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Living Out God's Radical Love**



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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

*As love has been shined on us from the Lord's Anointed, so we reflect that love to all, even to our enemies.*

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O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, O Foun - tain ev - er  
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and  
 3 Keep me from say - ing things That lat - er need re -  
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and



flow - ing, Who good and per - fect gifts In mer -  
 will - ing What - ev - er you com - mand, My call -  
 call - ing; Grant that no i - dle words May from  
 ac - tions, And let me find good friends For coun -



cy are be - stow - ing, Give me a health - y  
 ing here ful - fill - ing, That I do what I  
 my lips be - fall - ing, But then, when in my  
 sel and cor - rec - tion. Help me, as you have



frame, And may I have with - in A con -  
 should While trust - ing you to bless The out -  
 place I must and ought to speak, My words  
 taught, To love both great and small And by



science free from blame, A soul un - hurt by sin.  
 come for my good, For you must give suc - cess.  
 grant pow'r and grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
 your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (II) (67 67 66 66) *Neu- vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

**INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** 召喚，認罪及赦罪

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

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

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

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

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



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



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



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



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



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



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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** 本日共祷文

**M:** Let us pray.

Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**FIRST READING** – Genesis 45:3-15 (EHV) – 创世记 45:3-15

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?”

His brothers could not answer him, because they were terrified by his presence. <sup>4</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me, please.”

They came closer. He said, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>Now do not be upset or angry with yourselves for selling me to this place, since God sent me ahead of you to preserve life.

<sup>6</sup>For two years now the famine has been in the land, and there are still five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me ahead of you to preserve you as survivors on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great act of deliverance. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent

me here, but God, and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord over his entire household, and ruler over the whole land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry, go up to my father and tell him, "This is what your son Joseph says: "God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me. Do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall live in the land of Goshen, where you will be close to me—you, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will take care of you here, for there are still five years of famine. Otherwise you will come to ruin, you, and your household, and all that you have." ' <sup>12</sup>Pay attention. Your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You shall tell my father all about my position of honor in Egypt and about everything that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

<sup>14</sup>He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his shoulder. <sup>15</sup>He kissed all his brothers and wept over them. After that his brothers talked with him.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 103 – CW93 p. 105 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 103

*Refrain*



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.

*Psalm tone*



**Refrain**

Praise the LORD, O my soul;\*  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins\*  
and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave\*  
and crowns you with love and compassion.

**Refrain**

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,\*  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve\*  
or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,\*  
so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,\*  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

### ***Refrain***

As a father has compassion on his children,\*  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed,\*  
he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;\*  
the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him\*  
from everlasting to everlasting.

**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** – Romans 12:14-21 (EHV) – 罗马书 12:14-21

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who are rejoicing; weep with those who are weeping. <sup>16</sup>Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves.

<sup>17</sup>Do not pay anyone back evil for evil. Focus on those things that everyone considers noble. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, maintain peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup>Do not take revenge, dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath. For it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay,”<sup>b</sup> says the Lord. <sup>20</sup>But:

If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him a drink.

For by doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.<sup>c</sup>

<sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Alleluia. (*Luke 6:36*)



### GOSPEL – Luke 6:27-38 (EHV) – 路加福音 6:27-38

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. <sup>28</sup>Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup>If someone strikes you on one cheek, offer the other too. If someone takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes away your things, do not demand them back.

<sup>31</sup>“Treat others just as you would want them to treat you. <sup>32</sup>If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? To be sure, even the sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners do the same thing. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you expect to be repaid, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners lend to sinners in order to be paid back in full. <sup>35</sup>Instead, love your enemies, do good and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the unthankful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and

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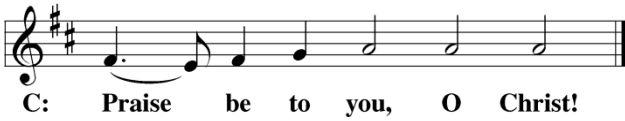
<sup>b</sup> Deuteronomy 32:35

<sup>c</sup> Proverbs 25:21, 22



you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup>Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. In fact, the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you.”

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



### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *Son of God, Eternal Savior* – CW93 #492 – printed on page 13 – 圣诗 — 在第13页

**SERMON** – Romans 12:14-21 – Living Out God’s Radical Love – 讲道：基于罗马书 12:14-21

### **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. 19-20).

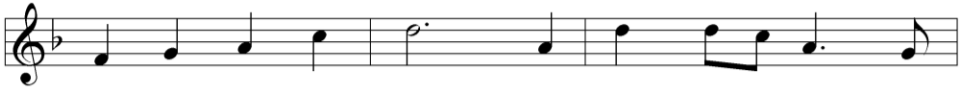


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## Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,” You  
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless The  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals The  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And



taught us, Lord, to pray, But you a - lone can  
 un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and  
 truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are  
 bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.  
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owed to us; How great our debt to you!  
 bonds of love Our lives will spread your peace.

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 Tune: DETROIT (CM) *A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony*, Harrisonburg, 1820.

### 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 mission work in London and the United Kingdom:*

Lord Jesus, continue to bless Missionary Mike Hartman and others who are spearheading the gospel outreach efforts in London, England. We ask that you move the hearts of more people in London to come and learn about the great love you have for them. Bless the mission's YouTube channel, "Discover Hidden Gems," with many viewers. May those who watch be prompted to want to better know you as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. 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.**

### 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 – In Unity and Peace – CWS #773 – printed on pages 14-15 – 圣诗 — 在第14-15页**



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior,  
 2 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us,  
 3 Bind us all as one to - geth - er  
 4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers,



Source of life and truth and grace, Word made  
 King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the  
 In your Church's sa - cred fold, Weak and  
 So may we for oth - ers live. Free - ly



flesh, whose birth a - mong us, Hon - ors  
 storm of strife and pas - sion; Bid its  
 health - y, poor and wealth - y, Sad and  
 have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly



all our hu - man race, You our head,  
 cru - el dis - cords cease. By your pa -  
 joy - ful, young and old. Is there want  
 may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold



who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will  
 tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent  
 or pain or sor - row? Make us all the  
 and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of



ev - er plead: Fill us with your love and  
 hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered thirst for  
 bur - den share. Are there spir - its crushed and  
 land and sea; We but stew - ards of your



pit - y; Heal our wrongs and help our need.  
 plea - sure; Stem our self - ish greed for gain.  
 bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.  
 boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.

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## In Unity and Peace

*Refrain*

How good it is and how pleas - ant to



live in u - ni - ty and peace. How



good it is and how pleas - ant to



live to - geth - er in one Lord. Lord.

*Verses*

1 In the name of our Lord Je - sus Christ, a -  
 2 Live a life that is wor - thy of your call; be  
 3 Share the love that has joined us as one; u -



gree in ev - 'ry - thing you say.  
 hum - ble, gen - tle, and pa - tient.  
 nite in spir - it and i - deals.



May there be no di - vi - sions a - mong you, but  
 Bear with each oth - er in ways that are lov - ing; pre -  
 Nev - er be ri - vals; do not be con - ceit - ed, but



be u - ni - ted in one mind.  
 serve the u - ni - ty of faith. For there is  
 look to oth - ers in their need.



one Lord, one faith, one

*To Refrain*



God of us all.

Text (refrain): Psalm 133:1; alt.

Text (verses): 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1-3,5,6; Philippians 2:2-4, alt.

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## ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK

February 23 – March 2, 2025

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>
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Planning meeting for "Chicago's Birthday Party"
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (3/2)	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 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!

**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 the final planning meeting on Feb. 25 (Tue.) at 6:30pm in our church. Contact Pastor Gawel or John Hughes for more info.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – March 5, 7:00pm ; including optional imposition of ashes**

Please join us for worship on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00pm. This year again we will offer the imposition of ashes for those who desire to receive it, during the Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00pm or at another time by appointment with Pastor Gawel.

### **Travel with WELS Groups**

Interested in traveling with other members of our WELS faith family where daily devotion and Christian fellowship are integral parts of the itinerary? The OWLS (WELS Seniors group) is partnering with *Father's World Tours* to offer two upcoming trips, and WELS members of all ages are eligible to come along. Nature enthusiasts, spend some time with MLC Professor Emeritus Jim Pope in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. The May 10-16 trip offers convenient starting points (MSP, New Ulm, or Sioux Falls) and affordable pre/post-tour (May 9 or 16) hotel opportunities. History lovers, join MLC professors Pete Baganz, Paul Koelpin, and Keith Wessel for a bucket list June 8-25 trip to London, Normandy, and Paris. Group flights are available from Chicago or Minneapolis. Registration closes March 14.

Visit [www.fathersworldtours.com](http://www.fathersworldtours.com) or contact Steve Balza ([steve@fathersworldtours.com](mailto:steve@fathersworldtours.com) or 507-217-1731) for full details.

### **“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.

### **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.

### **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**

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### **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 January
\$14,517.92	\$5,983.31

Offerings received last week: \$1,494.49

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$4,365.17

### **Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 41** (30 adults, 11 children)

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

**Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: n/a**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 9** (Sun.: 6; Tue.: 3)

**Sunday school: 6**

**Youth confirmation class: 4**

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