



**BUT AS YOU EXCEL IN EVERYTHING
- SEE THAT YOU EXCEL IN THE
GRACE OF GIVING.**

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7

**6th Sunday after Pentecost
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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

Last Sunday we saw that faith does not eliminate suffering from our lives. This Sunday in our Scripture readings we see that the suffering includes even death. The unbeliever who has only tears and despair in the face of death vainly hopes in his fear that death ends all. The Christian clings to the one who has overcome death for us – Jesus – even when faced with our own death. And we respond to God's gift of eternal life in Jesus with our gifts of thankful love to God, by assisting those in physical need and supporting the ministry of the gospel.

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Dearest Jesus, We Are Here



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly
 2 Lord, your Word is clear and plain, And we
 3 There - fore we have come to you, In our
 4 Gra - cious Head, your mem - ber own; Shep - herd,
 5 Now in - to your heart we pour Prayers that



your com - mand o - bey - ing; With this child we
 will o - bey it du - ly: "He who is not
 arms this in - fant bear - ing. Here we shall for -
 take your lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make
 from our hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions



now draw near In re - sponse to your own say - ing
 born a - gain, Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly,
 give - ness view. May this child, your mer - cy shar - ing,
 here your throne; Way of Life, to heav - en lead it.
 heav'n - ward soar; May our warm de - sires be heed - ed!



That to you it shall be giv - en
 Born of wa - ter and the Spir - it,
 In your arms be shield - ed ev - er,
 Pre - cious Vine, let noth - ing sev - er
 Write the name we now have giv - en;



As a child and heir of heav - en.
 Can my king - dom not in - her - it."
 Yours on earth and yours for - ev - er.
 From your side this branch for - ev - er.
 Write it in the book of heav - en!

The baptismal party gathers at the font. 带孩子来受洗的家人到前面

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

C: Amen.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his Church the command to baptize when he said: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:18-20).

Scripture makes plain the universal need for Baptism. As descendants of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature and would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin and by his death on the cross redeemed us and all people.

Christ’s almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. The apostle Peter declares, “Baptism now saves you” (1 Peter 3:21). Scripture also clearly teaches that the power and promise of Baptism is intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost the apostle testified, “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call” (Acts 2:39). By water and the Spirit, we are born again and united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

M: In bringing this child to Baptism, you are doing what is God-pleasing. Jesus himself invited little children to become a part of his kingdom when he said: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them, and blessed them. (Mark 10:14-16)

The minister marks the sign of the cross on each of those present for Baptism, saying:

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

PRAYER 祷告

M: Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism.

Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on Elver Delgado, II. Through this water of Baptism, drown in him all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil he may do. Set him apart from the unbelieving world and hold him safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep him always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that he may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

M: Let us confess the Christian faith, the faith into which this child will be baptized, the Apostles' Creed: 一起承认使徒信经

C: **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.

The minister says to the parents or guardians of each infant or young child presented for baptism:

M: Do you desire to have Elver baptized into this Christian faith?

R: **Yes.**

The minister applies water to the one being baptized as he says:

M: Elver Delgado, II, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The minister, laying his hand on the one baptized, says:

M: The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven.

May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

EXHORTATION TO PARENTS 对父母的劝告

M: Dear parents, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you:

Do you sincerely intend to bring up Elver in the way of the Lord and to instruct him in the truths of God's saving Word so that he may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in his baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

R: **Yes, and we ask God to help us.**

EXHORTATION TO SPONSORS 对教父母的劝告

M: Dear sponsors, Elver has been baptized in the name of the triune God. It is your privilege and responsibility to remember him in your prayers, to remind him of his baptism, and, as far as possible,

to give your counsel and aid that he may be brought up in the true knowledge of God according to the teachings of the Scriptures. If you intend gladly and willingly to do this, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

R: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

EXHORTATION TO CONGREGATION 对会众的劝告

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love, therefore, urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible so that Elver Delgado, II, may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

C: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

BAPTISMAL CANDLE 纪念洗礼的蜡烛

A baptismal candle may be lit from the paschal or altar candle and be given to the baptized (or to the parent or sponsor of a child) by the minister or a representative of the congregation who says:

M: Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Light this candle again and again in years to come on anniversaries of this day, and recall what God has done for Elver through the gift of his Son and through Baptism which unites him with Jesus in his death to sin and resurrection to new life.

PRAYER 祷告

M: Let us pray.

M: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ that we may stand holy and righteous before you. Look with favor on Elver Delgado, II, that he may be kept safe by the

gift of your Spirit, grow daily in your grace, and live forever by the power of the risen Christ. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to all the baptized, so that all may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The minister dismisses the baptismal party, saying:

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord † Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings.

Go in peace.

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Baptized in Water



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,



Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
 Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
 Marked with the sign of Christ our King:



Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,
 One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,
 Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren;



Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Tune: BUNESSAN (55 8 D) Gaelic melody, 19th century.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 – Lamentations 3:22-33 (NIV11) – 耶利米哀歌 3:22-33

²²By the mercies of the LORD we are not consumed, for his compassions do not fail.

²³They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

²⁴My soul says, “The LORD is my portion. Therefore, I will hope in him.”

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶It is good to hope quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for a man that he bears a yoke early in his life.

²⁸Let him sit alone and be silent, because the LORD has laid this upon him.

²⁹Let him stick his face in the dust. Perhaps there still is hope.

³⁰Let him turn his cheek toward the one who strikes him. Let him be filled with disgrace.

³¹For the Lord will not push us away forever.

³²Even though he brings grief, he will show compassion on the basis of his great mercy.

³³Certainly it is not what his heart desires when he causes affliction, when he brings grief to the children of men.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 30 – CW93 p. 76 (text NIV84) – printed on the following page – 本日诗篇：诗篇30 – 在下一页

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

*

Refrain

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;*
praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,*
but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night,*
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Refrain

To you, O LORD, I called;*
to the Lord I cried for mercy.

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;*
O LORD, be my help.

You turned my wailing into dancing,*
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**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 – 2 Corinthians 8:1-14 (EHV) – 哥林多后书 8:1-14

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

¹⁰And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. ¹¹Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. ¹²For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

¹³Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. ¹⁴At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Alleluia. (*Mark 8:34b*)



GOSPEL – Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43 (EHV) – 马可福音 5:21-24上, 35-43

²¹When Jesus had again crossed over in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him near the sea. ²²Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³and repeatedly pleaded with him, “My little daughter is near death. Please come and place your hands on her so that she may be healed and live.”

²⁴Jesus went with him.

³⁵While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue ruler’s house arrived, saying, “Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher anymore?”

³⁶But when Jesus heard this report, he told the synagogue ruler, “Don’t be afraid. Only believe.” ³⁷He did not allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸They went into the house of the synagogue ruler, and Jesus saw a commotion with people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.”

⁴⁰They laughed at him. But after he put everyone out, he took the father of the child, her mother, and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹Grasping the hand of the child, he said to her, “*Talitha, koum!*” (When translated, that means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!”) ⁴²Immediately the little girl stood up and began to walk around. (She was twelve years old.) They were completely and utterly amazed. ⁴³Then he gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and he told them to give her something to eat.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

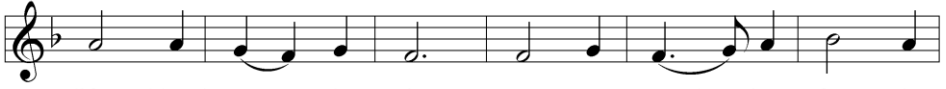


CHILDREN’S MESSAGE 对儿童的简短讲道

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* – CW93 #486 –
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1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en To our
 4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f'nings Which on
 5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your
 hum - blest char - i - ty. In your own mys - te - rious
 ev - 'ry hand we view Chan - nels are for gifts and
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice,
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it un - to me."
 of - f'nings Due by sol - emn right to you,
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That you
 Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To th' un - thank - ful and the
 you, at length be - lieve That more hap - py and more
 need what we can do, Say - ing by your poor and
 may not choose but pay Lest that face of love and
 stay our souls on you; But, oh, best of all your



e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand.
 bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 pit - y Turn from us a - noth - er day.
 gra - ces, With your love our love re - new.

SERMON – 2 Corinthians 8:1-14 – Excel in the Grace of Giving – 讲道：
基于 哥林多后书 8:1-14

After the sermon, the congregation sings: – 讲道后，会众齐唱：

489 Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver



1 Lord, you love the cheer-ful giv - er Who with
2 We are yours— your mer - cy sought us, Found us
3 Blessed by you with gifts and gra - ces, May we



o - pen heart and hand Bless - es free - ly, as
in death's dread - ful way, To the fold in safe -
heed your Spir - it's call, Glad - ly in all times



a riv - er That re - fresh - es all the land.
ty brought us, Nev - er - more from you to stray.
and pla - ces Give to you who gives us all.



Grant us, then, the grace of giv - ing With a
Your own life was free - ly giv - en As an
You have bought us; now no long - er Can we



spir - it large and true That our life and all
of - f'ring on the cross For each sin - ner, now
claim to be our own; Ev - er free and ev -



our liv - ing We may con - se - crate to you.
for - giv - en From e - ter - nal shame and loss.
er strong - er We shall serve you, Lord, a - lone.

Text: Robert Murray, 1832–1909, abr., alt.

Tune: PLEADING SAVIOR (87 87 D) *The Christian Lyre*, New York, 1831.

OFFERING 奉献

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 教会公祷

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 Military Services:

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, accept our gratitude for the miraculous way you work saving faith in the hearts of sinful people and sustain them in that faith through your gospel. Bless the effort of WELS Military Services to keep WELS members who are serving in our country's armed forces connected to Christ their Savior through your good news in Word and Sacrament. Move us to pray for these men and women, imploring you to supply whatever their spiritual and earthly needs may be while they are away from family and church homes. Bless the efforts of our military personnel to serve you faithfully as they serve our country. 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 主祷文

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 祷告及祝福

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.

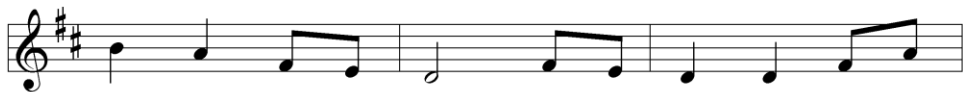
CLOSING HYMN – *Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly* – CW93 #484 – printed on the following page – 结束的圣诗 – 在下一页

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Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly



1 Broth-ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to
 2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, By the
 3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice For the



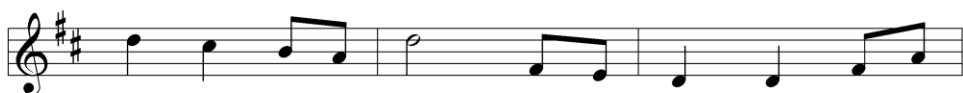
God our all, our best— Ser - vice heart - y, thor-ough,
 gift of Christ, his Son, What great good - ness he has
 sake of Christ, your Son; Lo, our hope a - bides now



hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed.
 shown us, What high mar - vels he has done!
 on - ly In the right - eous - ness he won.



All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our
 Let us to him prompt-ly, free - ly, Yield our
 Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to



time to him be - long; Praise him, then, with true de -
 bod - ies and our souls, Thank - ful that his love pro -
 com - fort and re - store Till in heav'n we rest re -



vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song.
 tects us, That his wis - dom all con - trols.
 joic - ing, Prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802–72, alt.

Tune: NETTLETON (87 87 D) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813, alt.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
June 30 – July 7, 2024

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

BAPTISM DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Today during the worship service, Elver Delgado, II, son of Elver, I, and Shania Delgado, will be baptized in the name of the triune God. We give thanks to God for his blessings to Elver, II, in Baptism, and we pray for God's continued blessing on him and on all who have been baptized!

ST. ANDREW T-SHIRT ORDER SIGNUP – DEADLINE NEXT SUNDAY (July 7)

We'll be placing a group order for T-shirts with our St. Andrew logo on them sometime after next Sunday (July 7), so that we can get them in time to wear for the upcoming outreach events we have planned. If you sign up to help with one of the upcoming outreach events (see info below... Chinatown Summer Fair, July 27-28; one-day VBS, August 17; rummage sale, Sept. 28), George & Eloise Lawson have grant money

from Thrivent (the financial services company) that will pay for your shirt for you, so that you can wear it when you help out with one or more of these outreach events. If you're not able to help with one of the upcoming outreach events, you may purchase a shirt at the bulk cost of \$10 (or \$11 for size 2XL or larger); payment is requested at time of signup (by July 7). If you are volunteering for one of the upcoming outreach events, please sign up on the volunteer signup sheet; then on the T-shirt signup sheet on the payment line simply write "volunteer."

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 that VBS (and parents to plan to bring their kids that day). Also, a rummage sale and cookout is being planned for September 28 (Sat.). If you're interested in helping 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. And, as mentioned above, if you sign up to volunteer, please also sign up to get a free church-logo T-shirt.

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/>. 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 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 周六晚上7:45中文圣经学习

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会有成人中文圣经学习。欢迎您参加! 我们在教会的事工中心(教堂旁边的房子)现场聚会; 地址是 3650 S. Honore St., Chicago。如果你想了解更多, 请联系高乐仁牧师: 手机: 773-217-8132。欢迎!

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

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

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> .

**WELS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WORSHIP, MUSIC, & THE ARTS
July 30 evening – Aug. 2 noon, at Carthage College, Kenosha, WI –
teens also welcome – 1-day registration also available**

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

ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

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



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in May
\$14,517.92	\$6,335.79

Offerings received last week: \$1,530.29

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$6,072.62

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 33 (27 adults, 6 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 6

Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 9

Adult Bible study attendance: 9 (Sun.: 7; Tue.: 2)

Sunday school: 5

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