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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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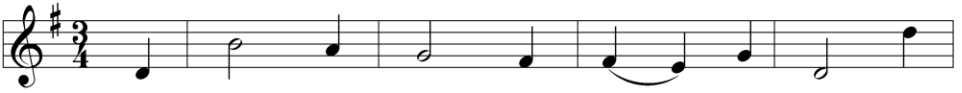
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### **INTRODUCTION TO TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE**

*The Bible readings this Sunday begin a gradual transition from the Half Year of Our Lord to the Half Year of the Church, from the way that God won our salvation to the way we live out our salvation. From now until Pentecost, they focus on the nature of our relationship with the Risen Christ through his Word: the relationships of Shepherd and sheep, of Vine and branches, of Friend with friends, of Patron and protected.*

**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).

# 360 The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain And  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life, Shall



makes me down to lie In pas - tures green; he  
 me to walk doth make With - in the paths of  
 will I fear no ill; For thou art with me,  
 pres - ence of my foes; My head thou dost with  
 sure - ly fol - low me, And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 right - eous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.  
 and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650.  
 Tune: BELMONT (CM) William Gardiner, 1770–1853, adapt.

**Minister:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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

**C:** Amen.

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-tory 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, us bless- 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-tory for our God,

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

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Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE (Irregular with Refrain) Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923. © 1975, 1988 Richard Hillert.  
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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING** – Acts 20:28-32 (EHV)

<sup>28</sup>“Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God,<sup>a</sup> which he purchased with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure savage wolves, who will not spare the flock, will come in among you. <sup>30</sup>Even from your own group men will rise up, twisting the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

<sup>31</sup>Therefore be always on the alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, I never stopped warning each one of you with tears.

<sup>32</sup>“And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which has power to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 23 – CW93 p. 72 (text NIV84) – printed on the following page

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<sup>a</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *the Lord*.

*Refrain*



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

*Psalm tone*



**Refrain**

The LORD is my shepherd,\*  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;\*  
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;\*  
he guides me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,\*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**Refrain**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.\*  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**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 – 1 Peter 5:1-4 (EHV)

Therefore, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and as one who also shares in the glory that is about to be revealed, I appeal to the elders among you: <sup>2</sup>Shepherd God’s flock that is among you, serving as overseers, not grudgingly but willingly, as God desires,<sup>d</sup> not because you are greedy for money but because you are eager to do it. <sup>3</sup>Do not lord it over those entrusted to your care, but be examples for the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive an unfading crown of glory.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (*John 10:14*)



### GOSPEL – John 10:11-18 (EHV)

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



<sup>11</sup>“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>“I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know

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<sup>d</sup> Some witnesses to the text omit *as God desires*.

me <sup>15</sup>(just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”

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



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### **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.**

**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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY – *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* – CW93 #375 –  
printed on the following page**



## 375

## The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My  
 3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With  
 5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant  
 yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der  
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my  
 ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
 gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.  
 my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

6 And so through all the length of days  
 Your goodness fails me never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
 Within your house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

**SERMON** – John 10:11-18 – What's So Good about the Good Shepherd?

**HYMN** – *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb* – CW93 #432 – printed on the following page

## 432

## I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep - herd's



am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my  
 stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to  
 lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his



needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he  
 an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. composite.

Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, Leipzig, 1784.

## 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. 22).



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

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

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy Supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this Supper, we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

*Following the teaching of the Bible (1 Corinthians 10:17; 11:27-29; etc.), our church practices "close communion." We ask that only those who are current communicant members of this church or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) partake of the sacrament today. If you are a visitor who is not a member of one of our sister churches, our pastor would be happy to speak with you about receiving the Lord's Supper with us in the future. Please mention it to him after the service.*

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

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

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION

*At the direction of the usher, communicant members of St. Andrew and our sister churches in the WELS and ELS may come forward down the center aisle, then wait until directed by an usher to go to the communion rail. Communicants may kneel or stay standing. Please hold out your hand to receive the bread. If you wish to partake of the common cup, do not take an individual cup when the assistant comes by with the tray. Those who need to receive grape juice instead of wine may take the purple individual cups in the center of the tray. The minister and assistant will use hand sanitizer before and/or wear sterile gloves during communion setup and distribution. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak with the pastor or an usher to receive one.*

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

### PRAYER and BLESSING

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C:** **And his mercy endures forever.**

**M:** 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 – My Shepherd Will Supply My Need – CW93 #374**

## 374

## My Shepherd Will Supply My Need



1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need— Je -  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, His  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God At -



ho - vah is his name. In pas - tures fresh he  
 pres - ence is my stay; One word of his sup -  
 tend me all my days; Oh, may his house be



makes me feed Be - side the liv - ing stream.  
 port - ing breath Drives all my fears a - way.  
 my a - bode And all my work be praise.



He brings my wand - 'ring spir - it back When  
 His hand, in sight of all my foes, Will  
 There would I find a set - tled rest While



I for - sake his ways And leads me, for his  
 still my ta - ble spread; My cup with bless - ings  
 oth - ers go and come, No more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.  
 o - ver - flows; His oil a - noints my head.  
 or a guest But like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Tune: RESIGNATION (CM D) *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, Winchester, VA, 1832.



**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**April 21-28, 2024**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study</b>
Tuesday	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>
Saturday	7:45 PM	<b>中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)</b>
Sunday (4/28)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Voters' Meeting</b>

*The paraments are white for the Easter season. 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!

**PASTOR GAWEL'S CALL DELIBERATIONS; VOTERS' MEETING APRIL 28**  
From Pastor Gawel:

On April 7, I received a call to serve as pastor of Apostles Lutheran Church in San Jose, California. As you may know, this does not mean that I have to accept the call and go there, but that I now get to spend some time in prayer and deliberation between these two calls from God -- the one to serve with you here at St. Andrew, the other to go and serve with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Apostles in San Jose. Please pray for God's blessing of wisdom and guidance for me as I deliberate, and for his blessing on Sherry and our kids, and on all of the members of St. Andrew and all the members of Apostles during this

time. I would be happy to talk with you to hear your thoughts as I deliberate. Feel free to arrange a time to get together to talk, or give me a call.

Also, we will have a voters' meeting on April 28 after the worship service to discuss making a contingent request for a graduate from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to be assigned as pastor in the event that I would accept the call to San Jose. The reason for this is that the deadline for making a request for a graduate is April 30, but I will likely still be deliberating on the call at that point, and so the Assignment Committee allows contingent requests to for a graduate to be made, which can then be cancelled before Assignment Day (May 23) if it turns out that a graduate will not be needed (ie, if I decline the call to San Jose). Note that in keeping with God's instruction to us in his Word regarding the roles of men and women in the church (cf., 1 Timothy 2:12; 1 Corinthians 14:33-35), St. Andrew's constitution and by-laws authorizes male communicant members of this congregation over the age of 18 as voters. Any non-voting member (or nonmember) may speak with a voting member or the pastor in advance of the meeting with any suggestions or concerns. ... Please pray for God's blessing on this meeting and on the gospel ministry of St. Andrew Lutheran Church!

### **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.

### **Webinar: “(mis)Understanding Mental Health: A Christian Look at Today’s Epidemic” – May 2 (Thur.), 7-8pm**

There’s been a lot of focus on mental health in recent years. Current generations are growing up using vocabulary that expresses this reality, while older generations aren’t used to discussing something they grew up thinking was taboo. This webinar is intended to shine a light on and bring awareness to the subject of mental health. Guided by insight from licensed professional counselors from Christian Family Solutions, we’ll get an overview of what is going on, what we can do, and when and

where to get help. More info and register here:

<https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/womens-ministry/womens-ministry-webinars/>

**“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. Training Camp is held at YMCA Camp Duncan, in Ingleside, IL. 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 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 March
\$14,517.92	\$8,556.41

Offerings received last week: \$1,477.44

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$3,916.87

**Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 34** (30 adults, 4 children)

**Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 6**

**Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 12**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 12** (Sun.: 5, 3; Tue.: 2; Wed.: 2)

**Sunday school: 6**

**Youth confirmation class: 4**

**God bless you this week as you share the joy of the resurrection!**