

# FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

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"BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,  
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."

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## SERVICE THEME: Witnesses of Our Ascended Lord

**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

*This feast day has everything in it – Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, the Ascension itself, the anticipation of Pentecost and the whole of the non-festival half of the church year. It's Ascension Day! Aren't you happy for him? He has triumphed and entered into his glory by keeping all of his Word! His triumph today guarantees that he will always keep his Word. Aren't you happy for yourself, too?*

# 174 See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph



1 See, the con - qu'ror mounts in tri - umph; See the  
 2 Who is this that comes in glo - ry With the  
 3 While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, He is the  
 4 He has raised our hu - man na - ture On the



King in roy - al state, Rid - ing on the  
 trump of ju - bi - lee? Lord of bat - tles,  
 part - ed from his friends; While their ea - ger  
 clouds to God's right hand; There we sit in



clouds, his char - iot, To his heav'n - ly pal - ace gate.  
 God of ar - mies, He has gained the vic - to - ry.  
 eyes be - hold him, He up - on the clouds as - cends.  
 heav'n - ly plac - es, There with him in glo - ry stand.



Hark! The choirs of an - gel voic - es Joy - ful  
 He who on the cross did suf - fer, He who  
 He who walked with God and pleased him, Preach - ing  
 Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with



al - le - lu - ias sing, And the por - tals high  
 from the grave a - rose, He has van - quished sin  
 truth and doom to come, He, our E - noch, is  
 God is on the throne. By our might - y Lord's



are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.  
 and Sa - tan; He by death has crushed his foes.  
 trans - lat - ed To his ev - er - last - ing home.  
 as - cen - sion We by faith be - hold our own.

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

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

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

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

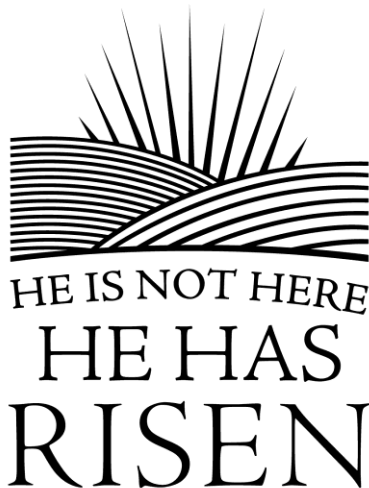
**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

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





1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the  
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and  
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up to the  
 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our



out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Mount of Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As - cends un -  
 And with his fol - low - ers they see Their Lord as -  
 "This is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This is his  
 "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re - turn - ing  
 Then, throned with you for - ev - er, we Shall praise your



to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 glo - rious tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 in great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 name e - ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
 All praise to you let earth accord.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 You are, while endless ages run,  
 With Father and with Spirit one.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## **FIRST READING – Acts 1:1-11 (EHV)**

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

<sup>3</sup>After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they were together with him, they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup>After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

**PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 47 – CWS p. 47 (text NIV84) – printed on the following page**

*Refrain*

God has gone up with a shout, the  
Lord with the sound of the trum - pet.

*Psalm Tone*

**Refrain**

Clap your hands, all you nations;\*  
shout to God with cries of joy.

How awesome is the LORD Most High,\*  
the great King over all the earth!

God reigns over the nations;\*  
God is seated on his holy throne.

**Refrain**

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,\*  
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;\*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;\*  
sing to him a psalm of praise.

**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 – Ephesians 4:7-16 (EHV)

<sup>7</sup>But to each one of us grace was given, according to the measure of the gift from Christ. <sup>8</sup>That is why it says, “When he ascended on high, he took captivity captive and gave gifts to his people.”<sup>b</sup> <sup>9</sup>Now what does it mean when it says “he ascended,” other than that he also had descended<sup>c</sup> to the lower parts, namely, the earth?<sup>d</sup> <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. <sup>11</sup>He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving,<sup>e</sup> in order to build up the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup>This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup>The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray. <sup>15</sup>Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ’s activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia.

(*Matthew 28:20b, NIV*)



## GOSPEL – Luke 24:44-53 (EHV)

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<sup>b</sup> Psalm 68:18

<sup>c</sup> Some witnesses to the text add *first*.

<sup>d</sup> Or *to the lower parts of the earth*

<sup>e</sup> Or *ministry*



<sup>44</sup>He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be:<sup>b</sup> The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>They were continually in the temple courts, praising and<sup>c</sup> blessing God. Amen.<sup>d</sup>

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



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build* – CW93 #173 –  
printed on the following page



<sup>b</sup> Some witnesses to the text omit *and so it must be*.

<sup>c</sup> A few witnesses to the text omit *praising and*.

<sup>d</sup> Some witnesses to the text omit *Amen*.

## 173

## On Christ's Ascension I Now Build



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of  
 2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, Great gifts for  
 3 Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing



my as - cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled  
 me ob - tain - ing, My heart shall rest in him a - lone,  
 your as - cen - sion, That I may serve you faith - ful - ly,



All doubt and ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the  
 No oth - er rest re - main - ing, For where my  
 A - dorn - ing your re - demp - tion; And then, when



head is, there as well I know his mem - bers  
 trea - sure went be - fore, There all my thoughts shall  
 all my days will cease, Let me de - part in



are to dwell When Christ shall come and call them.  
 ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
 joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

Text: Josua Wegelin, 1604–40; tr. William M. Czamanske, 1873–1964, alt.

Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524.

**SERMON** – Luke 24:44-53 – Witnesses of Our Ascended Lord

### 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.**

## **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. 20).*



**HYMN** – *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* – CW93 #175 – printed on the following page

## 175

## Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise



1 Hail the day that sees him rise To his  
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits: Lift your  
 3 See, the heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Yet he  
 4 See, he lifts his hands a - bove; See, he  
 5 Still for us he in - ter - cedes; His pre -



throne a - bove the skies! Christ, the Lamb for  
 heads, e - ter - nal gates. He has con - quered  
 loves the earth he leaves; Though re - turn - ing  
 shows the prints of love. Hark! His gra - cious  
 vail - ing death he pleads. He, the first of



sin - ners giv'n, Re - as - cends his na - tive heav'n.  
 death and sin; Take the King of glo - ry in!  
 to his throne, Still he calls man - kind his own.  
 lips be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.  
 all our race, Near him - self pre - pares a place.

6 There we shall with you remain  
 Partners in your endless reign,  
 There your face unclouded view,  
 Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, abr., alt.

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS (77 77) Pierre de Corbeille, d. 1221, adapt.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Father of glory, since your Son has gone up with a shout and the sound of a trumpet, open our lips to sing praises to our King and live confidently in his victory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of glory, your Son has commanded us to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Bless the proclamation of

your church, that many may believe, be baptized and be saved. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of glory, give us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Christ. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts to look forward in the hope to which you have called us in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of glory, you put all things under the feet of your incarnate Son when you seated him in power at your right hand. Bless all who make, administer and enforce our laws. Let the gospel have free course among us and be preached to the joy and edification of your people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of glory, you have raised your Son from the dead and seated him at your right hand in the heavenly places. Let his blessing rest upon all who suffer or grieve, that they may be sustained in their trials and granted his comfort and healing. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, your Son in his incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to his mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom you have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying, and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in your sight. Strengthen all pregnant women and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but have difficulty conceiving, that they may find their consolation in you and your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in his victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from his ascension before you, where he ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with

all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to you alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



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

**CLOSING HYMN** – *Christ High-Ascended* – CW93 #558 – printed on the following page

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Christ High-Ascended



1 Christ high - as - cend - ed, now in glo - ry seat - ed,  
 2 Christ, from the Fa - ther ev - 'ry pow'r pos - sess - ing,  
 3 Christ, who in dy - ing won for us sal - va - tion,  
 4 Christ in his splen - dor, all do - min - ion gain - ing,  
 5 As at his part - ing, joy shall ban - ish griev - ing,



Throned and ex - alt - ed, vic - to - ry com - plet - ed,  
 Who on his cho - sen lift - ed hands in bless - ing,  
 Lives now the first - born of the new cre - a - tion;  
 Christ with his peo - ple ev - er - more re - main - ing,  
 Faith in his pres - ence strength - en our be - liev - ing;



Death's dread do - min - ion fi - nal - ly de -  
 Sends forth his ser - vants, still in faith con -  
 To win dis - ci - ples, out of ev - 'ry  
 Christ to all a - ges, glo - ri - ous - ly  
 Filled with his Spir - it, love and pow'r re -



feat - ed— We are his wit - ness - es.  
 fess - ing— We are his wit - ness - es.  
 na - tion, We are his wit - ness - es.  
 reign - ing— We are his wit - ness - es.  
 ceiv - ing, We are his wit - ness - es.

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Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (11 11 11 6) *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**May 12-19, 2024**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</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	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (5/19)	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 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**

- In loving memory of my mom, Sophie Czarny, on Mother's Day, with love, Barbara Essig.
- In loving memory of Mrs. Eleanor Petzel, Mrs. Anna Kluge, & Mrs. Vivian Thompson, on Mother's Day, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.
- In loving memory of Charles Alan Thompson, who passed away May 13, 1994, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.



### **McKINLEY PARK MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – May 27 (Mon.), 10:00 am**

As in previous years, members of St. Andrew will take part in the McKinley Park Memorial Day parade on May 27 at 10:00 a.m. (participants meet at the McKinley Park library on 35<sup>th</sup> St. at 9:30). If you're interested in walking in the parade with other St. Andrew members, please speak with Brian Garcia or Pastor Gawel for more information. (In previous years, a trolley or bus has also been available for those who have difficulty walking long distances.) In addition to remembering those who died in military service to this country, the parade is also a great opportunity to connect with our neighbors in McKinley Park, and to invite them to join us to hear and learn God's Word.

### **“BEFRIEND A MISSION” MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR, CARDS TO SIGN**

As part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Chicago-Area Circuit, St. Andrew is asked to pray for and encourage the following home and world missionaries, their families, and their mission fields, especially during this month: Rev. Kirk Massey, Jr., and the Native American Mission; Rev. Timothy Soukup and home mission Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Killeen, Texas; Rev. Jeremy Belter and home mission Living Stone Lutheran Church, Arvada, Colorado. Our congregation's LWMS reporter, Gail Schoenbeck, has prepared cards to send to these missionaries and their families to let them know we're praying for them. Please sign the cards on the Bible-study table in the back of church, and see the poster-board on the radiator near the Bible-study area for more information about these missions & missionaries.

### **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.

## **“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.

### **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)

## ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

There are a number of ways to give to St. Andrew online: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/>, then click on the “Giving” tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our church’s invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address. You can download the Vanco Mobile app from the [Apple App Store](#) for iOS devices or the [Google Play Store](#) for Android devices. Please contact St. Andrew’s elder for stewardship, Sam DeLaurentis [del Laurentis.sam@gmail.com](mailto:del Laurentis.sam@gmail.com) with any questions.



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\$14,517.92	\$6,176.86

Offerings received 5/1-9: \$1,528.91

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

### **Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 32** (26 adults, 6 children)

**Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 9**

**Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: n/a**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 5** (Sun.: 5)

**Sunday school: 4**

**Youth confirmation class: n/a**

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