sup>a</sup> Or on a scroll

<sup>b</sup> Or Protector

<sup>c</sup> Or as the last one

<sup>d</sup> The Hebrew of the verse is difficult, but the basic meaning is clear.

<sup>a</sup> Literally my kidneys wear out

**Refrain**

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;\*  
praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,\*  
but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night,\*  
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

**Refrain**

To you, O LORD, I called;\*  
to the Lord I cried for mercy.

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;\*  
O LORD, be my help.

You turned my wailing into dancing,\*  
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**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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**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**M:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.  
(Psalm 118:24 – NIV)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL – Mark 16:1-16 (EHV)

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus.

<sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They were saying to each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us?” <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

<sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’ ”

<sup>8</sup>They went out and hurried away from the tomb, trembling and perplexed. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

<sup>9</sup>After Jesus had risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. <sup>10</sup>She went and reported to those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. <sup>11</sup>When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe it.

<sup>12</sup>After these things, Jesus appeared in another form to two of them as they were walking along on their way to the country. <sup>13</sup>These two also returned and reported it to the rest. But they did not believe them either.

<sup>14</sup>Later, he appeared to the Eleven themselves as they were reclining at the table. He rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

<sup>15</sup>He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. <sup>16</sup>Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

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



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**





1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil That we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful; Let earth her song be - gin.



The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.  
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,  
 And, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en; Our joy shall have no end.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: LANCASHIRE (76 76 D) Henry T. Smart, 1813–79.

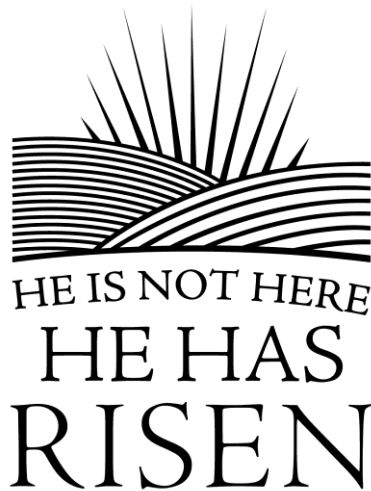
### NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 15:12-26 (EHV)

<sup>12</sup>Now if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how is it that some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is pointless, and your faith is pointless too. <sup>15</sup>Then we are even guilty of giving false testimony about God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise, if it were true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then it also follows that those who fell asleep in Christ

perished. <sup>19</sup>If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ's people, at his coming. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign "until he has put all his enemies under his feet."<sup>b</sup> <sup>26</sup>Death is the last enemy to be done away with.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness* – CW93 #156 –  
printed on the following page



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<sup>b</sup> Psalm 110:1



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness! See what to -  
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay  
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens— What peace it  
 4 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my  
 5 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to



day is done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes  
 in the tomb. But lo, he now is rout - ed; His  
 does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The  
 Sav - ior true; My Lord will leave me nev - er, What -  
 bliss un - told, Where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was  
 boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is  
 joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er  
 e'er he pass - es through. He rends death's i - ron  
 found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid Where our bed must be made When to the  
 free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry He who is  
 shake, No foe shall ev - er take The hope which  
 chain; He breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters  
 shared Finds here a crown pre - pared; Who there with



realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.  
 strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
 God's own Son In love for me has won.  
 hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.  
 me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.  
 Tune: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ (76 76 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

**SERMON** – 1 Corinthians 15:12-26 – The Lord of Life and Death

# 150 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day;  
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed,  
 4 Christ, who once for sin - ners bled,



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way;  
 Sin - less in the sin - ners' stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.  
 Now the first-born from the dead,



See the place where he was laid;  
 "Christ is ris'n," to - day we cry; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 While, in strange and awe - full strife,  
 Throned in end - less might and pow'r,



Praise him for the ran - som paid.  
 Now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Met to - geth - er death and life.  
 Lives and reigns for - ev - er - more.

Text: Latin sequence, 11th century, abr.; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1809–81, alt.  
 Tune: LLANFAIR (77 77 with Alleluias) Robert Williams, c. 1781–1821.

## 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. 25).*



## **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 – Crown Him with Many Crowns – CW93 #341 – printed on the following page**

## 341

## Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the  
 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -



throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All  
 side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In  
 grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For  
 bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The



mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and  
 beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the  
 those he came to save. His glo - ries now we  
 won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y



sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him  
 sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward  
 sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -  
 crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye



as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 bends his won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3.

Tune: DIADEMATA (SM D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

**C: Christ is risen!**

**M:** For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

**C: He is risen indeed!**

**M:** He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

**C: Alleluia!**

**M:** We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

**C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

**M:** Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

**C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

**M:** With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

**C: You are risen!**

**M:** Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

**C: You are risen indeed!**

**M:** Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

**C: Alleluia!**

**M:** Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

**C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

**M:** Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

**C: He is risen!**

**M:** As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

**C: He is risen indeed!**

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

*for workers for the harvest field:*

Lord of the Church, you have entrusted us with the responsibility of making disciples of all nations. Open our eyes to see the need for workers. Inspire young people to consider a career as a pastor, teacher, or staff minister. Provide parents with words that encourage their children to consider full-time gospel ministry. Also, move adults to consider a second-career path to ministry, according to your will. Help our synod and congregations best utilize the workers with which we are blessed and move us to value them and their ministries. Use us, Lord, to share the good news of salvation in Christ Jesus with our communities. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

**C:** Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! 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:** Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to



whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** Now may the God of peace—who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood, which established the eternal testament—may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever. (*Hebrews 13:20-21*)



**C: A - men. A - men. A - men.**

**CLOSING HYMN** – *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* – CW93 #152 –  
printed on the following page – **children’s choir sings stanza 1;**  
**congregation sings stanzas 2-8**

## I Know that My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to  
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry  
 guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
 He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
 "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.

Tune: DUKE STREET (LM) attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**March 31 – April 7, 2024**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Easter Worship Service</b>
	10:45 AM	<b>Easter brunch (in back of church)</b>
Tuesday	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (4/7)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study</b>

*The paraments are white for Easter. White is the color of purity and completeness. This color assists in bearing the message that "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). Christ's purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.*

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** – We are glad to have you worship with us today! Please sign the guest register 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 BRUNCH** – All are welcome to stay for Easter brunch after the worship service today, at the tables in the back of our worship space. Thanks to all who helped to plan and prepare!

**MEMORIALS** – Please pick up a copy of the booklet noting the memorials that have been given for Easter, on the podium in the center entryway.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER DEVOTIONS FROM MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE**  
Martin Luther College, our church-body's college of ministry in New Ulm, MN, has produced online 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 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)

### **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).

**“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.

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

### **WELS 100 in 10**

Twenty new home mission starts and enhancements were approved in 2023 toward the goal of starting 100 new home missions in 10 years! WELS does this through district mission boards, which support existing home missions and work with local congregations to identify where to plant new churches throughout their district. This volunteer group of pastors and laymen builds a solid foundation for each new mission, shepherding these churches and their pastors on their path from mission status to self-supporting congregations. Learn more at [www.wels100in10.net](http://www.wels100in10.net) .

### **ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION**

There are a number of ways to give to St. Andrew online: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/> , then click on the “Giving” tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our church’s invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name



and address. You can download the Vanco Mobile app from the [Apple App Store](#) for iOS devices or the [Google Play Store](#) for Android devices. Please contact St. Andrew's elder for stewardship, Sam DeLaurentis [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 you this week as you bask in the joy of the resurrection!**