



The Holy Trinity
1st Sunday after Pentecost
May 26, 2024

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The Essence of the One True God



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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

We have now entered fully into the Half Year of the Church. We never leave behind Christ and his work for us which was the center of our attention in the Half Year of Our Lord; but now the emphasis will shift to the result of his work through the Word: the work of defining faith, of creating it and inspiring its fruits in the church collectively and in each of us individually. And so, on the Feast of the Holy Trinity we see that the Word creates faith in the Holy Trinity.

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Alleluia! Let Praises Ring



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa - ther
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb of
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho - ly
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri - une



let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion. To him
 God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed. He bought
 Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion. The sav -
 God we sing; Blest be his name for - ev - er! With an -



through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon - or,
 the Church with his own blood; He cleansed her in that
 ing faith in us he wrought And us un - to the
 gel hosts let us a - dore And sing his prais - es



pow'r, and praise Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 bless - ed flood And as his bride se - lect - ed.
 Bride - groom brought, Made us his cho - sen na - tion.
 more and more For all his grace and fa - vor.



Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly Is our un - ion And com - mun - ion.
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God the Lord of glo - ry!

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.

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All Glory Be to God on High

Gloria in Excelsis

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, Who has our
 2 We praise, we wor - ship you, we trust; We give you
 3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Of God, your
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, pre - cious Gift, Our Com - fort -



race be - friend - ed! To us no harm shall
 thanks for - ev - er, O Fa - ther, that your
 heav'n - ly Fa - ther, You did for all our
 er from heav - en, Our wea - ry hearts and



now come nigh; The strife at last is end - ed. The
 rule is just And wise and chang - es nev - er. In
 sins a - tone, And your lost sheep you gath - er. O
 souls up - lift; For this our praise is giv - en. De -



Fa - ther's love, the Sav - ior's birth, Bring peace, good will, to
 bound - less pow'r, with might - y reign, Done is what - ev - er
 Lamb of God, to you on high From depths of woe we
 liv - er us from doubt and fear; When Sa - tan trou - bles



all the earth; Oh, thank him for his good - ness!
 you or - dain; Your rule brings count - less bless - ings!
 sin - ners cry, Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!
 us, be near; We trust your love and pow - er.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546, abr., st. 1-3; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.

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Tune: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH SEI EHR (87 87 887) attr. Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (EHV)

⁴Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God. The LORD is one! ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul^b and with all your might. ⁶These words that I am commanding you today are to be on your heart. ⁷Teach them diligently to your children, and speak about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as a sign on your wrists, and they will serve as symbols on your forehead. ⁹Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 150 – CWS p. 62 (text NIV84)

Refrain

Ho - ly is God, the Lord of hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of hosts!

Psalm Tone

Refrain

Praise God in his sanctuary;

^b Or with your whole being

praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Refrain

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and dancing,
praise him with strings and flute,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD.

**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 – Romans 8:12-17 (EHV)

¹²So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. ¹³For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

¹⁴Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom^e we call out, “*Abba*, Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children.

^e Or *the spirit of adoption by which, or the Spirit through whom we are adopted as sons and call out*

¹⁷Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia. (*Isaiah 6:3b, NIV*)



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

GOSPEL – John 3:1-17 (EHV)

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above,^b he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”

⁵Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! ⁶Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above.^c ⁸The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹“How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus.

¹⁰“You are the teacher of Israel,” Jesus answered, “and you do not know these things? ¹¹Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of

^b Or *born again*

^c Or *born again*

Man, who is in heaven.^a

¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but^b have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

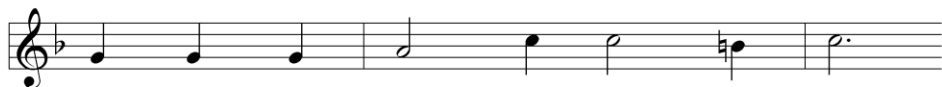
HYMN OF THE DAY – *Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices* – CW93 #194 –
printed on the following page

^a A few witnesses to the text omit *who is in heaven*.

^b A few witnesses to the text omit *not perish but*.



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es
 2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der
 3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion
 4 Glo - ry and praise, still on - ward reach - ing,
 5 Shall I not then be filled with glad - ness?



To praise my God with thou - sand tongues!
 For soul and bod - y, no - bly joined;
 Has brought you down to ran - som me.
 Be yours, O Spir - it of all grace,
 Shall I not praise you ev - er - more



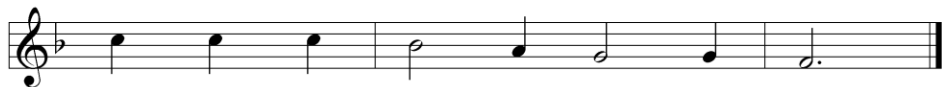
My heart, which in the Lord re - joic - es,
 I praise you, Guard - ian kind and ten - der,
 Your pit - ying heart sought my sal - va - tion;
 Whose ho - ly pow'r and faith - ful teach - ing,
 And tri - umph o - ver fear and sad - ness,



Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs
 For all the dai - ly joys I find
 You bore the cross tri - um - phant - ly,
 Give me a - mong your saints a place.
 Al - though my cup of woe runs o'er?



To all, wher - ev - er I might be,
 So rich - ly spread on ev - 'ry side
 Brought me from bond - age full re - lease,
 What - ev - er good by me is done
 Though heav'n and earth shall dis - ap - pear,



What great things God has done for me.
 And free - ly for my use sup - plied.
 Made me your own, and gave me peace.
 Is worked by grace di - vine a - lone.
 Your end - less love is ev - er near.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL) (98 98 88) Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775, alt.

SERMON – Deuteronomy 6:4-9 – The Essence of the One True God

ATHANASIAN CREED – CW93 p. 132-133

The Athanasian Creed is one of the three ecumenical or universal creeds of the Christian Church (together with the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds). It emphasizes the biblical truths that God is triune – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one God – and that Jesus is fully God and fully man. The statements at the beginning and end should not be understood to mean that only with a full understanding of all the details of the Trinity and of the two natures in Christ can we be saved, because these truths are impossible for our limited human understanding to fully comprehend. Rather, if someone is aware of what the Bible says about these truths but rejects them, they are rejecting the only true God and the only Savior, Jesus, and, therefore, cannot be saved. Also note that although, near the end, it seems that our good works are the basis on which we go to heaven or hell, actually, from all that we see in the Bible, it is faith in Jesus as Savior that is the basis for going to heaven or hell, and our good works simply serve as evidence of the presence or absence of faith (cf. Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:18).

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being. For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite. In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;

yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

yet they are not three Gods, but one God.
So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.
For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person
individually to be God and Lord,
so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or
three Lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.
The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father
alone.

The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,
but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three
Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or
inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,
so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be
worshiped as one God
and one God worshiped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the
Trinity.

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe
that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,
is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is
man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man,
with rational soul and human flesh,

equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to
his humanity;
and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one,
one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the
humanity into God;
one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;
for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being,
so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day
from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.
At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.
Those who have done good will enter eternal life,
but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.**

This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

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. 23).



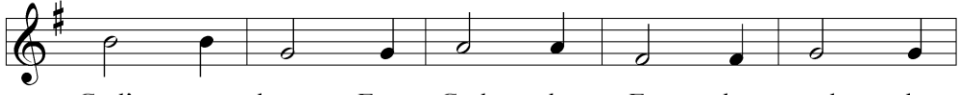
HYMN – O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God – CW93 #186 – printed on the following page



1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, Re - veal - er
 2 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, En - light - en
 3 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, In - crease our
 4 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, Lead us to



of God's ho - ly Word, You come to us from
 us by that same Word; Un - less your grace the
 faith in our dear Lord; Teach us to know the
 love your sa - cred Word; The ho - ly flame of



God's great throne, From God the Fa - ther and the
 pow'r should give, None can be - lieve in Christ and
 Fa - ther's love And his dear Son, who reigns a -
 love im - part, That kind - ness may in - spire each



Son, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 live, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 bove, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 heart, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.

Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–68, abr., adapt.; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, alt.
 Tune: O JESULEIN SÜSS (10 8 88 10) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623, alt.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord of hosts, your ways are inscrutable and your judgments unsearchable. Through your Word, give us an ever-growing understanding of the depths of your riches, wisdom and knowledge, that we may glorify you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, you delivered up your Son according to your definite plan and foreknowledge to be our Savior. Make our hearts glad in this faith, that our tongues may rejoice and our flesh may dwell in hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of hosts, you sit enthroned as King forever. Bless all who rule us in your stead with wisdom and understanding, that truth and justice may prevail in our land and lawlessness may be kept at bay. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, we thank you for the many blessings you have bestowed upon this nation. Grant us a long memory to recall those who gave the full measure of devotion for our country's peace and security. Bring to mind the sacrifices of those who served faithfully in the protection of our freedom and in the defense of our land. Comfort all who grieve the loss of a family member or friend in military service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, uphold all who suffer in our midst by your truth, that since you are at their right hand, they cannot be shaken. Gladden their hearts, cause their tongues to rejoice, and make their flesh dwell in hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 – *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* – CW93 #195 – printed on the following page

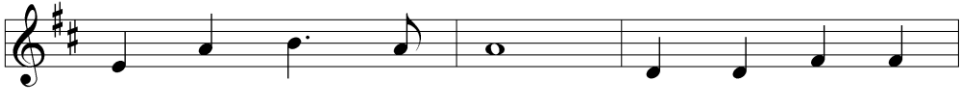
195 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a -
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -



might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our
 dore thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -
 hide thee, Though the eye of sin - ful man thy
 might - y! All thy works shall praise thy name in



song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and
 glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art
 earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Tune: NICAEA (11 12 12 10) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
May 26 – June 2, 2024

Today	9:30 AM	Holy Trinity Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study
Monday	10:00 AM	McKinley Park Memorial Day Parade
Tuesday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (6/2)	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study

The paraments are white for the Festival of the Holy Trinity. 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!

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 tomorrow (Monday, 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; or you can wait at the American Legion Post, 1956 W. 35th St., for the ceremony and light lunch after the parade.) 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. All are welcome to join us!

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!

FREE APOLOGETICS & WORLDVIEW CONFERENCE ONLINE – 6/20 (Thur.)

On June 20 (Thur.), the Center for Apologetics and Worldviews at Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato, MN), is presenting a conference that will be livestreamed for free, entitled “Defending the Gospel of God: The Apologetics of Jesus, Paul, and the Historical Reliability of the New Testament Records.” Here is a summary of the conference topics: “When bringing Christ to others, we rightly assume the historical reliability of the gospel records. But our neighbor may not. We may also think that the saving gospel cannot or does not need to be defended – thus, evidence for its truthfulness becomes unnecessary, at best. And so, our unbelieving neighbor views Christian faith as nothing more than a blind leap. ... Three questions will be discussed and answered at this conference:

1. Can the gospel records of Jesus of Nazareth be shown to be reliable? Something much more than exaggerations, myths, legends, or worse?
2. If they are reliable, is the gospel that saves defended by Jesus and the apostles? Is evidence given that it is true?

3. And if the records are reliable and the gospel is defended by Jesus, Paul, and others, how can the Christian make use of these for the sake of his neighbor – both non-Christian and Christian?

The conference schedule is as follows:

- 10:00 a.m. – *“Defending the Historical Reliability of the Gospels”*
– Dr. Adam Francisco, LCMS
- 12:30 p.m. – *“Understanding and Applying the Apologetics of Paul”*
– Prof. Luke Thompson, Martin Luther College, WELS
- 2:00 p.m. – *“Understanding and Applying the Apologetics of Jesus”*
– Rev. David Thompson, Center for Apologetics and Worldviews, ELS
- 3:30 p.m. – *Table Talk* with presenters

To view the livestream on the day of the conference, or to share this info with others, go to: <https://apologeticscenter.org/upcoming-conference/>

“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 del Laurentis.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: \$1,416.29

(budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)
Total offerings received so far this month: \$5,255.35

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 30 (29 adults, 1 child)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 7

Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 7

Adult Bible study attendance: 9 (Sat.: 2; Sun.: 3; Wed.: 2; Thur.: 2)

Sunday school: n/a

Youth confirmation class: 4

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