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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

The work of the gospel is invisible, but real. It is hidden, but with results that can be seen—even if the power behind those visible results remains a mystery. That is true of the kingdom of God, the Church. It is no less true of the kingdom of God hidden within the individual member of the Church. Faith that is the result of the living seed of the Word is alive and gives evidence of its life.

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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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty;
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;



Zi - on, let me en - ter there, Where my
 Come thou al - so un - to me. Where we
 Here thy seed is du - ly sown. Let my
 Let me keep thy gift di - vine, How - so -
 Let thy will be done in - deed. May I



soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for him who
 find thee and a - dore thee, There a heav'n on
 soul, where it is plant - ed, Bring forth pre - cious
 e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; May thy Word still thy
 un - dis - turbed draw near thee While thou dost thy



an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed is this
 earth must be. To my heart, oh, en - ter
 sheaves a - lone, So that all I hear may
 o'er me shine As my guid - ing star through
 peo - ple feed. Here of life the foun - tain



place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
 thou; Let it be thy tem - ple now!
 be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 life, As my com - fort in all strife.
 flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER (87 87 77) Joachim Neander, 1650–80, alt.

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

C: Amen.

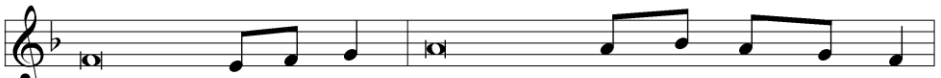
M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.



C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 17:22-24 (EHV)

²²This is what the LORD God says. I myself will take part of the tip of the cedar and plant it. From the topmost of its shoots I will pluck off a tender sprig, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the high mountain of Israel I will plant it. It will produce branches, bear fruit, and become a magnificent cedar. Flying birds of every kind will live under it. In the shelter of its branches they will nest. ²⁴Then all the trees in the countryside will know that I, the LORD, bring down the high tree and raise up the low tree, that I make the green tree dry up, and I make the dried-up tree blossom. I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will carry it out.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 92 – CW93 p. 101 (text NIV84)

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone



Refrain

How great are your works, O LORD,*
how profound your thoughts!

The senseless man does not know,*
fools do not understand,

that though the wicked spring up like grass*
and all evildoers flourish,

they will be forever destroyed.*
But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.

Refrain

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,*
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

They will still bear fruit in old age,*
they will stay fresh and green,

proclaiming, “The LORD is upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”

**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 – Colossians 1:3-8 (EHV)

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints ⁵because of the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. You have already heard about this in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶that is present with you now. The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world, just as it also has been doing among you from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth. ⁷You learned this from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your^c behalf. ⁸He is the one who told us about your love in the Spirit.^d

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia. (*Psalm 132:9*)

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

GOSPEL – Mark 4:26-34 (EHV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

²⁶He said, “The kingdom of God is like this: A man scatters seed on the ground, ²⁷and while he sleeps and rises, night and day the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸The ground produces fruit on its own: first the blade, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹When the crop is ready, he swings the sickle without delay, because the harvest has come.”

^c Some witnesses to the text read *our*.

^d Or *about the love the Spirit worked in you*

³⁰Then he said, “To what should we compare the kingdom of God? Or with what parable may we picture it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which when sown on the ground is one of the smallest of all the seeds planted in the ground. ³²Yet when it is planted, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches so that the birds of the sky can nest under its shade.”

³³With many similar parables he continued to speak the word to them, as much as they were able to hear. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable. But when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

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 – *Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine* – printed on the following page

D G D A

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance: Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore - taste of
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of *rap - ture now
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion: all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

E7 A D G D

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove echo - es of
 hap - py and blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his

G Em A7 D Refrain G

Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my
 good - ness, lost in his love.

D G A/E A A7

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

D G D G Em A7 D

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

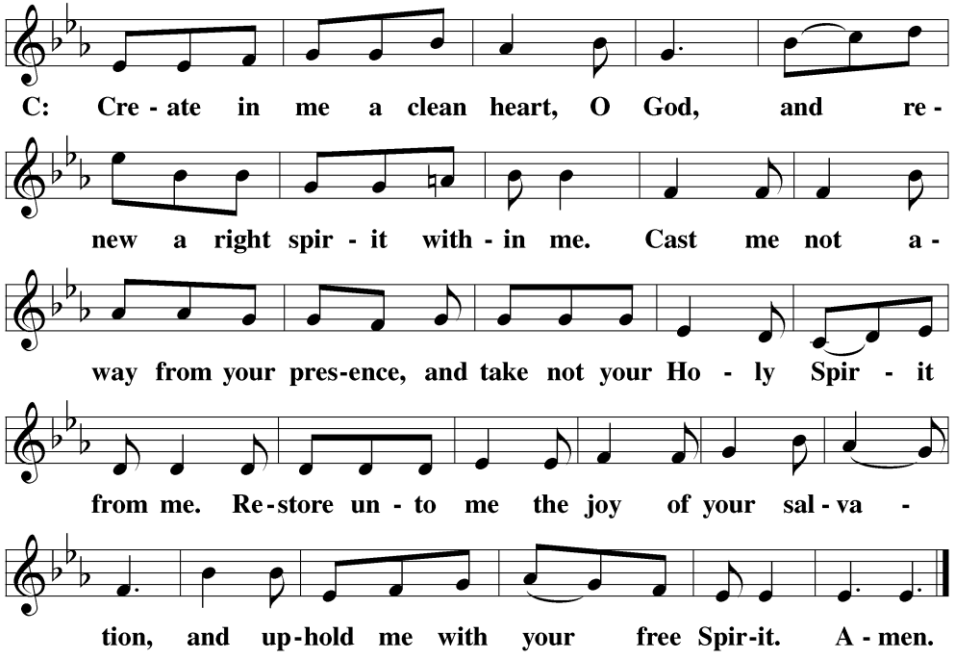
*Used here in the sense of glory, ecstatic joy

Words: Fanny Crosby, 1873, P.D.

Music (ASSURANCE 9.10.9.9 refrain 9.9.9.9): Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873, P.D.

SERMON – Mark 4:26-34 – Blessed Assurance in the Saving Love of Our Father

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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

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

O Most High, we give thanks to you that you have planted your Holy Word among us. Give healthy growth to your Church, that it may weather the storms of this world steadfast in Christ, ever bearing the fruits of love and singing praises to your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, your Holy Spirit plants your Word and causes it to sprout and grow as it pleases you. Bless the preaching and teaching of your Word, that your kingdom may be extended, and give us thankful hearts to marvel at your work. Send faithful laborers into your fields to scatter your seed here and abroad, that in due time a harvest may be reaped for your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, the great I Am, what you have spoken you will surely do. We implore you for the sake of Christ and your many precious promises to bless and defend our homes, to make the efforts of parents fruitful in the teaching of their children, and to preserve them in the saving faith of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all mercy, through the abundance of your steadfast love you gather us into your house and to your Supper. Give all who commune this day a holy fear of your wrath and faith in your promises, that they would receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give you thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to your eternal household; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Father, we are bold to ask for all things because you have given us your Spirit as a guarantee. Hear us as we intercede in Jesus' name for those in every need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow, including the following special prayer:

for Ascension Lutheran Church, in Macomb, MI:

Lord Jesus, we join the members of one of our WELS mission congregations, Ascension Lutheran Church, in Macomb, Michigan, in thanking you for the outpouring of blessings on their efforts to share your saving gospel. May the blessings of weekly worship visitors, the fervor of members to grow in the faith through group Bible study, and the success of its Mornings with Mommy program continue according to your infinite wisdom, grace, and power. Bless the congregation's efforts to fully support its ministry through their offerings. Strengthen and sustain Pastor Simons and his wife, Maria, as Maria undergoes cancer treatments, and, if it is your will, grant her complete healing. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. 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 – *Come, You Thankful People, Come* – CW93 #613 –
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Come, You Thankful People, Come



1 Come, you thank-ful peo-ple, come; Raise the song of
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to his
 3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To your fi-nal



har-vest-home. All be safe-ly gath-ered in
 praise to yield; Wheat and weeds to- geth-er sown,
 har-vest home, From his field shall in that day
 har-vest-home; Gath-er all your peo-ple in,



Ere the win-ter storms be-gin. God our mak-er
 Un-to joy or sor-row grown. First the blade and
 All of-fens-es purge a-way, Give his an-gels
 Free from sor-row, free from sin, There, for-ev-er



shall pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied. Come to
 then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap-pear. Lord of
 charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast, But the
 pu-ri-fied, In your gar-ner to a-bide. Come with



God's own tem-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest-home.
 har-vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.
 fruit-ful ears to store In his gar-ner ev-er-more.
 all your an-gels, come; Raise the glo-rious har-vest-home.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-71, alt.
 Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816-93.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
June 16-23, 2024

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Baptism Service
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (6/23)	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study

The paraments are green for the Sundays after Pentecost. Green represents growth. The Sundays after Pentecost emphasize the growth in faith and godly living that the Holy Spirit works in us through the Word of God.

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 dad, Joseph Czarny, and Lee Essig, on Father's Day, with love, Barbara Essig.
- In loving memory of Mr. Frank Thompson Sr. and Mr. Robert Petzel on Father's Day, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

BAPTISM SERVICE THIS WEDNESDAY AT CHURCH – June 19, 9:30am

All are invited to attend the baptism service for the four children of David and Offie Gonzalez this Wednesday (June 19), at 9:30am, here at church. We give thanks to God for his blessings to us in Baptism, and

we pray for his blessing through Baptism on all the Gonzalez children and on all who have been baptized!

SIGN UP FOR OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Please sign up if you are willing to participate in or help plan for upcoming outreach opportunities. We are planning to have a booth at the Chinatown Summer Fair, July 27-28 (Sat.-Sun.), so we will need volunteers to take turns manning the booth on those days. We plan to order customized fortune cookies with a Bible passage instead of a “fortune” to hand out there, along with information about our church. We also hope at that time to be able to advertise a one-day vacation Bible camp (VBC/VBS) for kids on August 17 (Sat.) at our church. In order to do that, we will also need volunteers to lead and help with the VBS (and parents to plan to bring their kids). And, we hope to be able to order St. Andrew T-shirts to wear at those and future events, so we also need volunteers to help design and order those, and a new banner that will fit on the front of the table in the booth for the fair (perhaps 8 ft. instead of the 10-ft. banner we carry in the parade). If you’re interested in helping out with any of these outreach opportunities or helping to plan for future outreach opportunities, please sign up on one of the sign-up sheets on the table in the back of our worship space, or speak with Pastor Gawel, Gail Schoenbeck, or Tom Pindelski.

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/>

PRISON MINISTRY TEST CORRECTOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

WELS Prison Ministry recently began distributing Bible correspondence courses digitally to inmates. The response has been significant, and about 100 additional test correctors are needed to meet the new demand. This ministry can be done at home anywhere in the United States and **does not involve any direct mail contact with the inmates.** Correctors are asked to review tests in batches of 15 and return them to the Prison Ministry office in a timely fashion. Initially, correctors will receive and return the tests by mail, but the goal is to convert much of the correcting to an online option within the next year.

If you would like to get more information or get involved, contact prisonministry@wels.net or call 507-354-3130 (M-F 8:30 -11:30 a.m. Central).

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!

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.

Help WELS Campus Ministry serve your students

WELS Campus Ministry exists to serve college students during their years on campus, often away from home. In order to do this, campus pastors need names and contact information for WELS members attending college. You can help WELS Campus Ministry serve students by letting the campus pastors know who is coming to a college or university near them.

Students can sign up on the [WELS campus ministry database](#) to get in touch with the nearby campus ministry contact pastor and to receive free copies of the *Meditations* devotion booklet and the *Forward in Christ* magazine. The earlier we have students' information, the sooner our campus ministry contact pastors will be able to reach out to the students. There is also an online Sunday evening Bible study for college students available. If you have questions, please contact us at cm@wels.net .

“TRAINING CAMP” WELS YOUTH CAMP – JULY 14-19, INGLESIDE, IL – still room in boys' cabin; girls' cabin full

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> .

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT JERUSALEM, MORTON GROVE – alternating Mondays this summer

The women of Jerusalem Lutheran Church (Morton Grove, IL) are hosting a bi-weekly Bible Study led by women of Jerusalem for women high-school aged and older. We will be using the book "Joy: A Study of Philippians" by Deb Burma. Books will be provided free of charge for all participants. We will meet the following Mondays from 10:00am-11:00am: June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29, August 12. Dates and times may change based upon the group's availability. Kids are welcome to come if needed, but childcare is not provided. Kindly sign up by using the link below. Contact Emily Buetow (emilysting@gmail.com) with any questions. <https://tinyurl.com/JelsBiblestudy>

WELS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WORSHIP, MUSIC, & THE ARTS

July 30 evening – Aug. 2 noon, at Carthage College, Kenosha, WI – teens also welcome!

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.)

WELS Family Devotions

Get your family into God's Word during the week! WELS has developed short devotions for the entire family to use. Each devotion comes complete with a set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Downloadable printable versions are also available. Find the family devotions at www.wels.net/family-devotions

Sign up today for Marriage Moments

Every marriage has its "moments." That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Watch a video introduction and subscribe to receive the videos directly to your e-mail at www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments

Asia Lutheran Seminary expands into regional seminary

Asia Lutheran Seminary has expanded to now serve students throughout Asia. The program partners with sister churches throughout Asia to provide continuity in training through consultation, curriculum, and visiting instructors, raising up confessional Lutheran leaders who will take the message of Christ to their communities. Learn more here: <https://wels.net/serving-others/missions/asia/asia-lutheran-seminary/>

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 May
\$14,517.92	\$6,335.79

Offerings received last week: \$1,145.45

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$2,590.89

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 43 (28 adults, 15 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 11

Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 6

Adult Bible study attendance: 7 (Sat.: 3; Mon.: 2; Thur.: 2)

Sunday school: n/a

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