

**'Sir, leave it for this year also,
and I shall cultivate the ground
around it and fertilize it;
it may bear fruit in the future.
If not you can cut it down.'**

-Luke 13:8-9

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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

At its heart, our Lenten journey must be one of Spirit-wrought repentance. Here is the Lenten invitation: turn from sin, fully confident of the Lord's deliverance.

102 Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains



1 En - slaved by sin and bound in chains, Be - neath its
 2 Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace, Nor all the
 3 Je - sus, the Lord, the might - y God, An all - suf -
 4 Je - sus the sac - ri - fice be - came To res - cue
 5 A - maz - ing good - ness! Love di - vine! Oh, may our



dread - ful ty - rant sway, And doomed to ev - er -
 world's col - lect - ed store Suf - fice to pur - chase
 fi - cient ran - som paid. O match - less price! His
 guilt - y souls from hell; The spot - less, bleed - ing,
 grate - ful hearts a - dore The match - less grace nor



last - ing pains We wretch - ed, guilt - y cap - tives lay.
 our re - lease; A thou - sand worlds were all too poor.
 pre - cious blood For vile, re - bel - lious trai - tors shed.
 dy - ing Lamb Be - neath a - veng - ing jus - tice fell.
 yield to sin Nor wear its cru - el fet - ters more!

Text: Anne Steele, 1717–78.

Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–1561.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召喚，认罪及赦罪

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

C: **And also with you.**

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

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

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PASSION HISTORY READING, PART 3: Luke 22:54-71 (EHV) 耶稣受难的记载，第三部分：路加福音22:54-71

Peter Denies Jesus

Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶A servant girl saw him sitting near the light. She looked closely at him and said, "This man also was with him."

⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

⁵⁸After a little while someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them!"

But Peter answered, "Man, I am not!"

⁵⁹After about one hour had passed, someone else was firmly insisting, "Truly this man was with him too, because he is a Galilean!"

⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about!" At that very moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the Lord's word, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today you will deny me three times." ⁶²He went outside and wept bitterly.

The Guards Mock Jesus

⁶³The men who were holding Jesus in custody mocked him while they were beating him. ⁶⁴They blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who hit you?" ⁶⁵And they went on saying many other blasphemous things against him.

Jewish Court

⁶⁶As soon as it was day, the council of the elders of the people met together, both the chief priests and experts in the law. They brought him into their Sanhedrin and said, ⁶⁷“If you are the Christ, tell us.”

But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸and if I ask you, you will not answer me or release me.¹ ⁶⁹But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”²

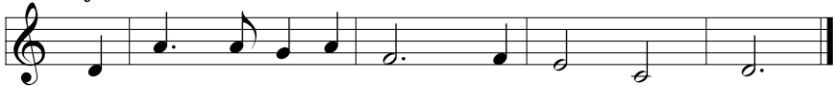
⁷⁰They all said, “Are you then the Son of God?”

He said to them, “I am what you are saying.”

⁷¹Then they said, “Why do we need any more testimony? For we ourselves have heard it from his own mouth!”

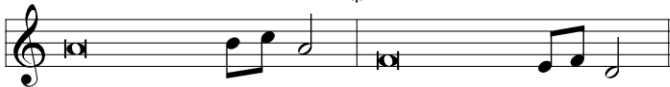
PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 38 – CW93 p. 81 (text NIV84)

Refrain



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Psalm tone



Refrain

O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger*
or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have pierced me,*
and your hand has come down upon me.

My guilt has overwhelmed me*
like a burden too heavy to bear.

Refrain

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;*

¹68 A few witnesses to the text omit *or release me*.

²69 Psalm 110:1

my sighing is not hidden from you.

I wait for you, O LORD;*
you will answer, O Lord my God.

Come quickly to help me,*
O Lord my Savior.

**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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FIRST READING – Exodus 3:1-15 (EHV) – 出埃及记 3:1-15

Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. ³So he said, “I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up.”

⁴When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, “Moses! Moses!”
Moses said, “I am here.”

⁵The LORD said, “Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶He then said, “I am the God of your fathers,^a the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The LORD said, “I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to deliver them

^a The Samaritan Pentateuch and Acts 7:32 read *fathers*. The main Hebrew text has the singular.

from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹Now indeed, the Israelites' cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹²So he said, "I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain."

¹³But Moses said to God, "If I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what should I say to them?"

¹⁴So God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."^b He also said, "You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."

¹⁵God also told Moses, "Say this to the Israelites: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.'

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (EHV) – 哥林多前书 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, ²and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples to warn us not to desire evil things the way they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters like some of them—as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and got

^b This translation follows the ancient Jewish and Christian tradition of not reading God's personal name (YHWH), but pronouncing it as *Lord* (*Adonai*) and writing it as *LORD*. This name, known as the Tetragrammaton ("the four-letter name"), means "he is." It was probably originally pronounced like *Yahweh*, but in poetry it sometimes occurs as the short form *Yah*. When the LORD speaks of himself, he can call himself *I AM*.

up to celebrate wildly.”^a ⁸And let us not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. ⁹Let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and so were being destroyed by the serpents. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹All^b these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

¹²So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall.

¹³No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

GOSPEL – Luke 13:1-9 (EHV) – 路加福音 13:1-9

At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²He answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? ³I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse sinners than all the people living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too.”

⁶He told them this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it, but he did not find any. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘Look, for three years now I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I have found none. Cut it down. Why even let it use up the soil?’ ⁸But the gardener replied to him, ‘Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. ⁹If it produces fruit next year, fine. But if not, then cut it down.’”

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



^a Exodus 32:6

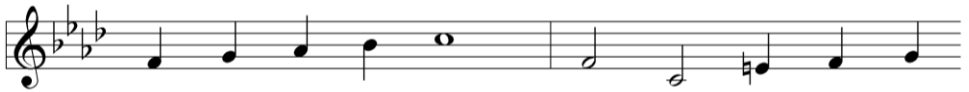
^b A few witnesses to the text omit *All*.

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Lord, to You I Make Confession



1 Lord, to you I make con - fes - sion: I have
 2 Yet, though con - science' voice ap - pall me, Fa - ther,
 3 For your Son has suf - fered for me, Giv'n him -
 4 Lord, on you I cast my bur - den— Sink it



sinned and gone a - stray; I have mul - ti - plied
 I will seek your face. Though your child I dare
 self to res - cue me, Died to save me and
 in the depths be - low! Let me know your gra -



trans - gres - sion, Cho - sen for my - self my way.
 not call me, Yet re - ceive me to your grace.
 re - store me, Rec - on - ciled and set me free.
 cious par - don; Wash me, make me white as snow.



Led by you to see my er - rors,
 Do not for my sins for - sake me;
 Je - sus' cross a - lone can van - quish
 Let your Spir - it leave me nev - er;



Lord, I trem - ble at your ter - rors.
 Do not let your wrath o'er - take me.
 These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.
 Make me on - ly yours for - ev - er.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: HERR, ICH HABE MISSGEHANDELT (87 87 88) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

SERMON – Luke 13:1-9 – Don't Ignore the Warnings – 讲道：基于 路加福音 13:1-9

APOSTLES' CREED 使徒信经

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING 奉献

Members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church use this time to respond to God's goodness with gifts of thanks and love. Our giving is guided by God's Word: "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits from your entire harvest" (Proverbs 3:9); "Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8, EHV).

Feel free also to make use of online giving options: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/>, then click on the "Giving" tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address (links to the app & more info on p. 20).



HYMN – *With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh* – CW93 #303 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh



1 With bro - ken heart and con - trite sigh, A
 2 I smite up - on my trou - bled breast, With
 3 Far off I stand with tear - ful eyes Nor
 4 No gifts, no deeds that I have done Can
 5 And when, re - deemed from sin and hell, With



trem - bling sin - ner, Lord, I cry, Your
 deep and con - scious guilt op - pressed, Christ
 dare up - lift them to the skies, But
 for a sin - gle sin a - tone. To
 all the ran - somed souls I dwell, My



par - d'ning grace is rich and free— O
 and his cross my on - ly plea— O
 you can all my an - guish see— O
 Cal - va - ry a - lone I flee— O
 joy - ous song shall ev - er be: God



God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 has been mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Cornelius Elven, 1791–1873, alt.
 Tune: ST. LUKE (LM) Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: We confess that without your love we are lost.

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

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

for mission work in Bolivia:

Gracious Father in heaven, we thank you for allowing your Word to be shared in the nation of Bolivia. We praise you for leading many people to faith in Jesus and inspiring new leaders to serve in the ministry. Bless these new believers with your Holy Spirit and give them wisdom as they put biblical doctrine into practice. Bless the efforts of *Academia Cristo* so that faith in Jesus is strengthened and more local leaders are trained to share your salvation in their communities. May your good will be done!
Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 – *Today Your Mercy Calls Me* – CW93 #339 – printed on the following pages – 圣诗 — 在下两页

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Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day your mer - cy calls us To wash a -
 2 To - day your gate is o - pen, And all who
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er



way our sin. How - ev - er great our tres - pass,
 en - ter in Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come
 Spir - it waits. His bless - ed an - gels gath - er
 o - pen Door, What should we do with - out you



What - ev - er we have been, How - ev - er long from
 And par - don for their sin. The past shall be for -
 A - round the heav'n - ly gates. No ques - tion will be
 When heart and eye run o'er? When all things seem a -



mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way, Your pre - cious
 got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n, A fu - ture
 asked us How of - ten we have come; Al - though we
 gainst us, To drive us to de - spair, We know one



blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 grace be prom - ised: A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.

Tune: ANTHES (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
March 23-30, 2025

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study
Sunday (3/30)	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Presentation on 316NOW's ministry
	11:00 AM	Sunday School

The paraments are purple for the season of Lent. Purple, like black, is a penitential color. Purple dye was also very expensive in the ancient world and was therefore worn mostly by royalty; the Bible records that, as the Roman soldiers mocked and tortured Jesus on Good Friday, they put a purple robe on him to ridicule him and belittle the claim that he was a king. Therefore, purple is used during this penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn Jesus endured, and the sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation.

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!

PRESENTATION NEXT SUNDAY ON 316NOW'S MINISTRY; GUEST PASTOR

Next Sunday (Mar. 30), Pastor Mark Wagner will be here to lead the worship service, and, during the Bible study time after the worship service, will give a presentation about the ministry of 316NOW, which focuses on teaching God's Word to Chinese-speaking people around the world. Everyone is welcome to attend this presentation! ... Pastor Gawel will be out of town from Monday through Sunday (Mar. 24-30). If you have need of pastoral assistance during that time, please contact

our church office or Pastor Gawel on his cell, and we will help connect you to another pastor of our church body in the area.

VOTERS' MEETING – April 6, 11:00

A voters' meeting will be held on April 6 after the worship service (starting about 11:00) to set the budget for 2025 and to elect officers for ministry council positions. In keeping with God's instruction to us in his Word (cf., 1 Timothy 2:12; 1 Corinthians 14:33-35), St. Andrew's constitution and by-laws invites men over the age of 18 who are current communicant members of this congregation to participate in voters' meetings. Any non-voting member may speak with a voting member or the pastor in advance of the meeting with any suggestions or concerns. Please pray for God's blessing on this meeting and on the gospel ministry of St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: "Helping the Hurting with Hope" – Sundays 11:00

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.

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!

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/>

MLC & WLS JOINT CONCERT – Mar. 29 (Sat.) 7pm at MLC & live-streamed online

The Seminary Chorus of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and the College Choir of Martin Luther College are excited to announce a special joint concert to celebrate WELS' 175th anniversary, on Sat., Mar. 29 at 7pm, in MLC's Chapel of the Christ, and live-streamed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@martinluthercollege1197/streams>

UPCOMING AREA PERFORMANCES OF BACH'S "MASS IN B MINOR"

Over the next few weeks, there are a few opportunities in the Chicago area to see performances of Lutheran composer Johann Sebastian Bach's monumental "Mass in B Minor" – orchestral and choral settings of the historic liturgical songs that are familiar to us from our worship services. The Bach Cantata Vespers Chorus and Orchestra will be performing it on March 29 (Sat.) at 7:00pm, and again on March 30 (Sun.) at 4:00pm, at Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest. Admission is free, but a free-will offering is suggested. Info here: <https://bachvespers.org/season/march/>. Apollo's Fire is performing it on April 11 (Fri.) at 7:30pm, at St. James Cathedral in Chicago, and again on April 12 (Sat.) at 2:00pm, at First Presbyterian Church in Evanston. Info and tickets here:

<https://apollosfire.org/event/bach-b-minor-mass-chicago/>

WELS ONLINE TEEN BIBLE STUDY – Apr. 6 (Sun.), 6:00pm, via Zoom – "I Am Blessed!"

Have you been unhappy lately? Maybe a little sad or unsettled? Maybe you know something's wrong, but you can't quite put your finger on it. Or maybe you do know what's wrong. Maybe you see all the happiness and success of other people and you're frustrated it can't be yours. Why can't I be happy? Why can't I be blessed? If you've ever felt like that before, this Bible study is for you! Teens from all over the country will have the opportunity to read and study Psalm 32 together as they are reassured in this most important truth—"I am blessed!" More info and registration link here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/discipleship/national-teen-bible-study/>

WELS WOMEN'S MINISTRY WEBINAR – Apr. 10 (Th.), 7pm – "The Power of Connecting Women in Christ"

Learn from webinar panelists how connections contribute to our encouragement and position us to share Jesus with others. Hear about a unique approach to women's ministry in a congregational setting. Learn

ways to understand your unique women-membership; hear ideas on how to partner that information with your congregation's overall ministry needs; and get strategies to foster deeper, genuine connections by meeting women where they are at in their seasons of life. More info and registration link here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/womens-ministry/womens-ministry-webinars/>

“TRAINING CAMP” WELS YOUTH CAMP – JULY 13-18, INGLESIDE, IL

Proverbs 22:6 says, *“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”* The purpose of Training Camp is to provide an opportunity for kids to grow in God's Word and enjoy God's creation. Youth entering grades 3 - 9 in the fall are eligible to be campers. Youth entering grades 11 and 12 in the fall are eligible to be junior counselors. Under the guidance of Christian counselors, campers will be involved in daily devotions and Bible studies, arts and crafts, hiking, boating, tower climbing, swimming, singing, and athletics of all types. The total cost per camper is \$500. This includes lodging, meals, camp T-shirt, and all activities. Training Camp is held at YMCA Camp Duncan, in Ingleside, IL. Pastor Paul Spaude from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Niles, IL, is the head counselor of Training Camp. You may email him with questions at paul.spaude@smniles.org . Register for camp and find more info at <https://smniles.org/overnight-bible-camp> .

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 on the basis of God's Word, 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 our church

believes. 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, and we can schedule the class at a time and place that's convenient for you.

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. NOTE: There will be NO Chinese ministry on March 29.

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! 请注意: 3月29日没有中文圣经学习。

“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. 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). *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.

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: \$1,480.22
 (budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)
 Total offerings received so far this month: \$4,535.90

Ministry Attendance Last Week

- In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 35** (29 adults, 6 children)
- Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 12**
- Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 3**
- Adult Bible study attendance: 3** (Tue.: 3)
- Sunday school: n/a**
- Youth confirmation class: 4**