

If I give all I possess to the  
poor and give over my  
body to hardship that I  
may boast, but do not  
have love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:3 NIV

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 2, 2025**

**SERVICE THEME:  
God's Love Enables Us to Love in a Genuine Way**



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## February 2, 2025 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

**SERVICE THEME: God’s Love Enables Us to Love in a Genuine Way**

**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**

*Our human inclination is to listen without faith. This can only lead us to the brow of a cliff and throwing Jesus out of our lives. But the Savior of the Nations comes with his gracious words of redemption and membership in his body. The Word of the Lord is proclaimed through the revelation of his Anointed One. In him faith is rooted, love flourishes, and salvation is known from generation to generation.*

**Communicant members** are encouraged 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).

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Rise, Shine, You People



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



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



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



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

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**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.**

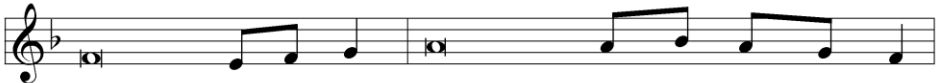
**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**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.



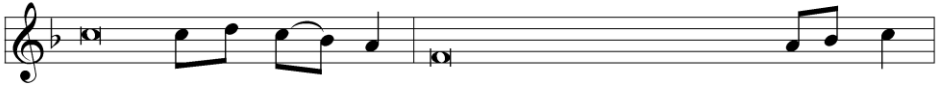
**C:** Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we worship 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.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; 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** – Jeremiah 1:4-10 (EHV) – 耶利米书 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup>The word of the LORD came to me.

<sup>5</sup>Before I formed you in the womb, I knew<sup>a</sup> you, and before you were born, I set you apart.

I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations.

<sup>6</sup>But I said, “Ah, LORD God! I really do not know how to speak! I am only a child!”

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’ You must go to everyone to whom I send you and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, because I am with you, and I will rescue you, declares the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. The LORD said to me:

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<sup>a</sup> Or *chose*

There! I have now placed my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Look, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms  
to uproot and to tear down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 78 – CW93 p. 95 (NIV84) – 诗篇 78

*Refrain*



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

*Psalm tone*



**Refrain**

O my people, hear my teaching;<sup>\*</sup>  
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,<sup>\*</sup>  
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;<sup>\*</sup>  
we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

**Refrain**

The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob<sup>\*</sup>  
and established the law in Israel,

so the next generation would know them,<sup>\*</sup>  
and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God<sup>\*</sup>  
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son<sup>\*</sup>  
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** – 1 Corinthians 12:27 – 13:13 (EHV) – 哥林多前书 12:27 – 13:13

<sup>27</sup>You are the body of Christ, and individually you are members of it.  
<sup>28</sup>And God appointed in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then miracles, healing gifts, helpful acts, leadership abilities, kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all miracle workers? <sup>30</sup>Do all have healing gifts? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But eagerly seek the greater gifts. And now, I am going to show you a more excellent way.

13 If I speak in the tongues<sup>c</sup> of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned<sup>d</sup> but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. <sup>5</sup>It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears<sup>a</sup> all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.<sup>b</sup>

<sup>8</sup>Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, <sup>10</sup>but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. <sup>12</sup>Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then

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<sup>c</sup> Or *languages*

<sup>d</sup> A few witnesses to the text read *that I may boast*.

<sup>a</sup> Or *keeps silent about*

<sup>b</sup> Or *It always endures, always believes, always hopes, always perseveres*

we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known.

<sup>13</sup>So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia. (*Luke 4:18a, NIV*)



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

**GOSPEL** – Luke 4:20-32 (EHV) – 路加福音 4:20-32

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



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

<sup>20</sup>He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

<sup>21</sup>He began to tell them, “Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

<sup>22</sup>They all spoke well of him and were impressed by the words of grace that came from his mouth. And they kept saying, “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?”

<sup>23</sup>He told them, “Certainly you will quote this proverb to me, ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ Do here in your hometown everything we heard you did in Capernaum.” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Amen<sup>a</sup> I tell you: No prophet is accepted in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But truly I tell you: There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut for three years and six months, while a great famine came over all the land.

<sup>26</sup>Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow of Zarephath, in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the

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<sup>a</sup> Usually people say *Amen* at the end of a prayer, but Jesus used this Hebrew word at the beginning of a statement, which was unique. The inspired writer simply transliterated the Hebrew word that Jesus spoke, instead of using a Greek term. This translation does the same in English. The basic meaning is *I solemnly tell you the truth*.





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## Oh, Love, How Deep



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore  
 4 For us he prayed, for us he taught;  
 5 For us, by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
 Of high - er or of low - er place,  
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
 For us his dai - ly works he wrought,  
 For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,



That God, the Son of God, should take  
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp he knew,  
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus  
 He bore the shame - ful cross and death;



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
 And to this world him - self he came.  
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 Still seek - ing not him - self but us.  
 For us he gave his dy - ing breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;  
 For us he went on high to reign;  
 For us he sent his Spirit here  
 To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God  
 For love so deep, so high, so broad,  
 The Trinity whom we adore  
 Forever and forevermore.

Text: attr. Thomas à Kempis, 1380–1471, abr.; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–85, alt.  
 Tune: DEO GRACIAS (LM) English melody, 15th century.

**SERMON** – 1 Corinthians 12:27 – 13:13 – God's Love Enables Us to Love  
 in a Genuine Way – 讲道: 基于 哥林多前书 12:27 – 13:13

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

# 490 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing,  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing,  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er,



Bind - ing faith - ful hearts in one;  
Clothed in Christ's hu - mil - i - ty,  
Faint - ing not when ills at - tend;



Love in Christ is true and giv - ing—  
Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May his will in us be done!  
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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## 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:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary’s son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

**C:** **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

**M:** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**C:** **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

**M:** Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**C:** **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

**M:** Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**C:** **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

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

*for home missions:*

Lord, as you call workers to serve in your church, we ask that you also continue to equip them for ministry. We thank you for fellow workers who are eager to share their experiences and mentor the next generation of gospel servants. May this strengthening of our leaders result in the nurturing of more members and visitors to our churches through Christ’s good

news in Word and sacraments so that they may also serve you better. Amen.

*for the spread of the gospel in China:*

Precious Jesus, our God and our Savior, you want all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth about your grace. Flood the nation of China with the good news that you are the only mediator between your Father and humankind. By the power of your gospel, bring hundreds of millions there to praise you for giving yourself as their eternal ransom. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**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 closed 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.**

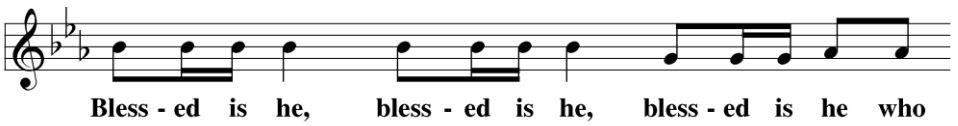
**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. 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.

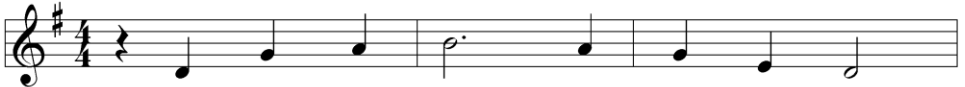




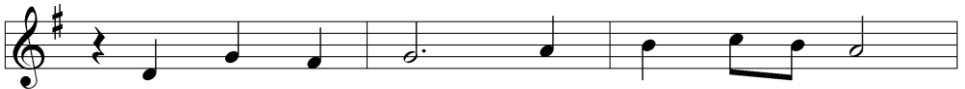
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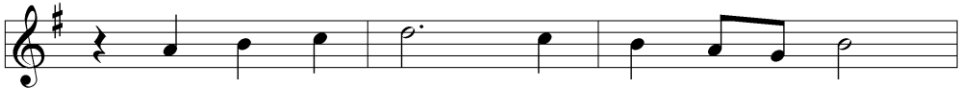
# 498      **Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire**



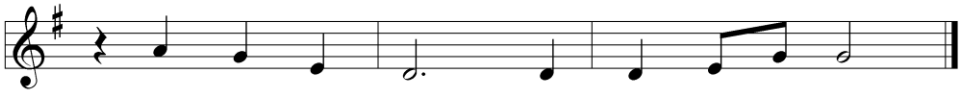
1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire  
2 Though I may give all I pos - sess  
3 Come, Spir - it, come; our hearts con - trol.



And have the gift to all in - spire  
And, striv - ing so, my love pro - fess  
Our spir - its long to be made whole.



And have not love, my words are vain—  
But not be giv'n by love with - in,  
Let in - ward love guide ev - 'ry deed;



As sound - ing brass— and hope - less gain.  
The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
By this we wor - ship and are freed.

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**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**February 2-9, 2025**

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>
Thursday	6:30 PM	Planning meeting for "Chicago's Birthday Party"
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (2/9)	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 the Epiphany. Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles, along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through the proclamation of God's Word, calls for the use of green – the symbolic color of growth.*

**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 (773-217-8132 / pastor@standrewchicago.org). Please join us again soon!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY: "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. All are welcome! (If you missed a lesson or would like to rewatch one of the videos, you can find them here:

<https://welscongregationalservices.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!

### **YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS – Mondays 6:30pm; alt. 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 if needed, to accommodate the schedules of everyone who is interested.

### **HELP NEEDED FOR “CHICAGO’S BIRTHDAY PARTY” – March 4 (Tue.), 6pm**

In cooperation with a number of community organizations, St. Andrew will be helping to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Chicago’s Birthday Party” on March 4 (Tuesday) at 6:00pm. Some area businesses have donated funds to rent a 30 by 60 foot tent, stage, sound, and light system, which will be set up in the street in front of St. Andrew. We are providing use of our tables and chairs for the event, and access to our bathrooms. We will need a number of our members to volunteer to serve as greeters and help keep an eye on our premises during the event, as well as to help set up and take down tables and chairs (volunteers from other community organizations will help with that as well, but it would be nice to have a number of our members to help as well, and to mingle with the other attendees). Neighborhood businesses will also provide some free food, beverages, and cake for the event. For more information, and to invite others, go to <https://mckinleypark.org/> . ... And, if you’d like to help in the final stages of planning, you’re welcome to join us for planning meetings this Thursday (Feb. 6) and Feb. 25 (Tue.) at 6:30pm in our church. Contact Pastor Gawel or John Hughes for more info.

## **LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP AT ST. MATTHEW’S, NILES, IL – Feb. 22, Sat.**

Our sister church, St. Matthew’s, in Niles, IL, is inviting any of our members who are interested to attend a workshop on Christian leadership on Feb. 22 (Sat.), from 8:30 to 2:30. This workshop offers practical tools and skills for Christians to grow as leaders in their church – whether you’re currently in an official leadership position or not. Cindy Jansen will be at St. Matthew’s to lead this workshop. She is a leadership facilitator at a firm in Brookfield, WI, and has worked with leadership teams at many churches to develop leaders through Faith Unleashed Consulting. Workshop topics include: *How To Be An Effective Leader; How to Lead With Emotional Intelligence; The Art of Listening, Asking Questions, and Feedback*. Lunch is included. There is no cost to attend. Go to [www.smniles.org/leadership-workshop](http://www.smniles.org/leadership-workshop) to register.

## **WELS ONLINE TEEN BIBLE STUDY – Feb. 16 (Sun.), 6:00pm, via Zoom – “Love to the Fullest”**

Some sources claim that there have been over 100 million songs written in our world about the topic of love. Everyone’s talking—or singing—about it, but what exactly is love? What does it look like? How do we know when we find it? How do we know how to show it? This interactive online Bible study for teens will explore those questions and more as we look closely at Jesus and find out what is “Love to the Fullest.” More info and registration link here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/discipleship/national-teen-bible-study/>

## **“TABOO QUESTIONS” PODCAST/VIDEOS WITH PASTOR MIKE NOVOTNY**

Have you ever had questions you wanted to ask a pastor but felt silly or embarrassed to ask them? Questions about “taboo” topics (that is, topics that feel “off-limits”), like: sex, politics, porn, IVF, and mental illness? Well, there’s a podcast for that! Hear how Pastor Mike Novotny from Time of Grace answers some real questions from people just like you, giving thoughtful, Bible-based answers that point people back to Jesus. New episodes published every week! Find even more questions and links to Apple and Spotify podcasts and YouTube videos at [www.timeofgrace.org/tabooquestions](http://www.timeofgrace.org/tabooquestions). You can also order Pastor Mike’s book, *Taboo: Topics Christians Should Be Talking About but Don’t*, at <https://www.tabobook.org/>. Pastor Gawel is also available for confidential, Bible-based conversation and prayer at any time, about these or any other matters.

## **“made. known.” WELS WEBSITE ON IDENTITY, GENDER, & SEXUALITY**

Identity and human sexuality have become key spiritual concerns with numerous cultural pivots over time. Many people have questions about sexuality and gender in connection with their faith. This new WELS website, <https://madeknown.net/>, exists to walk with you in faith through identity, gender, and sexuality, so that together we can all see how wide and high and deep is the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:18). Formed at the request of the Conference of Presidents of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), *made. known.* is an effort of the WELS Committee on Identity, Gender, and Sexuality. The committee is made up of pastors, counselors, teachers, and other members of the WELS. Pastor Gawel is also available for confidential, Bible-based conversation and prayer at any time, about these or any other matters.

## **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.)

## **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.

## **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！

### **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.welscongregationalervices.net/marriagemoments](http://www.welscongregationalervices.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](mailto:del Laurentis.sam@gmail.com) with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in January
\$14,517.92	\$5,983.31

Offerings last week: \$1,972.72 (budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)

**Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 59 (44 adults, 15 children)**

**Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 8**

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

**Adult Bible study attendance: 8 (Sun.: 6; Tue.: 2)**

**Sunday school: 6**

**Youth confirmation class: n/a**

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