

HEB. 2:11

Jesus and the people he makes holy all belong to the same family. That is why he isn't ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. (CEV)

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 6, 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**

*The closest we can get to a mirror of the love of God for us is the mirror of the love that he wants us to have for one another in the family. The goal of family members is to reflect the love of God for us in self-giving love for one another in the family. How tragic that in our society such a mirror is clouded indeed! There is much to repent of and much to strive toward.*

**Communicant members** may wish to prepare for the Lord's Supper using the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on p. 156 in the front part of the hymnal (the red book in the pew rack: Christian Worship).

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## My Soul, Now Bless Your Maker



1 My soul, now bless your Mak - er! Let all with-in me  
 2 For as a ten - der fa - ther Has pit - y on his  
 3 God's grace stands fast, en - dur - ing, And chil - dren's chil - dren



bless his name Who makes me a par - tak - er Of  
 chil - dren here, He in his arms will gath - er All  
 yet shall prove His strength a - bides, as - sur - ing The



mer - cies more than I dare claim. For - get him not whose  
 who are his in child - like fear. He knows how frail our  
 hearts of all who seek his love. In heav'n is fixed his



mee - ness Still bears with all your sin, Who heals your  
 pow - ers Who but from dust are made. We flour - ish  
 dwell - ing; His rule is o - ver all. An - gels, in



ev - 'ry weak - ness, Re - news your life with-in, Whose grace and  
 like the flow - ers, And ev - en so we fade. The wind but  
 might ex - cel - ling, Bright hosts, be - fore him fall. Praise him in



care are end - less And saved you through the past, Who  
 through them pass - es, And all their bloom is o'er. We  
 song for - ev - er, All you who hear his Word. He



leaves no suf - f'rer friend - less But rights the wronged at last.  
 with - er like the grass - es; Our place knows us no more.  
 hears our hymns with fa - vor—My soul, oh, bless the Lord!

Text: Johann Gramann, 1487–1541, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: NUN LOB, MEIN SEEL (78 78 76 76 76 76) *Concentus novi*, Augsburg, 1540, alt.

**INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** 召唤，认罪及赦罪

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

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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



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



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



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



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

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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### FIRST READING – Genesis 2:18-24 (EHV) – 创世记 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him.” <sup>19</sup>Out of the soil the LORD God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that became its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam<sup>f</sup> no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. <sup>21</sup>The LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep

<sup>f</sup> Here the Hebrew word *adam* without the article becomes a personal name.

sleep. As the man slept, the LORD God took a rib<sup>g</sup> and closed up the flesh where it had been. <sup>22</sup>The LORD God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup>The man said,  
Now this one is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh.  
She will be called “woman,”  
because she was taken out of man.<sup>h</sup>

<sup>24</sup>For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother  
and will remain united with his wife,  
and they will become one flesh.<sup>i</sup>

**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 139b – CW93 p. 117 (NIV84) – 诗篇 139下

*Refrain*



I will praise you, O Lord, for I am won - der - ful - ly made.

*Psalm tone*



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**Refrain**

O LORD, you created my inmost being;<sup>\*</sup>  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;<sup>\*</sup>  
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you;<sup>\*</sup>  
your eyes saw my unformed body.

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<sup>g</sup> *Part of his side* is a more literal translation than the traditional translation *rib*.

<sup>h</sup> Here the Hebrew word for *man* is *ish* not *adam*. Like the English word pair *man/woman*, the Hebrew words *ish/ishah* correspond to one another.

<sup>i</sup> Verse 24 may be a continuation of the words of Adam or a comment of the inspired writer. In either case, Jesus recognizes them as part of the divine institution of marriage (Matthew 19:4–5).

## **Refrain**

All the days ordained for me\*  
were written in your book before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!\*  
How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them,\*  
they would outnumber the grains of sand.

**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 – Hebrews 2:9-18 (EHV) – 希伯来书 2:9-18**

We look to Jesus (the one who was made lower than the angels for a little while, so that by God's grace he might taste death for everyone), now crowned with glory and honor, because he suffered death.

<sup>10</sup>Certainly it was fitting for God (the one for whom and through whom everything exists), in leading many sons to glory, to bring the author of their salvation to his goal through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified all have one Father. For that reason, he is not ashamed to call them brothers.<sup>i</sup> <sup>12</sup>He says:

I will declare your name to my brothers.

Within the congregation I will sing your praise.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>13</sup>And again:

I will trust in him.<sup>b</sup>

And again:

Here I am and the children God has given me.<sup>c</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> When context indicates it, the Greek word for *brothers* may refer to all fellow believers, male and female.

<sup>a</sup> Psalm 22:22

<sup>b</sup> Isaiah 8:17

<sup>c</sup> Isaiah 8:18

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, since the children share flesh and blood,<sup>d</sup> he also shared the same flesh and blood, so that through death he could destroy the one who had the power of death (that is, the Devil)<sup>15</sup> and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death.<sup>16</sup> For surely he was not concerned with helping angels but with helping Abraham's offspring.<sup>e</sup> <sup>17</sup>For this reason, he had to become like his brothers in every way, in order that he would be a merciful and faithful high priest in the things pertaining to God, so that he could pay<sup>f</sup> for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Indeed, because he suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia. (*Hebrews 2:12, RSV*)



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

**GOSPEL** – Mark 10:2-16 (EHV) – 马可福音 10:2-16

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



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

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came to test him and asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

<sup>3</sup>He replied, “What did Moses command you?”

<sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”<sup>a</sup>

<sup>5</sup>But Jesus told them, “He wrote this command for you because of your hard hearts. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.<sup>b</sup> <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man will leave his father and

<sup>d</sup> Literally *blood and flesh*

<sup>e</sup> Literally *seed*

<sup>f</sup> Or *atone*

<sup>a</sup> See Deuteronomy 24:1, 3.

<sup>b</sup> Genesis 1:27; 5:2



mother and be joined to his wife,<sup>8</sup> and the two will become one flesh.<sup>c</sup> So they are no longer two but one flesh.<sup>9</sup> Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>In the house his disciples asked him about this again. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup>If she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>Some people began bringing little children to Jesus so that he would touch them. But the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said, “Let the little children come to me! Do not hinder them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup>Amen I tell you: Whoever will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took the little children in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### **NICENE CREED** 尼西亚信经

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We**

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<sup>c</sup> Genesis 2:24

acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Lord of the Home



1 Lord of the home, the Son you love  
 2 Help us, O Lord, our homes to make  
 3 We pray that all who with us dwell  
 4 Teach us to keep our homes so fair  
 5 Lord, may your Spir - it sanc - ti - fy



Re - ceived a moth - er's ten - der care,  
 Your Ho - ly Spir - it's dwell - ing - place;  
 Your love and joy and peace may know.  
 That, were our Lord a child once more,  
 Each house - hold du - ty we ful - fill.



A fa - ther's strength like yours a - bove,  
 Our hands and hearts' de - vo - tion take  
 And while our lips your prais - es tell,  
 He might be glad our hearth to share  
 May we our Sav - ior glo - ri - fy



A home with warmth and kind - ness there.  
 To be the ser - vants of your grace.  
 May faith - ful lives your glo - ry show.  
 And find a wel - come at our door.  
 With glad o - be - dience to your will.

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Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM (LM) *Antiphoner*, Grenoble, 1753.

**SERMON** – Hebrews 2:9-18 – Broken Relationships Restored in Christ –  
 讲道：基于 希伯来书 2:9-18

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



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

### OFFERING 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. 22).*



### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

- M:** O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.
- C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.**
- M:** Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.
- C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**
- M:** We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.
- C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**
- M:** Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.
- C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**
- M:** Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.
- C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**
- M:** Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.
- C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

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

*for world missions:*

Lord Jesus, you have richly blessed our synod by allowing us to reach and serve so many souls worldwide—even entire church bodies—and by continuing to open doors to further gospel proclamation. Our world missions efforts are now on every inhabited continent and impacting people in nearly 100 countries. Help us to thank you for the many blessings you have given us, and to use them to support the gospel ministry of our brothers and sisters across the world. According to your gracious will, multiply our work so that those we train will touch

the lives of others with your saving message and, in the next ten years, our fellowship outside of North America can reach one million people. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**C: 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.**

### **THE SACRAMENT** 圣餐礼

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy Supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this Supper, we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

*Following the teaching of the Bible (1 Corinthians 10:17; 11:27-29; etc.), our church practices "close communion." We ask that only those who are current communicant members of this church or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) partake of the sacrament today. If you are not a current member of this church or one of our sister churches, our pastor would be happy to speak with you about receiving the Lord's Supper with us in the future. Please mention it to him after the service.*

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

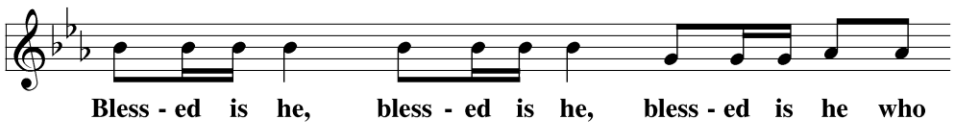
**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** 耶稣设立圣餐的话

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - men.

**DISTRIBUTION** 分发圣餐 – 只邀请已经受坚信礼的本会成员来领受  
*At the direction of the usher, current communicant members of St. Andrew and our sister churches in the WELS and ELS may come forward down the center aisle, then wait until directed by an usher to go to the communion rail. Communicants may kneel or stay standing. Please hold out your hand to receive the bread. If you wish to partake of the*

*common cup, do not take an individual cup when the assistant comes by with the tray. Those who need to receive grape juice instead of wine may take the purple individual cups in the center of the tray. The minister and assistant will use hand sanitizer before and/or wear sterile gloves during communion setup and distribution. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak with the pastor or an usher to receive one.*

*After the distribution, the congregation sings: – 分发圣餐后，会众齐唱：*

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**PRAYER and BLESSING** 祷告及祝福

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C:** **And his mercy endures forever.**

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

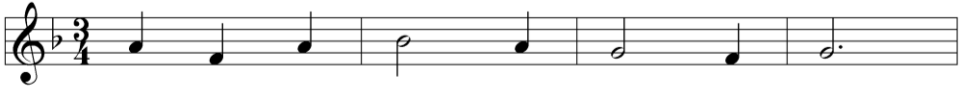
**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.





C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

# 500 For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray



1 For Chris - tian homes, O Lord, we pray,  
 2 We are the chil - dren of your grace;  
 3 U - nit - ed in a bond of love,  
 4 Pro - tect us and our loved ones dear,  
 5 And when you call us all to rest,



That you might dwell with us each day.  
 Our homes are now your dwell - ing - place.  
 We lift our eyes to you a - bove.  
 From pain and sor - row, want and fear;  
 Then will we have a home more blest,



Make ours a place where you are Lord,  
 In you we trust and dai - ly live;  
 From you we gain the strength to live,  
 Yet when we must our bur - dens bear,  
 See all our care and sor - row cease,



Where all is gov - erned by your Word.  
 Teach us to serve and to for - give.  
 The wish to share, the joy to give.  
 "Your will be done" shall be our prayer.  
 And find with Christ e - ter - nal peace.

Text: Richard S. Armstrong, b. 1924, st. 1, 3-5, abr., alt. Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 2, alt.  
 St. 1, 3-5 from *Book of Worship for U.S. Forces*, published by U.S. Government Printing Office.  
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 Tune: GOTTLÖB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE (LM) Wagner, *Sammlung alter und neuer . . . Melodien*, 1742, alt.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**October 6-13, 2024**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible study</b>
Monday	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>
Saturday	9:00 AM – 4:30 PM	<b>Rummage Sale</b>
	7:45 PM	<b>中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)</b>
Sunday (10/13)	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!

**RUMMAGE SALE – FOLLOW-UP SALE SATURDAY, Oct. 12, 9:00-4:30**

Since there's still quite a lot of items that weren't sold in the first rummage sale on Sept. 28, we're planning to have a follow-up rummage sales this coming Saturday (October 12), from 9:00am to 4:30pm. If you'd like to help out with this rummage sale, we'd love to have you. Just come on Saturday and wear your St. Andrew shirt if you have one (or we'll give you one, if we have one left in your size). It's a great opportunity to meet people from our community and welcome them to our church, as well as raise money for families in need.

### **YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS – Mondays 6:30pm; other time possible**

Youth confirmation class is open to youth in grades 5 through 8, and to high-schoolers who have not yet been confirmed. If you have a potential student in mind, please speak with Pastor Gawel. All are welcome! The class is currently held on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00, but we can adjust the class day or time or add a second class-time if needed, to accommodate the schedules of everyone who is interested.

### **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 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!

### **LWMS CIRCUIT RALLY – Oct. 19 (Sat.), at Resurrection, Aurora**

You are invited to the **2024 Fall Rally** of the Chicago Area Circuit of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society on **Saturday, October 19**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 2567 W Sullivan Rd, Aurora, IL 60506. All women in an LWMS member congregation (confirmation age and older) are members of LWMS and are encouraged to attend. Guests are also welcome. **There will be a mystery prize given away at the rally. Come to find out what it is!**

Our theme is “All Things are Possible with God,” highlighting the mission field in Bangladesh, and our speaker is Pastor Paul Prange. Plan to bring friends and family and join us at Resurrection, Aurora, for fellowship, fun, and food, as we worship and learn how God is working in Bangladesh. You won’t want to miss it!

Rally schedule:

9:00 Registration & coffee hour

9:30 Opening Devotion/Offering – Host Pastor Christian Willick

9:45 Business Meeting & Presentation on the LWMS convention  
by Pastor and Alex Nicholson

- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Presentation on Bangladesh by Pastor Paul Prange
- 12:00 Closing devotion – Pastor Paul Spaude
- 12:15 Lunch

**Childcare is available** for this event. Please email Circuit Secretary Raquel Willick at [rwillick@relcs.org](mailto:rwillick@relcs.org) if you need childcare. Let her know the number of children and their ages.

We are looking to **collect Walmart Gift Cards** for our brothers and sisters on the Peridot and San Carlos, Arizona, reservations affected by wildfires. Please bring items to the LWMS Fall Rally on October 19. We will then send them along to Peridot and San Carlos. Thank you for praying for the reservations and LWMS [www.lwms.org](http://www.lwms.org)

### **PRAYER GROUP**

Prayer Group is held via phone on Wednesdays at 2:00pm. Join us for a half hour to an hour of prayer. If interested, let Eloise or me know. We'd love to have you join us. Blessings, Gail

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Women's Bible Study has started up again on Wednesdays 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/>

## **ONLINE BIBLE STUDY: “When Politics Drives You Crazy” – 10/10, 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. 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. 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).

### **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)

### **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](mailto:delarentis.sam@gmail.com) with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in September
\$14,517.92	\$7,839.49

Offerings received last Sunday-Monday: \$551.00  
(budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)

**Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 23** (11 adults, 2 children)

**Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 9**

**Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 10**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 15** (Sun.: 10; Tue.: 3, 2)

**Sunday school: n/a**

**Youth confirmation class: 6**

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