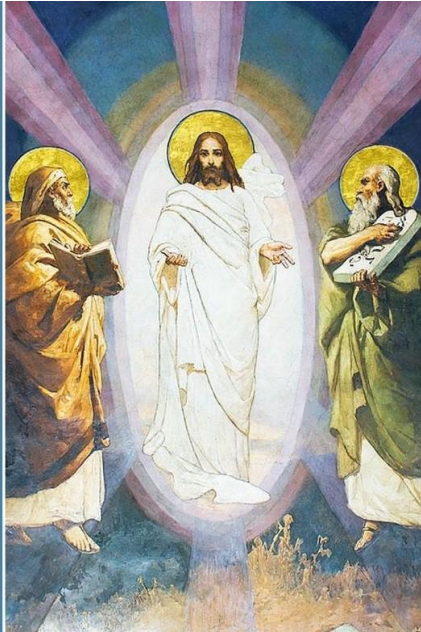


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listen to him.”

Luke 9:35

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord



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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

Jesus is revealed as the Lord of glory.

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).

96 Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair



1 Oh, won - drous type! Oh, vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 5 O Fa - ther, with th' e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
 Th' in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high,
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise
 We pray you, bring us by your grace



Where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
 Who trust in his a - ton - ing love.
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 To see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, 15th century; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: DEO GRACIAS (LM) English melody, 15th century.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召喚，認罪及赦罪

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

C: Amen.

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

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

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

C: Amen.

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



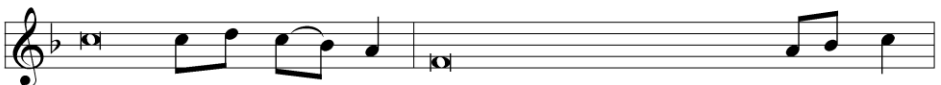
C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



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



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



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



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



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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Exodus 34:29-35 (EHV) – 出埃及记 34:29-35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the LORD. ³⁰When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. ³¹Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. ³²Afterward, all the people of Israel came close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out again. Then

he would come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded. ³⁵Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD again.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 148 – CWS p. 61 (NIV84) – 诗篇 148

Refrain



We have seen his glo - ry; he shines forth with truth and grace.

Psalm Tone



Refrain

Praise the LORD from the heavens,
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars.

Refrain

Praise the LORD from the earth,
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Refrain

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**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 – 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 (EHV) – 哥林多后书 3:7-18

⁷If the ministry that brought death (which was engraved in letters on stone) came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look directly at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face (though it was fading), ⁸how will the ministry of the spirit^d not be much more glorious? ⁹For if the ministry that brought condemnation has glory, the ministry that brought righteousness has even more glory. ¹⁰In fact, in this case, what was glorious is no longer very glorious, because of the greater glory of that which surpasses it. ¹¹Indeed, if what is fading away was glorious, how much more glorious is that which is permanent!

¹²Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. ¹³We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away. ¹⁴In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. ¹⁵Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸But all of us who reflect the Lord's glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia. (*Mark 9:7b*)

^d Or *Spirit*



GOSPEL – Luke 9:28-36 (EHV) – 路加福音 9:28-36

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



²⁸About eight days after he said these words, Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰Just then, two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him! ³¹They appeared in glory and were talking about his departure,^a which he was going to bring to fulfillment in Jerusalem.

³²Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but when they were completely awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

³³As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let’s make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not realize what he was saying.

³⁴While he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. They were afraid as they went into the cloud. ³⁵Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love.^a Listen to him!” ³⁶After the voice had spoken, they found Jesus alone. They kept this secret and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

^a Or *exodus*

^a A few witnesses to the text read *my chosen one* instead of *whom I love*.

NICENE CREED 尼西亚信经

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

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Down from the Mount of Glory* – CW93 #97 –
printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus
 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - diant
 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the
 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that
 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus



Christ, our Lord. Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,
 in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,
 mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,
 is his fame Our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed
 Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry



Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will
 For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from
 His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -
 A mount—the hill of shame. Up - on the cross he
 Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -



view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er
 heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words "my
 a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer
 prof - ered Him - self to ag - o - ny; His ho - ly
 claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -



hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.
 Son" were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.
 deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know.
 soul he of - fered To set the guilt - y free.
 ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

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 Tune: ICH FREU MICH IN DEM HERREN (76 76 D) Bartholomäus Helder, 1585–1635.

SERMON – Luke 9:28-36 – Jesus Brings Us to Eternal Glory – 讲道：基
 于路加福音 9:28-36

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

95 How Good, Lord, to Be Here



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry
2 How good, Lord, to be here Your beau - ty
3 Ful - fill - er of the past, Prom - ise of
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may



fills the night; Your face and gar - ments, like
to be - hold; Where Mo - ses and E - li -
things to be, We hail your bod - y glo -
king - dom come; We long to hold the vi -
not re - main; But since you bid us leave



the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
sion bright And make this hill our home.
the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.
Tune: POTSDAM (SM) J. S. Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

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. 24).



RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER 接收新教会成员

The one being received into membership presents himself before the altar, and the minister addresses the congregation:

M: Dear members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Darren Eichler, having been baptized and instructed in the teachings of the Word of God, desires to become a member of this congregation.

The minister addresses those being received:

M: Dear brother in Christ, our Lord Jesus Christ promises to confess before his Father in heaven those who faithfully confess him on earth. You have come before this Christian congregation to declare your faith and to unite with us in Christian love and fellowship. Therefore, lift up your heart to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions:

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If so, answer: I do.

R: **I do.**

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from your Bible study here, is faithful and true to the Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

R: **I do.**

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in the true Christian faith, be diligent in the use of God's Word and Sacraments, and lead a godly life even to death? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

R: **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

M: Will you support with your prayers, time, talents, and offerings the work our Lord has given to this congregation? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

R: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

M: Having heard your promises, we, the members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, receive you in fellowship and love, and invite you to share in our worship and mission, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER 祷告

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined this brother in Christ to your Church when he was born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught him your saving truth. Grant that he may offer himself as a living sacrifice to you as his spiritual act of worship. Transform him by the renewing of his mind so that he will not conform to the pattern of this world. Help us live in love and harmony with one another and work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: Go in peace.

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 ministerial education:

Lord Jesus, we pray that you would raise up the next generation of leaders in our church body through the power of your good news in Word and Sacraments—and through our encouragement. Help family members, church members, pastors, and teachers to urge young men and women who have a love for you and for others to consider gospel ministry. May encouragement and financial support from individuals and congregations build up ministerial education students as they go about their studies. You know, Lord, how so many people need to hear about your salvation. Provide your church with devoted workers—and their encouragers—so that your name may be proclaimed in all the earth. 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:

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 耶稣设立圣餐的话

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

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

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

C: Amen.

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

DISTRIBUTION 分发圣餐 – 只邀请已经受坚信礼的本会成员来领受
At the direction of the usher, current communicant members of St. Andrew and our sister churches in the WELS and ELS may come forward down the center aisle, then wait until directed by an usher to go to the communion rail. Communicants may kneel or stay standing. Please hold out your hand to receive the bread. If you wish to partake of the common cup, do not take an individual cup when the assistant comes by with the tray. Those who need to receive grape juice instead of wine may take the purple individual cups in the center of the tray. The minister and assistant will use hand sanitizer before and/or wear sterile gloves during communion setup and distribution. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak with the pastor or an usher to receive one.

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

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

PRAYER and BLESSING 祷告及祝福

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

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

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

C: **Amen.**

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

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

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of

faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, “praise the Lord.”

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter, when we gather to sing our praise to the risen Lord.

CLOSING HYMN – Alleluia, Song of Triumph (tune of CW93 #122)

ALLELUIA, SONG OF TRIUMPH



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
 4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a - dorned in
 jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, And with all his
 make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn
 here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
 faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
 time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
 more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study
Monday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Tuesday	6:00-8:00 PM	Chicago's Birthday Party
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (3/9)	9:30 AM	Worship Service (Lent 1)
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study

The paraments are white for the Festival of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. White is the color of purity and completeness. This color assists in bearing the message that "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). Christ's purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

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!

MEMORIAL — In loving memory of Charles Alan Thompson, on his birthday which falls on Feb. 29th, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

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 2nd annual “Chicago’s Birthday Party” on March 4 (Tuesday) at 6:00pm. Some area businesses have donated funds to rent several 20-by-20-foot tents, stage, and sound system, which will be set up in the sidewalk and 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 beverages and cake for the event. For more information, and to invite others, go to <https://mckinleypark.org/>. Speak with John Hughes about volunteering.

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: “Helping the Hurting with Hope” – Sundays after worship

This Bible study series seeks to help participants appreciate the role of compassion in a Christian’s personal and congregational life. It provides gospel motivation for participants to go beyond their comfort zones and act in compassionate ways through the Spirit’s power. By cultivating compassion, congregations will be better spiritual refuges for people with broken lives, and welcome people looking for a church family where they can walk a new path after release from prison, or in recovery from addiction, or starting a new life after a public fall into sin.

LENT DEVOTIONS: “IN THE SAVIOR’S STEPS”

WELS Women’s Ministry is offering weekly devotions for the 2025 season of Lent. We’re used to traveling with Jesus during Holy Week from the upper room to the cross to the empty tomb. But these aren’t the only places Jesus visited during his earthly ministry. This Lent, join WELS Women’s Ministry as we follow in our Savior’s steps through a series of weekly devotions. Subscribe: <https://wels.net/wm-lenten-devotions/>

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 11:00 / after worship

Sunday school is held after the worship service, either in the church basement or in the ministry center (next-door to church). Sunday school is open to children from age 3 through 8th grade. (High-schoolers are welcome to join adult Bible study in church during the same time.) All are welcome!

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 or contact Steve Balza (steve@fathersworldtours.com or 507-217-1731) for full details.

“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

Sign up today for Marriage Moments

Every marriage has its “moments.” That’s why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Watch a video introduction and subscribe to receive the videos directly to your e-mail at

www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments

ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

There are a number of ways to give to St. Andrew online: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/>, then click on the “Giving” tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our church’s invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address. You can download the Vanco Mobile app from the [Apple App Store](#) for iOS devices or the [Google Play Store](#) for Android devices. Please contact St. Andrew’s elder for stewardship, Sam DeLaurentis del Laurentis.sam@gmail.com with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in February
\$14,517.92	\$5,643.01

Offerings received last week: \$1,277.84

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

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 33 (28 adults, 5 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 7

Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 4

Adult Bible study attendance: 9 (Sun.: 5; Wed.: 4)

Sunday school: 5

Youth confirmation class: 4

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