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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

*Each of us battles with temptation every day, and the results are too obvious to mention. Christ was no stranger to temptation, either. He battled, yet was without sin... for us and for our eternal righteousness. This message of victory gives us confidence as we journey through the wilderness of sin in true repentance.*

**OPENING HYMN** – *Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing* – CW93 #121 –  
printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In your  
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci -  
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the  
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By your  
 5 O my God, my Rock and Tow - er, Grant that



ho - ly wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that  
 nate my sin - ful mind, Let me think a -  
 broad and eas - y road, With se - duc - tive,  
 wounds, Lord, is made whole; When I'm weak, your  
 in your death I trust, Know - ing death has



I am feel - ing Pains of bod - y and of mind.  
 bout your pas - sion, And new cour - age I shall find.  
 sin - ful vic - es, Let me think a - bout the load  
 cross re - vives me, Grant - ing new life to my soul.  
 lost his pow - er Since you crushed him in the dust.



Should some e - vil thought with - in Tempt my treach - 'rous  
 Or should Sa - tan press me hard, Let me then be  
 You were will - ing to en - dure; Then I'll flee all  
 Yes, your com - fort ren - ders sweet Ev - 'ry bit - ter  
 Sav - ior, let your ag - o - ny Ev - er help and



heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from sin - ning  
 on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was wound - ed,"  
 thoughts im - pure, Mas - ter - ing each wild temp - ta - tion,  
 cup I meet; For your all - a - ton - ing pas - sion  
 com - fort me; When I die be my pro - tec - tion,



Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
 That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
 Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
 Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
 Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

## **INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** 召唤，认罪及赦罪

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** 本日共祷文

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

## **PASSION HISTORY READING, PART 1: Luke 22:1-38** (EHV) 耶稣受难的记载，第一部分：路加福音22:1-28

### *The Plot to Kill Jesus*

The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. <sup>2</sup>The chief priests and the experts in the law were trying to find some way to put Jesus to death, because they were afraid of the people. <sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. <sup>4</sup>He went away and spoke with the chief priests and officers of

the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. <sup>5</sup>They were glad and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>He promised to do it and was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them away from the crowd.

### *Jesus Celebrates the Passover*

<sup>7</sup>The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover lamb. <sup>8</sup>Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it.”

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where do you want us to prepare it?”

<sup>10</sup>He told them, “Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. <sup>11</sup>Tell the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” <sup>12</sup>He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there.” <sup>13</sup>They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup>When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>17</sup>He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup>for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

### *The Lord’s Supper*

<sup>19</sup>He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup>In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup is the new testament<sup>1</sup> in my blood, which is being poured out for you.

### *One Will Betray Jesus*

<sup>21</sup>“But look, the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. <sup>22</sup>The Son of Man is going to go as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!”

<sup>23</sup>They began to discuss with one another which of them it was who was going to do this.

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<sup>1</sup>20 As in *last will and testament*. See Galatians 3:15.

### *Who Is Greatest?*

<sup>24</sup>A dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest. <sup>25</sup>But he told them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called Benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But it is not to be that way with you. Instead, let the greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. <sup>27</sup>For who is greater, one who reclines at the table or one who serves? Isn’t it the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. <sup>28</sup>You are those who have remained with me in my trials. <sup>29</sup>I am going to grant a kingdom to you, just as my Father granted to me, <sup>30</sup>so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

### *Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial*

<sup>31</sup>The Lord said, “Simon, Simon, pay attention: Satan has asked to have you all, so that he may sift you as wheat. <sup>32</sup>But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers.”

<sup>33</sup>He said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death!”

<sup>34</sup>But Jesus replied, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you deny three times that you know me.”

<sup>35</sup>He said to them, “When I sent you out without money bag, traveler’s bag, and sandals, did you lack anything?”

“Nothing,” they said.

<sup>36</sup>Then he told them, “But now, let the one who has a money bag take it, and likewise a traveler’s bag. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup>For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘He was counted with transgressors.’<sup>2</sup> Indeed, what is written about me is going to have its fulfillment.”

<sup>38</sup>They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

He said to them, “That is enough.”

**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 3 – CWS p. 39 (text NIV84)

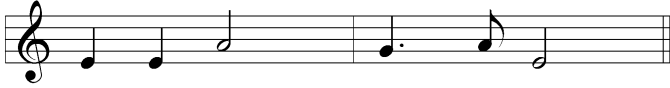
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<sup>2</sup>37 Isaiah 53:12

*Refrain*



From the Lord comes de - liv - er - ance,



there - fore we will not fear.

*Psalm Tone*



**Refrain**

O LORD, how many are my foes!  
How many rise up against me!  
Many are saying of me,  
"God will not deliver him."

But you are a shield around me, O LORD;  
you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.  
To the LORD I cry aloud,  
and he answers me from his holy hill.

**Refrain**

I lie down and sleep;  
I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.  
I will not fear the tens of thousands  
drawn up against me on ev'ry side.

Arise, O LORD!

Deliver me, O my God!  
From the LORD comes deliverance.  
May your blessing be on your people.

**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** – 1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-40, 45-49 (EHV) – 撒母耳记上  
17:4-11, 32-40, 45-49

<sup>4</sup>A challenger who represented the Philistines came out from the camp of the Philistines. He was named Goliath of Gath. He was nine feet, six inches tall.<sup>a</sup> <sup>5</sup>He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he wore scaled body armor, which was made of more than one hundred pounds<sup>b</sup> of bronze. <sup>6</sup>He had bronze greaves on his shins and a bronze spear slung between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup>The shaft<sup>c</sup> of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spearhead was made of fifteen pounds<sup>d</sup> of iron. His shield bearer went out ahead of him.

<sup>8</sup>He would stand up and shout to the armies of Israel, "Why have you come out to line up in battle formation? I am a Philistine, and you are servants of Saul, aren't you? Choose a man to represent you, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup>If he is able to fight with me and kill me, we will be your servants. But if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our servants, and you will serve us." <sup>10</sup>The Philistine would say, "I defy the ranks of Israel today! Give me a man, and we will fight each other!" <sup>11</sup>When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they lost their courage and were terrified.

<sup>32</sup>David said to Saul, "Do not let anyone lose heart because of this Philistine! Your servant will go and fight him."

<sup>33</sup>But Saul said to David, "You cannot go against this Philistine to fight with him, because you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior since he was a youth."

<sup>34</sup>David said to Saul, "Your servant has been taking care of his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went after it and struck it and rescued the lamb out of its mouth. When the lion reared up against me, I grabbed it by its mane,

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<sup>a</sup> Hebrew *six cubits and a span*. A Hebrew Dead Sea Scroll, some Greek manuscripts, and the historian Josephus have the variant *four cubits and a span*, that is, *six feet, nine inches*.

<sup>b</sup> Hebrew *five thousand shekels*

<sup>c</sup> The translation follows the Hebrew reading recorded in the margin of the text (*qere*). The main Hebrew text (*kethiv*) reads *arrow*.

<sup>d</sup> Hebrew *six hundred shekels*



struck it, and killed it. <sup>36</sup>Your servant struck both the lion and the bear. This uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has defied the ranks of the living God.” <sup>37</sup>David added, “The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go then! May the LORD be with you.” <sup>38</sup>So Saul dressed David in his own gear.<sup>b</sup> He placed a bronze helmet on his head and dressed him in scaled body armor. <sup>39</sup>David strapped his sword over his gear. David tried to walk around in them, since he had never trained with this kind of equipment before.

David said to Saul, “I cannot go in these, because I have never trained with them.” So David took them off.

<sup>40</sup>Then David took his staff in his hand and picked five smooth stones out of the stream bed and put them into the pouch of his shepherd’s bag. He took his sling in his hand and approached the Philistine.

<sup>45</sup>Then David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>Today the LORD will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth. Then all the earth will know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup>and all those gathered here will know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear, for the battle belongs to the LORD, and he will deliver you into our hand.”

<sup>48</sup>Then, when the Philistine started advancing to attack David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup>David put his hand into his bag, took a stone from it, shot it from his sling, and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown to the ground.

## **SECOND READING** – Hebrews 4:14-16 (EHV) – 希伯来书 4:14-16

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in

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<sup>b</sup> Or *uniform*

every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. <sup>16</sup>So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**GOSPEL – Luke 4:1-13 (EHV) – 路加福音 4:1-13**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. He did not eat anything during those days. When they came to an end, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The Devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’”<sup>a</sup>

<sup>5</sup>The Devil led him up to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup>The Devil told him, “I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, because it has been entrusted to me, and I can give it to anyone I want. <sup>7</sup>So, if you worship me, it will all be yours.”

<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written: ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”<sup>b</sup>

<sup>9</sup>The Devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>because it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you.

<sup>11</sup>And,

they will lift you up with their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”<sup>c</sup>

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It says: ‘You shall not test the Lord your God.’”<sup>d</sup>

<sup>13</sup>When the Devil had finished every temptation, he left him until an opportune time.

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



<sup>a</sup> Deuteronomy 8:3. A few older witnesses omit *but by every word of God*.

<sup>b</sup> Deuteronomy 6:13

<sup>c</sup> Psalm 91:11–12

<sup>d</sup> Deuteronomy 6:16

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one  
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;  
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.  
 He holds the field for - ev - er.  
 One lit - tle word can fell him.  
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.  
 Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

**SERMON** – Luke 4:1-13 – Victory over Temptation – 讲道：基于 路加福音 4:1-13

**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).*



**HYMN** – Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You – CW93 #455 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

# 455 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You



1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em - ploy you,  
2 Je - sus, all your chil - dren cher - ish,



O Chris-tians, lest the foe de-destroy you, For Sa-tan  
And keep them that they nev-er per-ish Whom you have



has de-signed your fall. Wield God's Word, a weap-on  
pur-chased with your blood. Let new life to us be



glo-rious; A-gainst each foe you'll be vic-  
giv-en That we may look to you in



to-rious; Our God will set you o'er them all.  
heav-en When-ev-er fear-ful is our mood.



Fear not the prince of hell— Here is Im-man-u-el!  
Your Spir-it on us pour That we may love you more,



Sing ho-san-na! The strong ones yield To Christ, our shield,  
Hearts o'er-flow-ing; And then shall we, From sin set free,



And we as con-qu'rors hold the field.  
Sing praise through all e-ter-ni-ty.

Text: Wilhelm E. Arends, 1677–1721, abr.; tr. John M. Sloan, 1835–after 1890, alt.

Tune: WACHET AUF (898 898 664 448) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

## 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 the WELS Church Extension Fund:*

O Giver of all good gifts, we thank you for allowing many churches to be built to your glory through the WELS Church Extension Fund. Bless the leadership of Mr. Brian Roser as he assumes the important role of executive director. Provide him with Spirit-led wisdom that guides his decisions. Use his work and the investments and gifts of your people to advance Christ's gospel and grow your kingdom through our synod's mission efforts. 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** – *If God Himself Be for Me* – CW93 #419 – printed on the following pages – 圣诗 — 在下两页



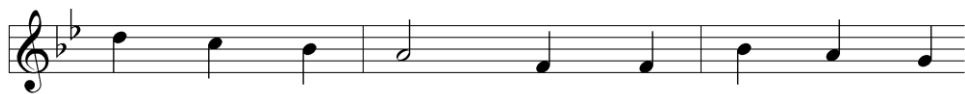
1 If God him - self be for me, I may a  
 2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, Of this I  
 3 I build on this foun - da - tion: That Je - sus  
 4 He can - celed my of - fen - ses, De - liv - ered  
 5 No sin can now con - demn me Or set my



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



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



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



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



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



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

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

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

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**March 9-16, 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>
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (3/16)	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 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!

**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/>

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH “CHICAGO’S BIRTHDAY PARTY”!**

A big thank you to all who helped with hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Chicago’s Birthday Party” here at our church yesterday (March 4)! In spite of the rain, a couple hundred people turned out to celebrate Chicago’s birthday. It was a great opportunity to get to know members of our community and introduce them to our church. More information and pictures from the event have been posted here: <https://mckinleypark.org/>.

**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.

**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!

### **BIBLE STUDY AT SENIOR SUITES OF BRIDGEPORT – March 21 (Fri.), 2pm**

Pastor Gawel will be leading a Bible study at Senior Suites of Bridgeport (2825 S. Halsted St.), on March 21 (Friday) at 2:00pm. Our member, Phil Lopez, is a resident there, and invites any of our members and friends to come for this Bible study. It will be held in the common area on the first floor of the building. Please contact Phil Lopez or Pastor Gawel for more information.

### **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！

### ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

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



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

Offerings received last week through Tues.: \$1,312.84  
(budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)

### **Ministry Attendance Last Week**

- In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 42** (32 adults, 10 children)
- Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 8**
- Ash Wednesday in-church attendance: 8** (6 adults, 2 children)
- Ash Wednesday live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 4**
- Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: n/a**
- Adult Bible study attendance: 13** (Sun.: 10; Mon.: 3)
- Sunday school: 2**
- Youth confirmation class: 4**

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