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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

In the face of doubt, Christ gives us proof and peace. To the doubting disciples, he gave certain proof that led to certain peace. Through his Word and sacraments, Jesus gives the same proof to all people of all time. "Peace be with you," said our Lord. Then he sent his people forth with this message of peace based on the proof of his resurrection.

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).

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He's Risen, He's Risen



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
 4 Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.
 The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
 And death, hell, and Sa - tan he van - quished, his foes.
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
 Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;
 For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,



And earth, sea, and moun - tain the prais - es pro - long.
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
 He lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.
 Who now sits in glo - ry and ev - er shall reign.

Text: C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87, abr.; tr. Anna M. Meyer, 1867–1941, alt.

Tune: WALTHER (11 11 11 11) C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87.

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.

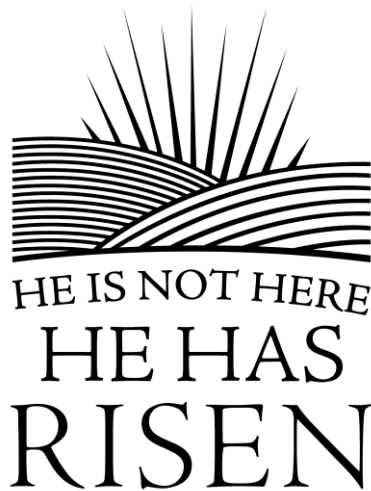
M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.



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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, 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 - 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 risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Acts 26:6-29 (EHV)

⁶“And now I stand on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, ⁷the promise that our twelve tribes hope to attain as they earnestly serve God night and day. I am being accused by the Jews concerning this hope, O King. ⁸Why does it seem unbelievable to any of you that God raises the dead?

⁹“I too was convinced that it was necessary to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus the Nazarene. ¹⁰And that is what I did in Jerusalem. After receiving authority from the chief priests, I put many of the saints in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. ¹¹I often tried to make them blaspheme by punishing them throughout all the synagogues. Because I was so insanely angry with them, I even pursued them to foreign cities.

¹²“That is how I came to be traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. ¹³At noon along the road, O King, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those traveling with me. ¹⁴We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect,^a ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’^b

¹⁵“Then I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’

“The Lord replied, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ¹⁶Now get up and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose: to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things you have seen^c and to the things I will reveal to you. ¹⁷I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles to whom I am sending you. ¹⁸You are to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from

^a Or *Aramaic*. The Greek word is *Hebrew* but likely refers to the Aramaic dialect spoken by the Jews at that time and place.

^b *Goads* are pointed sticks used to urge or direct an animal. *To kick against the goads* means to resist stubbornly.

^c A few witnesses to the text add *of me*.

the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive the forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

¹⁹“Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. ²⁰Rather, I first told those in Damascus and Jerusalem about it, and then throughout the entire country of Judea and also the Gentiles. I told them that they should repent and turn to God, while also doing works that are consistent with repentance. ²¹These are the reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.

²²“But I have had help from God right up to this day, and so I stand testifying to both small and great. I am saying nothing other than what the prophets and Moses said would happen, ²³that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light to our people and to the Gentiles.”

²⁴While Paul was saying these things in his defense, Festus shouted, “Paul, you are out of your mind! Your great learning is driving you insane.”

²⁵But Paul replied, “I am not insane, most excellent Festus, but I am clearly speaking words that are true and sensible. ²⁶Certainly the king to whom I am freely speaking knows about these things. Indeed, I cannot believe that any of these things has escaped his notice, because this has not been done in a corner. ²⁷King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.”

²⁸Then Agrippa said to Paul, “In such a short time are you going to persuade me to become^a a Christian?”

²⁹Paul replied, “I pray God, that whether in a short time or a long time, not only you, but also all those who are listening to me today would become what I am, except for these chains.”

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 16 – CW93 p. 68 (text NIV84) – printed on the following page

^a A few witnesses to the text read *to make me*.

Refrain

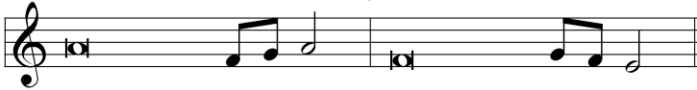


I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,



in the land of the liv - ing.

Psalm tone



Refrain

Keep me safe, O God,*
for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;*"
apart from you I have no good thing."

I have set the LORD always before me.*
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Refrain

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;*
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;*
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

**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

SECOND READING – 1 Peter 5:6-11 (EHV)

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under God’s powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time.^h ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary,ⁱ the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood^j all over the world.

¹⁰After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. ¹¹To him be the glory and^k the power forever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (*John 20:29b*)



GOSPEL – John 20:19-31 (EHV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you!”

^h A few witnesses to the text read *at the time he visits us*.

ⁱ Some witnesses to the text read *Be alert because your enemy*.

^j Or *family of believers*

^k A few witnesses to the text omit *the glory and*.

²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." ²²After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin,^a was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe."

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

^a Greek *Didymus* is the equivalent of *Thomas* in Hebrew/Aramaic, both meaning *Twin*.

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.

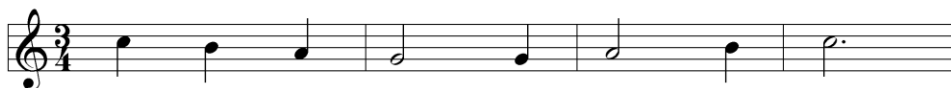
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness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

HYMN OF THE DAY – *O Sons and Daughters of the King* – CW93 #165 –
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O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
 2 On that first morn - ing of the week,
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,
 4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;
 5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,
 Be - fore the day be - gan to break,
 For thus he spoke un - to the three,
 A - mong them came their Lord most dear
 That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 And said, "Peace be un - to you here."
 He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

- 6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,
 "My hands, my feet, my body see;
 And doubt not, but believe in me."
 Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God," he cried.
 Alleluia!
- 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen
 And yet whose faith has constant been;
 In life eternal they shall reign.
 Alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
 To God your hearts and voices raise
 In laud and jubilee and praise.
 Alleluia!

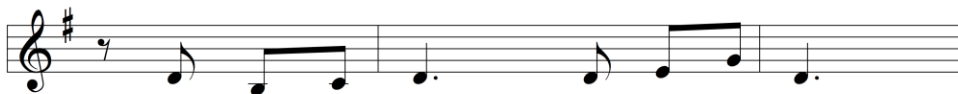
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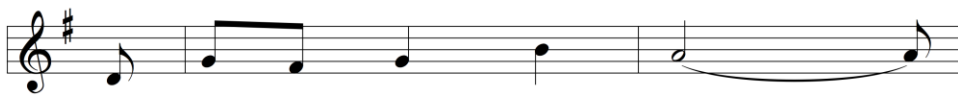
SERMON – 1 John 5:1-6 – Tests of the True Faith

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We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



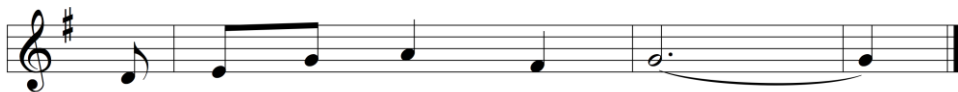
1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
 2 We may not touch his hands and side
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief,
 4 For you, O res - sur - rec - ted Lord,
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,



No gra - cious words we hear
 Nor fol - low where he trod,
 And may our faith a - bound
 Are found in means di - vine:
 In realms of clear - er light,



From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
 But in his prom - ise we re - jice
 To call on you when you are near
 Be - neath the wa - ter and the Word,
 We may be - hold you as you are



But we be - lieve him near.
 And cry, "My Lord and God!"
 And seek where you are found.
 Be - neath the bread and wine.
 With full and end - less sight.

Text (st. 1-3, 5): Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

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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. 26).



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 – I Know of a Sleep in Jesus’ Name – CW93 #211

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I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name



1 I know of a sleep in Je - sus' name, A
 2 I know of a morn - ing, bright and fair When
 3 God's Son to our graves then makes his way; His
 4 O Je - sus, draw near my dy - ing bed And



rest from all toil and sor - row; Earth folds in her
 ti - dings of joy shall wake us, When songs from on
 voice hear all tribes and na - tions; The trum - pet of
 take me in - to your keep - ing And say when my



arms my wea - ry frame And shel - ters it till the
 high shall fill the air And God to his glo - ry
 God will sound the day And shake all the earth's foun -
 spir - it hence is fled, "This child is not dead, but



mor - row. My soul is at home with God in
 take us, When Je - sus shall bid us rise from
 da - tions. He calls out a - loud, "O dead, come
 sleep - ing." And leave me not, Sav - ior, till I



heav'n; My sor - rows are past and o - ver.
 sleep— How joy - ous that hour of wak - ing!
 forth!" In glo - ry we rise to meet him.
 rise To praise you in life e - ter - nal.

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnary*, Decorah, 1913, alt.

Tune: DEN SIGNEDE DAG (98 98 98) Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
April 7-14, 2024

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (4/14)	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

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!

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.

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).

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.)

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 are welcome!

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 Sat., Apr. 20 at Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in New Berlin, WI. This event is co-sponsored by Lutheran Military Support Group and Institutional Ministries (www.im.life). Register by April 11. For more info, go to <https://www.lutheranmilitary.org/what-we-do/workshops>.

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**, 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.

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)

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 . 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.

***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/> .

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

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 delarentis.sam@gmail.com with any questions.



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\$14,517.92	\$8,556.41

Offerings received 3/28 – 3/31: \$1,598.67

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

Ministry Attendance Last Week

Easter Sunday in-church worship attendance: 88 (74 adults, 6 children)

Easter service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 7

Maundy Thursday in-church worship attendance: 16

Maundy Thursday live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 9

Good Friday in-church worship attendance: 23

Good Friday live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 11

Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 8

Adult Bible study attendance: 4 (Tue.: 2; Wed.: 2)

Sunday school: n/a

Youth confirmation class: 5

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