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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

God's Old Testament people celebrated the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks, seven weeks after Passover – called "Pentecost," from the Greek word that means "the fiftieth" (cf. Leviticus 23:16). On this day, 50 days after Easter, God sent the promised Counselor, the Holy Spirit in power upon the disciples. This day marks the birthday of the New Testament Church and celebrates the harvest of souls won by the Son and gathered by his servants empowered by his Spirit. Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church (after Easter and Christmas), and has been commemorated since at least A.D. 217. The Church dresses in

red to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift and the blood of the martyrs, which is "the seed of the Church" (Tertullian). This day culminates the Season of Easter, when our risen Lord now empowers his people to be witnesses of his resurrection to the world.

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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Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our
 2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the
 3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your
 4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -
 5 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And you, from



hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and
 gift of God most high; The fount of life, the
 love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
 bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -
 both, as Three in One That we your name may



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.
 fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 mor - tal state, With death - less might in - vig - o - rate.
 tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.
 ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.

6 Praise we the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,
 And may the Son on us bestow
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.

Tune: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER (LM) Klug, *Geistliche lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1533.

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.

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's
 2 O Source of light, our Coun - sel - or, The Fa -
 3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high In an -
 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame, At - tend



foun - da - tions first were laid, Come, vis - it
 ther's help to us as - sure. Come down, as
 swer to our ear - nest cry. Help us e -
 th' al - might - y Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior -



ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come, pour your joys on
 prom - ised, with your fire, And hearts with heav'n - ly
 ter - nal truths re - ceive And prac - tice all that
 Son be glo - ri - fied, Who for all hu - man -



hu - man-kind. From sin and sor - row set us
 love in - spire. Your sa - cred, heal - ing mes - sage
 we be - lieve. Give us your wis - dom that we
 kind has died; And e - qual ad - o - ra - tion



free; May we your liv - ing tem - ples be.
 bring To sanc - ti - fy us when we sing.
 see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
 rise To you, O Spir - it, in the skies.

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856, abr.; tr. John Dryden, 1631–1700, alt.

Tune: ALL EHR UND LOB (88 88 88) *Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder*, Strassburg, 1541, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of

your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 37:1-14 (EHV)

The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. ²He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

³He said to me, “Son of man, can these dry bones live?”^a I answered, “LORD God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’”

⁵This is what the LORD God says to these bones.

I am about to make breath^b enter you so that you will live. ⁶I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. ⁸As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the wind.^c Prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live.”

¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, ‘Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.’ ¹²Therefore, prophesy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. ¹³Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I

^a Or *come back to life*

^b The Hebrew word for *breath* also means *spirit*.

^c The same Hebrew word means *wind, breath, and spirit*.

will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 51b – CW93 p. 87 (text NIV84)

Refrain



Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and
kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Psalm tone



O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare your praise.

Refrain

O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence*
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,*
and sinners will turn back to you.

**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 – Acts 2:1-21 (EHV)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to each other, ^e “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day.^a ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

^e Some witnesses to the text omit *to each other*.

^a 9 AM

¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.
Your young men will see visions.
Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above,
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.^b

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia. (*from the ancient antiphon: Come, Holy Spirit*)



GOSPEL – John 7:37-39a (EHV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



³⁷On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and called out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! ³⁸As the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me.” ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive.

^b Joel 2:28–32

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 – *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* – CW93 #176 –
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1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your gra - ces
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, Guide di - vine, And cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, Com - fort true; Grant us the will your



be out - poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do And in your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness
 And call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light In ho - ly faith your church u - nite
 keep us free; Let none but Christ our Mas - ter be
 pare each heart, And to our weak - ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue; This to your
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In him, our
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, 15th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-3; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
 Tune: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT (78 88 88 8 10 8) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524.

SERMON – John 7:37-39a – The Living Water of the Holy Spirit

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, Light di - vine, Shine up -
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di - vine, Cleanse this
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, Joy di - vine, Cheer this
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Pow'r di - vine, Dwell with -
 5 See, to you I give my heart; Cleanse my



on this heart of mine; Chase the gloom of night
 guilt - y heart of mine; In your mer - cy pit -
 sad - dened heart of mine; Fill me with your heav'n -
 in this heart of mine; Cast down ev - 'ry i -
 life in ev - 'ry part; Your own tem - ple I



a - way; Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
 y me; From sin's bond - age set me free.
 ly peace; Let it grow and still in - crease.
 dol throne; Reign su - preme and reign a - lone.
 would be Now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Andrew Reed, 1787–1862, abr., alt.

Tune: SONG 13 (77 77) Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625, alt.

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. 24).



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – *incorporating Luther’s explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed, from his Small Catechism*

- M:** Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as you gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord.
In thanksgiving for your gifts to us, we confess:
- C:** **I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**
- M:** Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.
- C:** **In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.**
- M:** Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of your Word and promises: “Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you” (Isaiah 35:4). And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.
- C:** **On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Father, 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.

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, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. 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: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: 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 – *When God the Spirit Came* – CW93 #187 – printed on the following page

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When God the Spirit Came



1 When God the Spir - it came Up - on his
 2 What cour - age, pow'r, and grace That youth - ful
 3 They saw God's Word pre - vail, His king - dom
 4 Their theme was Christ a - lone, The Lord who
 5 So to this pre - sent hour Our task is



church out - poured In sound of wind and
 church dis - played! To those of ev - 'ry
 still in - crease, No part of all his
 lived and died, Who rose to his e -
 still the same: In Pen - te - cos - tal



sign of flame, They spread his truth a -
 tribe and race They wit - nessed un - a -
 pur - pose fail, No prom - ised bless - ing
 ter - nal throne At God the Fa - ther's
 love and pow'r His gos - pel to pro -



broad And, filled with the Spir - it,
 fraid. And, filled with the Spir - it,
 cease And, filled with the Spir - it,
 side, And, filled with the Spir - it,
 claim And, filled with the Spir - it,



Pro - claimed that Christ is Lord.
 They broke their bread and prayed.
 Knew love and joy and
 The church was mul - ti - plied.
 Re - joice in Je - sus' name.

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ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
May 19-26, 2024

Today	9:30 AM	Pentecost 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 (5/26)	9:30 AM	Holy Trinity Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study
Monday (5/27)	10:00 AM	McKinley Park Memorial Day Parade

The paraments are red for the festival of Pentecost. Red communicates the motif of strength – the strength and power the Holy Spirit gives in order for God's people to call on the name of Jesus Christ and share that powerful name with others. Red also symbolizes the martyrs of the church. Their blood shed in defense of the gospel encourages God's people to be resolute in living the faith.

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 DECISION TO RETURN THE CALL TO APOSTLES, SAN JOSE (STAY AT ST. ANDREW)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On April 7, I received a divine call from Apostles Lutheran Church in San Jose, CA, to serve as their pastor. After prayer and deliberation and

discussion with members and leaders there and here, I have decided to stay and continue serving here at St. Andrew. I very much appreciate all of your prayers and your words of encouragement during this time of deliberation!

Please continue to pray for all the members of our sister church in San Jose, as they await God's provision of another pastor to serve with them. Pray that God would give them confidence in his loving care and in his promise to work all things for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28).

Please also join me in praying for God's blessing upon all of us here at St. Andrew, that we would be renewed in zeal for the mission to which God has called us: to build each other up in faith through his Word, and to reach out with the good news of salvation through Jesus to the people in our community, so that many more would join us in faith in Jesus as Savior and have the same hope we do of eternal life with God in heaven.

God's richest blessings to you through Jesus our Savior!

Adam Gawel

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 35th St. after 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 with us at St. Andrew.

LUTHERAN MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP (LMSG) AMMO CAN DONATION

In connection with Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, we will gather a free-will offering for the Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG), in support of our military men, women, and their families. LMSG, a partnership of WELS and ELS veterans, is working to bring Christian support to military members and their families in our congregations and beyond. By placing your gift in the ammo can located in the center entryway, you are supporting the work of congregations that are

ministering to nearby military families, the WELS civilian chaplain program, and global broadcasts of Time of Grace to our military. Questions? Visit lutheranmilitary.org THANK YOU for standing shoulder to shoulder with those serving our nation!

“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 8th grade. (High-schoolers are welcome to join adult Bible study in church during the same time.) All are welcome!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: “10 Lies About God” – Sundays after worship

On Sundays in adult Bible study, we’re going through a series entitled "10 Lies about God," in which we use the Bible to evaluate some popular statements about God and religion that sound good but that actually contain serious errors. Feel free to join us whenever you’re able. All are welcome!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS – Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm

Youth confirmation class is open to youth in grades 5 through 8, and to high-schoolers who have not yet been confirmed. If you have a potential student in mind, please speak with Pastor Gawel. All are welcome! The class is currently held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00, but we can adjust the class day or time if needed, to accommodate the schedules of everyone who is interested.

PASTORAL COUNSELING; PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor Gawel is available for confidential pastoral counseling and for private confession and absolution. Please feel free to make an appointment to see him. (You may call or text Pastor Gawel on his cell phone: 773-217-8132.)

SATURDAY EVENING CHINESE MINISTRY

On Saturday evenings at 7:45pm in our ministry center (the house next-door to church), we have Chinese ministry, which includes elements of a worship service, Bible study, and prayer, all in Mandarin Chinese. New friends are always welcome to join! Please invite any Chinese friends or neighbors. You may share with them the following invitation:

每周六晚上 7:45, 圣安得烈基督教路德宗教会 有成人中文圣经学习。欢迎您参加! 我们在教会的事工中心(教堂旁边的房子)现场聚会; 地址是 3650 S. Honore St., Chicago。如果你想了解更多, 请联系高乐仁牧师: 手机: 773-217-8132。欢迎!

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

This class is open to anyone who is interested in learning more – or who would like a review – about what the Bible teaches and what Lutheran Christians believe. At the conclusion of the class, those who are in agreement in faith are invited to join our church, though this is not a requirement for taking the class. Pastor Gawel is able to teach the class in English and Mandarin Chinese, and we have class materials in Spanish available as well. If you or someone you know are interested in starting Bible information class, please contact Pastor Gawel.

“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 ; or contact Pastor Gawel or Sherry. Register for camp or find more info at <https://smniles.org/overnight-bible-camp> .

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/> . (1-day also available.)

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.welscongregationalervices.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 delarentis.sam@gmail.com with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in April
\$14,517.92	\$6,176.86

Offerings received last week: \$2,310.15

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$3,839.06

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 42 (33 adults, 9 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 7

Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: n/a

Adult Bible study attendance: 7 (Sun.: 3; Tue.: 2; Wed.: 2)

Sunday school: 6

Youth confirmation class: 5

God bless you this week as you share the joy of the gospel with others!