



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 23, 2024**

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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 seen that faith should give evidence of itself in life. But sometimes events outside of ourselves and our control challenge faith. The fact that Christ lives and lives in us, the fact that he rules all things for our good, is no guarantee that we will never face fear and disaster. Quite the contrary, he has promised us that we will have an abundance of troubles in this life. This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us one particular aspect or fruit of faith: We trust in him when all the outward evidence argues against trust in him.*

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## Rise, Shine, You People



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un -  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to



en - tered Our hu - man sto - ry; God in  
 reel - ing; He brings us free - dom, light and  
 furl - ing, Your songs and prayers a - gainst the  
 save us. Tell of the Son, who life and



him is cen - tered. He comes to us, by death  
 life and heal - ing. All men and wom - en, who  
 dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the world go out  
 free - dom gave us. Tell how the Spir - it calls



and sin sur - round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
 by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
 and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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**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.



**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 Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### FIRST READING – Job 38:1-11 (EHV)

Then the LORD responded to Job out of a violent storm. He said:

<sup>2</sup>Who is this who spreads darkness over my plans  
 with his ignorant words?

<sup>3</sup>Get ready for action<sup>b</sup> like a man!  
 Then I will ask you questions,  
 and you will inform me.

<sup>4</sup>Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
 Tell me, if you understand anything about it.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its dimensions?  
 I am sure you know.

Who stretched out the surveying line over it?

<sup>6</sup>What supports its foundation?  
 Who set its cornerstone in place,

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<sup>b</sup> Or hitch up your robes with a belt

7 when the morning stars sang loud songs together,  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?<sup>a</sup>

8 Who locked up the sea behind doors  
when it burst out of the womb?

9 When I clothed the sea with clouds,  
when I wrapped it with thick darkness as its swaddling cloths,

10 when I broke its power with my decree,  
when I locked it up behind barred, double doors,

11 I said, "You may come this far, but no farther.  
Here is the barrier for your proud waves."

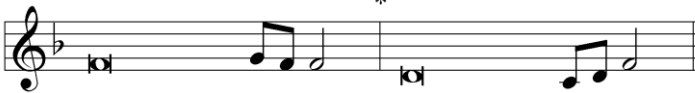
**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 42-43 – CW93 p. 82 (text NIV84)

*Refrain*



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

*Psalm tone*



**Refrain**

As the deer pants for streams of water,\*  
so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.\*  
Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?\*

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,\*  
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

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<sup>a</sup> It is not certain whether the terms *morning stars* and *sons of God* refer to stars, angels, or both.

## **Refrain**

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;\*  
let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.\*  
I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

**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 – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (EHV)**

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ compels<sup>a</sup> us, because we came to this conclusion: One died for all; therefore, all died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves but for him, who died in their place and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup>As a result, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we knew Christ according to the flesh, we no longer know him that way. <sup>17</sup>So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. The new has come!<sup>b</sup> <sup>18</sup>And all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. <sup>19</sup>That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

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<sup>a</sup> Or *controls*

<sup>b</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *All things have become new!*

**M:** Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Alleluia. (*Galatians 4:6, NIV*)



**GOSPEL – Mark 4:35-41 (EHV)**

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, “Let’s go over to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>After leaving the crowd behind, the disciples took him along in the boat, just as he was. Other small boats also followed him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves were splashing into the boat, so that the boat was quickly filling up. <sup>38</sup>Jesus himself was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. They woke him and said, “Teacher, don’t you care that we are about to drown?”

<sup>39</sup>Then he got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” The wind stopped, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still lack faith?”

<sup>41</sup>They were filled with awe and said to one another, “Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!”

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



**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY –** *By Grace I’m Saved – CW93 #384 –* printed on the following page



## 384

## By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less;  
 2 By grace God's Son, our on-ly Sav-ior,  
 3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom-ise  
 4 By grace to tim-id hearts that trem-ble,  
 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy-ing;



My soul, be-lieve and doubt it not. Why wa-ver  
 Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it be-  
 When you are by your sins op-pressed, When Sa-tan  
 In trib-u-la-tion's fur-nace tried— By grace, de-  
 In Je-sus' prom-ise I re-joice. For though I



at this word of prom-ise? Has Scrip-ture ev-er  
 cause of your own mer-it That Je-sus died your  
 plagues your trou-bled con-science, And when your heart is  
 spite all fear and trou-ble, The Fa-ther's heart is my  
 know my heart's con-di-tion, I al-so know my



false-hood taught? So then this word must true re-  
 soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace a-  
 seek-ing rest. What rea-son can-not com-pre-  
 o-pen wide. Where could I help and strength se-  
 Sav-ior's voice. My heart is glad; all grief has



main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob-tain.  
 lone, That brought him from his heav'n-ly throne.  
 hend God by his grace to you did send.  
 cure If grace were not my an-chor sure?  
 flown Since I am saved by grace a-lone.

Text: Christian L. Scheidt, 1709–61, abr.; tr. composite.

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

## SERMON – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 – We Are Ambassadors for Christ

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### OFFERING

*Members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church use this time to respond to God's goodness with gifts of thanks and love. Our giving is guided by God's Word: "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits from your entire harvest" (Proverbs 3:9); "Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8, EHV).*

*Feel free also to make use of online giving options: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/>, then click on the "Giving" tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address (links to the app & more info on p. 20).*



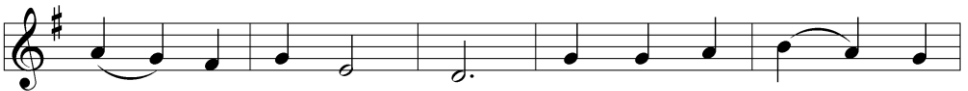
**HYMN – Renew Me, O Eternal Light – CW93 #471 – printed on the following page**

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Renew Me, O Eternal Light



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
 2 De - stroy in me the lust of sin; From all im -  
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
 4 Grant that I on - ly you may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
 pure - ness make me clean. Oh, grant me pow'r and  
 I o - bey your Word. Oh, let your will be  
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold you



light of grace That is - sues from your ho - ly face.  
 strength, my God, To strive a - gainst my flesh and blood.  
 my de - sire And with new life my soul in - spire.  
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through your grace.

Text: Johann F. Ruopp, 1672–1708, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

**C:** **Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

**M:** Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**C:** **Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

**M:** Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

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

*for the WELS youth rally and the LWMS convention:*

Yours is the glory, O Lord, when young and old, men and women, gather to grow in your Word and to carry out your work. We ask for your blessing on our synod's Youth Rally and the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society convention, which will both convene in the coming days. Use these Christ-centered events as opportunities for your people to encourage each other to embrace their callings in your kingdom. Grant participants and presenters safe travels and a double portion of your Spirit as they return to their congregations and encourage others to join them in your kingdom work. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

**M:** Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more

might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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 – *How Shall They Hear Who Have Not Heard* – CWS  
#778 – printed on the following page**

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# “How Shall They Hear,” Who Have Not Heard



1 “How shall they hear,” who have not heard News  
 2 “To all the world,” to ev - ’ry place, Neigh -  
 3 “Whom shall I send?” Who hears the call, Con -  
 4 “Lord, here am I:” Your fire im - part To  
 5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move: Spir -



of a Lord who loved and came; Nor  
 bors and friends and far - off lands, Preach  
 stant in prayer, through toil and pain, Tell -  
 this poor, cold, self - cen - tered soul; Touch  
 it of truth, in pow’r come down! So



known his rec - on - cil - ing Word, Nor  
 the good news of sav - ing grace; Go  
 ing of One who died for all, To  
 but my lips, my hands, my heart, And  
 shall they hear and find and prove Christ



learned to trust a Sav - ior’s name?  
 while the Great Com - mis - sion stands.  
 bring a lost world home a - gain?  
 make a world for Christ my goal.  
 is their life, their joy, their crown.

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**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**June 23-30, 2024**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible study</b>
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (6/30)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible study</b>

*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!

**MEMORIAL** — In loving memory of my mom, Sophie Czarny, on her birthday, 6/24/1913, love, Barbara Essig.

**BAPTISMS THIS PAST WEDNESDAY**

This past Wednesday (June 19) here at church, four children of David and Offie Gonzalez were baptized in the name of the triune God. We give thanks to God for his blessings to Jessie, Damien, Lily, and Jhonny Gonzalez in Baptism, and we pray for God's continued blessing on them and on all who have been baptized!

**SIGN UP FOR UPCOMING 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 plan at that time to advertise a one-day vacation Bible camp (VBC/VBS) for kids on August 17 (Sat.) at our church. We also need volunteers to help with the VBS (and parents to plan to bring their kids that day). Also, an idea was shared to have a rummage sale and cookout here at church sometime in September. 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 the sign-up sheets on the table in the back of our worship space, or speak with Pastor Gawel, Gail Schoenbeck, or Tom Pindelski.

### **RECORDING OF APOLOGETICS & WORLDVIEW CONFERENCE AVAILABLE TO WATCH FREE ONLINE**

On June 20, the Center for Apologetics and Worldviews at Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato, MN), held a conference entitled “Defending the Gospel of God: The Apologetics of Jesus, Paul, and the Historical Reliability of the New Testament Records.” The recording of that conference is now available to watch for free here:

<https://apologeticscenter.org/view-live-stream/>. Here is information about the conference presentations:

- *“Defending the Historical Reliability of the Gospels”* – Dr. Adam Francisco, LCMS
- *“Understanding and Applying the Apologetics of Paul”* – Prof. Luke Thompson, Martin Luther College, WELS
- *“Understanding and Applying the Apologetics of Jesus”* – Rev. David Thompson, Center for Apologetics and Worldviews, ELS
- Panel discussion with presenters

The presentations were very helpful in addressing some common challenges against the reliability of the Bible as well as providing ideas for how we can share the gospel with the unbelieving society around us.

### **WELS 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> grade. (High-schoolers are welcome to join adult Bible study in church during the same time.) All are welcome!

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

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

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 – 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](http://www.wels.net/family-devotions)

## **Sign up today for Marriage Moments**

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

[www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments](http://www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments)

## **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 [delaurantis.sam@gmail.com](mailto:delaurantis.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: \$1,951.44  
(budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)  
Total offerings received so far this month: \$4,542.33

**Ministry Attendance Last Week**

- In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 31** (25 adults, 6 children)
- Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 9**
- Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 3**
- Baptism service Wednesday: 25**
- Adult Bible study attendance: 8** (Sun.: 4; Tue.: 2; Thur.: 2)
- Sunday school: 5**

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