

THEREFORE, SINCE WE  
ARE RECEIVING A  
*Kingdom that  
cannot be shaken,*  
LET US BE THANKFUL,  
AND SO WORSHIP GOD  
WITH REVERENCE AND AWE.

~ HEBREWS 12:28

**Last Judgment  
November 10, 2024**

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# Last Judgment

## November 10, 2024 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### SERVICE THEME: An Unshakeable Kingdom

**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 readings for this Sunday set in sharp contrast the attitudes of believers and unbelievers. The attitude of the unbeliever to any talk of judgment by God can only be denial or terror. But the attitude of the child of God is formed by the Word of God. As that Word has created his faith during the believer's life on earth, so it molds his confidence in the face of death and judgment. Therefore, we look forward to the day on which we pass into the courtroom of God to hear the "Not guilty!" verdict which brought us to faith in the first place. There is no better preparation for death and judgment than firmly clinging to that gracious*

verdict. There is no better life than the one that has that verdict as its center and the motivation for everything in it.

## 209 Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning



1 Day of wrath, oh, day of mourn - ing!  
2 Death is struck and na - ture quak - ing;  
3 See, the book, ex - act - ly word - ed,  
4 What shall I in awe be plead - ing,  
5 King of maj - es - ty tre - men - dous,



See ful - filled the proph - ets' warn - ing:  
All cre - a - tion is a - wak - ing,  
Where - in all has been re - cord - ed—  
Who for me be in - ter - ced - ing  
Who does free sal - va - tion send us,



Heav'n and earth in ash - es burn - ing.  
To its judge an an - swer mak - ing.  
Thus shall judg - ment be a - ward - ed.  
When your mer - cy I am need - ing?  
Fount of pi - ty, then be - friend us.

6 Think, good Jesus—my salvation      7 On the cross your dying spared me;  
Caused your wondrous incarnation,      Just and righteous you declared me;  
Made you suffer my damnation!      I await the joy prepared me.

Text: attr. Thomas de Celano, c. 1190–c. 1260, abr., st. 1-6; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 7; tr. William J. Irons, 1812–83, st. 1-6, alt.

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Tune: DIES IRAE (888) Latin melody, 13th century.

**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.



1 God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we  
 2 True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who  
 3 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Ev - er -  
 4 Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, You will



name you sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom  
 set their world a - blaze, Mar - tyr, once un -  
 last - ing Son of God, Hum - ble was your  
 judge the world you made; Lord, in mer - cy



an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther, by your Church a -  
 known, un - heed - ed, Join one grow - ing song of  
 vir - gin moth - er, Hard the lone - ly path you  
 help your ser - vants For whose free - dom you have



dored: All cre - a - tion shows your glo -  
 praise, While your Church on earth con - fess -  
 trod: By your cross is sin de - feat -  
 paid: Raise us up from dust to glo -



ry; Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,  
 es One ma - jes - tic Trin - i - ty:  
 ed, Hell con - front - ed face to face,  
 ry; Guard us from all sin to - day.



Sing - ing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 Heav - en o - pened to be - liev - ers,  
 King en - throned a - bove all prais - es,



Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"  
 God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.  
 Save your peo - ple, God, we pray.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** 本日共祷文

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**FIRST READING** – Malachi 4:1-3 (EHV) – 玛拉基书 4:1-3

Look! The day is coming, burning like a blast furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble. The day that is coming will set them on fire, says the LORD of Armies, a day that will not leave behind a root or branch for them. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness<sup>d</sup> will rise, and there will be healing in its wings. You will go out and jump around like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>You will trample the wicked. They will surely be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I take action, says the LORD of Armies.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 90 – CW93 p. 99 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 90

*Refrain*

In ev - 'ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

*Psalm tone*

<sup>d</sup> Or the Sun of Righteousness will rise, and there will be healing in his wings. The question here is whether the words *sun of righteousness* are a title for the Messiah or a picture of the blessings of the Messianic era.

### ***Refrain***

Lord, you have been our dwelling place\*  
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the  
world,\*  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,\*  
or like a watch in the night.

### ***Refrain***

You have set our iniquities before you,\*  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

You turn mortals back to dust.\*  
You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the  
strength;\*  
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

Teach us to number our days aright,\*  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

### ***Refrain***

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,\*  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

**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 12:25-29 (EHV) – 希伯来书 12:25-29

<sup>25</sup>See to it that you do not refuse to listen to the one who is speaking. For if those people did not escape when they refused to listen to the one who spoke God’s message on earth, how much less likely is it that we will escape, if we turn away from the one who spoke God’s message to us from heaven? <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also heaven.”<sup>b</sup>

<sup>27</sup>The words “once more” clearly indicate the removal of the things that are being shaken, that is, the things that have been made, so that the things that cannot be shaken remain permanently. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are going to receive an unshakeable kingdom, let us be thankful. This is how we serve God in an acceptable way, with reverence and awe. <sup>29</sup>For our God is a consuming fire.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia. (*Matthew 24:42, RSV*)



**GOSPEL** – John 5:19-30 (EHV) – 约翰福音 5:19-30

<sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them directly, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: The Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing. Indeed, the Son does exactly what the Father does. <sup>20</sup>For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. And he will show him even greater works than these so that you will be amazed. <sup>21</sup>For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to those he wishes.

<sup>22</sup>“In fact, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup>so that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. <sup>24</sup>Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He is not going to come into judgment but has crossed over from death to life.

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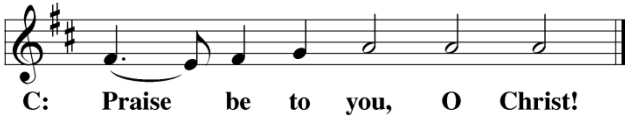
<sup>b</sup> Haggai 2:6



<sup>25</sup>“Amen, Amen, I tell you: A time is coming and is here now when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who listen will live. <sup>26</sup>For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted the Son to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup>And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

<sup>28</sup>“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice <sup>29</sup>and will come out. Those who have done good will rise to live, but those who have practiced evil will rise to be condemned. <sup>30</sup>I can do nothing at all on my own. I judge only as I hear. And my judgment is just, for I do not seek my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

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



## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* – CW93 #382 –  
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## 382

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on me  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -  
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop  
 then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Tune: MAGDALEN (88 88 88) John Stainer, 1840–1901.

**SERMON** – Hebrews 12:25-29 – An Unshakeable Kingdom – 讲道：基于  
 希伯来书 12:25-29

**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).*



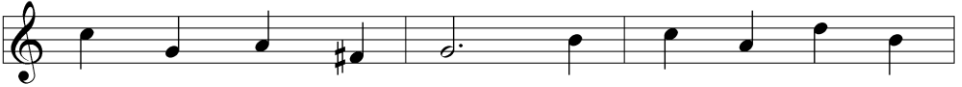
**HYMN – O God, Our Help in Ages Past – CW93 #441 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页**

## 441

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are  
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon



hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your  
 earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that  
 bears us all a - way; We fly, for - got - ten,



storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,  
 arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
 you are God, To end - less years the same.  
 ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 as a dream Dies at the op'n - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Still be our guard while troubles last  
 And our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. ANNE (CM) William Croft, 1678–1727, alt.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

M: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

**C: Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.**

M: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.

**C: If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.**

M: We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

**C: Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.**

M: Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.

**C: Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.**

M: Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.

**C: Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.**

M: Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

**C: Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.**

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

*for the WELS Apache mission:*

Lord God, in your infinite wisdom you allowed a recent wildfire to impact parts of the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Arizona. Although the fire burned more than 2,000 acres, destroyed homes, and displaced people in those communities, you spared the members of our WELS congregations. We thank you for your mercy and protection. Now bless our brothers and sisters in faith as they show the love of Christ to those impacted by the fire. Give them opportunities to speak of your love and the salvation found in Christ alone. Make them the hands and feet of Jesus as they help where they are needed. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** 主禱文

**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** – *If God Himself Be for Me* – CW93 #419 – printed on the following pages – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a  
 2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, Of this I  
 3 I build on this foun - da - tion: That Je - sus  
 4 He can - celed my of - fen - ses, De - liv - ered  
 5 No sin can now con - demn me Or set my



host de - fy; For when I pray, be - fore  
 make my boast, That God is my dear Fa -  
 and his blood A - lone are my sal - va -  
 me from death; He is the Lord who clean -  
 hope a - side. Now hell no more can claim



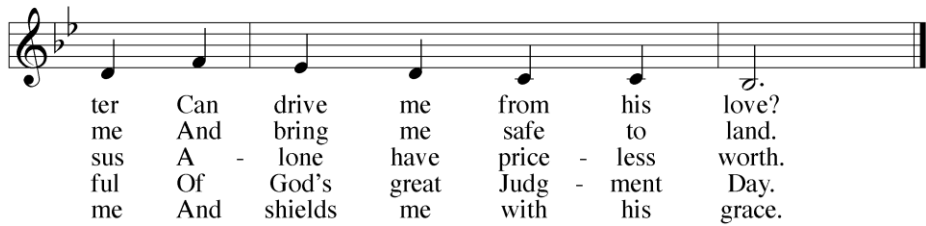
me My foes, con - found - ed, fly. If Christ,  
 ther, My friend who loves me most, And that,  
 tion, My true, e - ter - nal good. With - out  
 ses My soul from sin through faith. In him -  
 me; Its fu - ry I de - ride. No sen -



my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from  
 what - e'er be - tide - me, My Sav - ior is  
 him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less  
 I can be cheer - ful, Cou - ra - geous on  
 tence now re - proves me; No guilt de - stroys



a - bove, What foe or what dis - as -  
 at hand Through storm - y seas to guide  
 on earth; The gifts I have from Je -  
 my way; In him I am not fear -  
 my peace, For Christ, my Sav - ior, loves



ter Can drive me from his love?  
 me And bring me safe to land.  
 sus A - lone have price - less worth.  
 ful Of God's great Judg - ment Day.  
 me And shields me with his grace.

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6 No danger, thirst, or hunger,  
 No pain or poverty,  
 No earthly tyrant's anger  
 Shall ever vanquish me.  
 Though earth should break assunder,  
 You are my Savior true;  
 No fire or sword or thunder  
 Shall sever me from you.

7 My heart for joy is springing  
 And can no more be sad.  
 'Tis full of joy and singing,  
 Sees only sunshine glad.  
 The sun that cheers my spirit  
 Is Jesus Christ, my King;  
 The heav'n I shall inherit  
 Makes me rejoice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, st. 1-3, 6-7, alt.; unknown, st. 4-5, alt.  
 Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**November 10-17, 2024**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible study</b>
Monday	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>
Saturday	7:45 PM	<b>中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)</b>
Sunday (11/17)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible study</b>

*The paraments are red for Last Judgment. Red is the color for the Holy Spirit, who gives God's people faith to believe in Jesus as Savior and courage to share the gospel with others. Red also symbolizes the martyrs of the church. Their blood shed in defense of the gospel encourages God's people to be resolute in testifying for the faith.*

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** – We are glad to have you worship with us today! Please sign the guest register in the center church entryway so that we



have a record of your visit. Our pastor, Adam Gawel, would be happy to speak with you if you would like; please contact him (see page 2 for contact information). Please join us for worship or Bible study again!

**MEMORIAL**—In loving memory of Mrs. Vivian Thompson on her birthday which falls on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, and Mr. Robert Petzel on his birthday which falls on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

### **LUTHERAN MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP (LMSG) AMMO CAN DONATION**

In connection with Veterans Day, we will gather a free-will offering for the Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG), in support of our military men, women, and their families. LMSG, a partnership of WELS and ELS veterans, is working to bring Christian support to military members and their families in our congregations and beyond. By placing your gift in the ammo can located in the center entryway, you are supporting the work of congregations that are ministering to nearby military families, the WELS civilian chaplain program, and global broadcasts of Time of Grace to our military. Questions? Visit [lutheranmilitary.org](http://lutheranmilitary.org) THANK YOU for standing shoulder to shoulder with those serving our nation!

### **NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY SERIES CONTINUES: “Apologetics: Defending the Faith” – Sundays after worship**

*Apologetics: Defending the Faith* is a six-lesson Bible study to help us thoughtfully and lovingly engage in conversation with people who are skeptical of the Christian faith. We do this using God’s gift of reason, rooted in gentleness and respect, all with the goal of love toward our neighbor. Each lesson includes video segments by Wisconsin Lutheran College professor Rev. Dr. Michael Berg, a study guide, and time for discussion. May this study lead us to see apologetics as a ministry of caring for others! All are welcome! (If you missed a lesson or would like to rewatch one of the videos, you can find them here:

<https://welscongregationservices.net/apologetics-defending-the-faith/>

### **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!

### **CHORAL FEST CONCERT AT ILS, CRETE – Nov. 10 (today), 2:00pm**

Illinois Lutheran Schools in Crete, IL, is hosting this year's WELS East Regional Choral Festival, with over 220 WELS area Lutheran high school choir members and their directors. They will be performing a sacred concert on Nov. 10 (today) at 2:00pm, in the high school gym, at 1610 Main St., Crete, IL (in the school building behind Zion Lutheran Church). All are welcome to attend!

### **WELS ONLINE TEEN BIBLE STUDY – Nov. 10 (today), 6:00pm**

What's the hardest test you've ever been through? Maybe math or chemistry comes to mind, but you've likely been through tests much harder than that. Family problems, friend problems, personal disappointment, a death in the family—all these things can become extraordinary tests to our faith. At a time in life when many questions, doubts, and fears can easily overwhelm you, it's important to stay connected to God and to fellow believers! **Join fellow WELS teens from around the country for a special online Bible study Nov. 10 (today) at 6:00 p.m.** The 1-hour Bible study will have opportunity to connect with other teens, study and discuss God's Word, and apply it specifically to your lives today. The Bible study will be led by Pastor Phil Huebner, the campus pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee.

### **SUPPORT FUND FOR THE MASSEY FAMILY**

WELS Apache pastor Kirk Massey died suddenly on Oct. 8 at the age of 47, leaving behind his wife Sheree and their 5 children. A GoFundMe page has been set up to support the Massey family, including a video with a clip of Pastor Massey sharing the gospel. Please keep the Massey family in your prayers, and give if you are so moved:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-massey-family-a?attribution>

### **J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* – Nov. 25 (Mon.), 7:30pm – downtown**

From the opening chorus's joyful, exuberant trumpets and timpani, the Christmas gospel unfolds in dramatic narrative, moving arias, and stirring chorales. Dame Jane Glover brings together an impressive cast of soloists, including the astonishing tenor Gwilym Bowen as the Evangelist, with the Music of the Baroque Chorus and Orchestra in the full version of this powerful and passionate work. **Use code**

**ORATORIO20 at checkout to receive 20% off all available tickets at Symphony Center (220 S. Michigan Ave.).** Tickets and concert information: [baroque.org/christmasoratorio](http://baroque.org/christmasoratorio)

## **WORKPLACE GIVING FOR CHRISTIAN LIFE RESOURCES (CLR)**

The United Way has launched its 2024-2025 campaign. Christian Life Resources (CLR), a WELS-affiliated ministry, is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization included in the United Way's Donor Choice program. That means you can participate in the United Way campaign (or other similar workplace giving programs) and direct your support to CLR. CLR touches countless lives as a ministry of love and compassion centered around the Gospel of Jesus Christ and promoting the sanctity of life. If you intend to participate in the United Way campaign, please consider supporting our ministry through the Donor Choice program. For more information, go to [www.ChristianLifeResources.com](http://www.ChristianLifeResources.com)

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNED FOR DEC. 8 AT MAMA LUIGI'S; SIGN UP**

On December 8 (Sunday) 1:00-5:00, a Christmas party and fellowship lunch is planned at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, 7500 S. Harlem, Bridgeview. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bible study table in the back of the worship space, and mark your calendar, to enjoy this time of fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ!

## **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.)

## **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.

## **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.

**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)

**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](mailto:del Laurentis.sam@gmail.com) with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in October
\$14,517.92	\$6,270.34

Offerings received last week: \$1,336.77  
(budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)

**Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 41** (34 adults; 7 children)

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

**Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 7**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 10** (Sun.: 10)

**Sunday school: 7**

**Youth confirmation class: n/a**