

SAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE
AN ANXIOUS HEART,
Be strong; fear not!

BEHOLD, YOUR GOD
WILL COME...AND SAVE YOU

ISAIAH 35:4

**16th 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

Unbelief mocks and says that if God did all things well and was the source of all good because he is good, then he shouldn’t allow misery and need in the first place. But especially in need and suffering, God does all things well. That truth is the center of the Christian’s quiet confidence. It is the reason for his hope based on the promises of God and earned for us by the work of Christ and its eternal consequence for us.

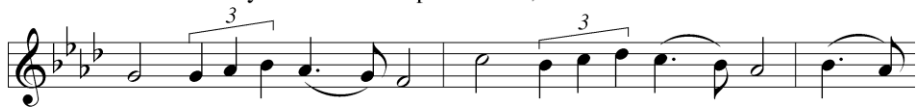
OPENING HYMN – *Thy Strong Word* – CW93 #280 – on the following pages



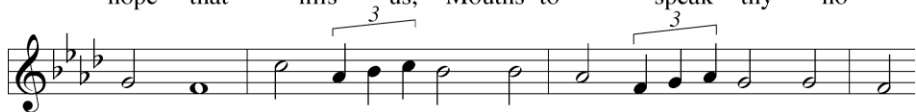
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; Bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth
5 Give us lips to sing thy glo - ry, Tongues thy



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats to shout the



light we thank thee While thine or - dered sea -
thy sal - va - tion, Breathed thine own life - giv -
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes
ev - er beam - eth All thy bright re - deem -
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy ho -



sons run. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
ing breath. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
con - fess. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
ing light. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! May



to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
the light which thou dost send Fill our songs with



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

Stanza 6 on following page:

6 God the Father, light-creator,
To thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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Tune: EBENEZER (87 87 D) Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召唤，认罪及赦罪

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



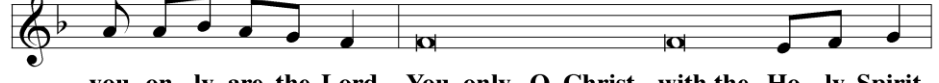
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



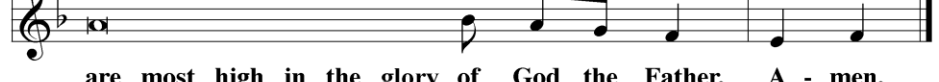
sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



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 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 35:4-7a (EHV) – 以赛亚书 35:4-7a

⁴Tell those who have a fearful heart:

Be strong.

Do not be afraid.

Look! Your God will come with vengeance.

With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.

⁵Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.

⁶The crippled will leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.

Waters will flow in the wilderness,
and streams in the wasteland.

⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.

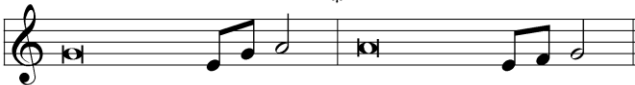
PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 146 – CW93 p. 120 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 146

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



Refrain

Praise the LORD, O my soul.*

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,*

in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

Refrain

The LORD gives food to the hungry,*
the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,*
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast*
and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.*
He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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SECOND READING – Acts 3:1-10 (EHV) – 使徒行传 3:1-10

Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour,^a an hour of prayer. ²A certain man who was lame from birth was carried there every day and placed at the temple gate, which is called Beautiful, so that he could beg for donations from those entering the temple.

³When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked them for a donation.

⁴Peter looked directly at him, as did John. Peter said, “Look at us.”

⁵So the man paid close attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

^a 3 PM

⁶But Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!”

⁷Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately the man’s feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the temple courts with them, walking, jumping, and praising God.

⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God. ¹⁰They recognized him as the one who used to sit begging for money at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.
(*Philippians 4:4, RSV*)



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

GOSPEL – Mark 7:31-37 (EHV) – 马可福音 7:31-37

³¹Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis.

³²They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. ³⁴After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, “*Ephphatha!*” (which means “Be opened!”) ³⁵Immediately the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. ³⁷They were amazed beyond measure and said, “He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!”

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

235 Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
 Par - don and peace from him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him As long as
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal When the dark
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, With hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can
 heart its A - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
 in dis - tress; The wid - ows and the fa - ther -
 help af - ford, Trust on - ly Christ, our God and
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 less. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON – Isaiah 35:4-7a – The Joy of God’s People in Making His
Salvation Known – 讲道：基于 以赛亚书 35:4-7a

APOSTLES’ CREED 使徒信经

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 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. 20).



HYMN – Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul – CW93 #238 – printed on the
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Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul



1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let
 2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor
 3 'Tis he for - gives my sins; 'Tis
 4 He fills the poor with good; He
 5 His won - drous works and ways He



all with - in me join And aid my tongue to
 let his mer - cies lie For - got - ten in un -
 he re - lieves my pain; 'Tis he that heals my
 gives the suf - f'ers rest; The Lord has judg - ments
 made by Mo - ses known, But sent the world his



bless his name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
 thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die.
 sick - ness - es And makes me young a - gain.
 for the proud And jus - tice for th' op - pressed.
 truth and grace By his be - lov - ed Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
 Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731–76.

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 new district presidents:

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the pastors who serve as district presidents and who help lead our synod and districts. We pray for Pastor Daniel Lange, newly elected president of the Pacific Northwest District, and Pastor Joel Heckendorf, newly elected president of the Arizona-California District. Give them wisdom and compassion as they encourage called workers and congregations to maintain the preaching of your true Word among your people. 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 – Word of God, When All Was Silent – CW93 #751 –
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The power and promise of God's almighty Word—first heard at creation, perfectly revealed in Jesus, and bestowed on us through the Spirit—builds the only foundation for our Christian faith and worship.

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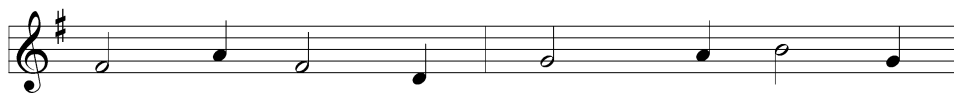
Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY (87 87 87) Henry Purcell, 1659–1695, adapt.



1 Word of God, when all was si - lent,
2 Word made flesh, you came a - mong us
3 Word of Life, raised up in pow - er
4 Word of God, your call, un - si - lenced,
5 Praise the Word for life un - end - ing!



Source of all that was to be;
Shar - ing all our joy and pain,
From the tomb on Eas - ter morn,
Sounds through - out our pass - ing years,
Praise the Word for truth that heals!



With the Fa - ther and the Spir - it,
Help - ing, heal - ing, liv - ing, lov - ing,
Vic - tor o - ver death's do - min - ion,
Seek - ing, prob - ing, pen - e - trat - ing
Praise the Word that shines where dark - ness



One through - out e - ter - ni - ty:
Lamb of God, for sin - ners slain:
Bring - ing hope to souls for - lorn:
By its truth our doubts and fears:
God's un - dy - ing love con - ceals!



When you spoke the whole cre - a - tion
By your bod - y, bro - ken, bleed - ing,
Make our lives a new cre - a - tion
Speak to us un - til we hear you;
Praise the Word whose grace in - car - nate



Came to birth by your de - cree.
Make cre - a - tion whole a - gain.
By the Spir - it's gift re - born.
O - pen dulle and deaf - ened ears.
Still the heart of God re - veals!

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
September 8-15, 2024

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study
Monday 8:30 – Tuesday noon		Pastors' Conference
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (9/15)	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!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

Youth confirmation class will resume in September. Youth confirmation class is open to youth in grades 5 through 8, and to high-schoolers who have not yet been confirmed. If you have a potential student in mind, please speak with Pastor Gawel or St. Andrew's elder for Christian education, George Lawson. All are welcome!

BENEFIT FOR STACY CYGAN – SEPT. 22 (SUN.) 1-5PM

A benefit for our sister in Christ, Stacy Cygan, who is battling stage four colorectal, liver, and lung cancer, is planned for Sept. 22 (Sun.) from 1:00 to 5:00 at Bourbon Street (3359 W. 115th St., Chicago) in

Merrionette Park. Event and raffle tickets are available in our church office or by speaking with Brian Garcia or Rose Heelan (nee Cygan). See the poster in the center hallway in church for more info. We also have a box on the tables in the back of the worship space for special donations for Stacy and/or for the benefit. Please continue to pray for Stacy and her family and friends for God's strength, for healing, and relief!

RUMMAGE SALE & WEENIE ROAST HELP NEEDED – Sept. 28 (Sat.)

Come join the Rummage Sale Team in developing and implementing this event to raise funds for families in need. There are five volunteer teams:

- Advertising – Gail Schoenbeck
- Distribution/ Promotion – Maureen Murphy
- Food – Christine & Glenn Young
- Money – Karen Taylor
- Organizing & Set-up – Michele Starr

What sub-committee do you have an interest in.... Please let the Team Lead know that you have an interest in working with them on their team. There's something for everyone! This is a huge event and we need "All Hands on Deck"! Come help to build and grow this worthy cause!!

KIDS FISHING DERBY IN MCKINLEY PARK – Sept. 21 (Sat.), 9:00-noon

Get ready for a splash of excitement on September 21, 2024, at the McKinley Park Lagoon, as the Steve Demitro Fishing Derby celebrates its 5th year of being Chicago's Best Kids Fishing Derby. This free event is open to kids aged 7-13, accompanied by an adult, with online registration required. Spaces are limited. The fun kicks off at 9:00am sharp, bringing the community together for a day filled with fishing, prizes, and outdoor learning. Register here:

<https://neighborhoodjournal.info/reel-in-the-fun-chicagos-premier-kids-fishing-derby-launches-sign-up-today/>

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 11:00 / 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!

WELS National Online Teen Bible Study – Sept. 8 (today), 6:00pm

WELS National Teen Online Bible Study is an opportunity for teens across the country to digitally connect with each other around God’s Word. The first online study will be held Sept. 8 (today), at 6:00 p.m. (Central). The 45-minute Bible study will have opportunity to connect with other teens, study and discuss the Word, and apply it specifically to your teen lives today. The Bible study will be led by Pastor Phil Huebner, the campus pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Sign up now to connect with other teens and with your Savior in this new special event! <https://gf.wels.net/teen-bible-study/>

THE GRANDMOTHER’S PRAYER GROUP

After enjoying the final days of summer, The Grandmother’s Prayer Group is reconvening on Wednesday, September 11, at 2:00pm. Join us for a ½ hour to an hour of prayer for those we love. The Grandmother’s Prayer Group was started in honor of Eloise Lawson and in memory of Irene Schoenbeck, two women who love to pray for their families, their church, and their country. If interested in joining us for this prayer time via phone, let Eloise or me know. We’d love to have you join us. Blessings, Gail

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Women’s Bible Study will start-up again on Wednesday, September 25, at 12:30pm, in person or via Zoom. The women currently involved are seeking to discover either a new direction or to fill a piece of what’s next in their lives. If interested, please let me know. I’d love to have you join the group! All my best, Gail

WELS WOMEN’S MINISTRY WEBINAR: “Little Lives with Jesus” – Oct. 10, 7pm

Approximately one in four pregnancies end in miscarriage, and that number might be even higher if the loss happens before the mother is aware of her pregnancy. Stillbirths, which occur later in a pregnancy, are

far less common but still happen today despite medical advances. Regardless of the frequency of losing a preterm infant, many women report experiencing intense sadness or depression. They feel alone even though they are far from alone. Through this webinar we seek to compassionately demonstrate the value of pre-born life, to offer spiritual and practical comfort to those who have lost a baby, and to promote and encourage ideas for individuals and congregations on how they can support and show the love of Jesus to those mourning such a devastating loss. Learn more and register here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/womens-ministry/womens-ministry-webinars/>

WELS 175TH ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL HISTORY BOOK PREORDER: *Christ Through Us: A Pictorial History of the Wisconsin Synod, 1850-2025*

Filled with more than 250 pages of captivating images and fascinating stories, [*Christ Through Us*](#) will be a great addition to your library or a thoughtful gift for people interested in the synod's history. This limited-edition book can be **pre-ordered until Sept. 30, 2024, for guaranteed availability**. Take 20% off the cover price when you [order your copy today](#), here: <https://online.nph.net/christ-through-us.html>

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY: “When Politics Drives You Crazy” – 10/3, 10, 17, 24

Retired WELS pastor Charles Degner will lead an online Bible study on the first four Thursdays in October at 7:30pm (Central), based on his four-part Bible study series in *Forward in Christ* magazine titled: “When politics drives you crazy.” More info and register here: <https://forwardinchrist.net/online-study/>

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 or Tom Pindelski.

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.)

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.

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 del Laurentis.sam@gmail.com with any questions.



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\$14,517.92	\$6,146.62

Offerings received last week: \$1,771.95

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

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 35 (32 adults, 3 children)

Sunday service recording total watch time: 2.1 hours

Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 8

Adult Bible study attendance: 15 (Sun.: 9; Tue.: 2; Wed.: 2; Fri.: 2)

Sunday school: n/a

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