



**5th Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025**

**SERVICE THEME:
Loss and Gain in Christ**



5th Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

SERVICE THEME: Loss and Gain in Christ

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.

Church Office: 3650 S. Honore St., Chicago, IL 60609 (next door to church)

Website: www.standrewchicago.org **Office Phone:** 773-376-5370

Office Email: churchsecretary@standrewchicago.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/standrewchicago/

Pastor: Adam Gawel, cell: 773-217-8132, pastor@standrewchicago.org

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

In these final hours before Holy Week, even as we rejoice in the great things God has done for his people throughout history, let us put the ways of the past behind us and continue to strive for that for which Christ has laid hold of us.

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).

714

The Lamb



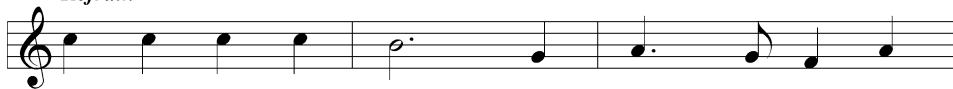
1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their
 4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and
 5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now



sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God
 of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let
 shep - herd kill So still, his will, On
 wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He
 o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
 our be - half the law to fill.
 gives me his own right - eous - ness.
 ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

As the Lord provided for Abraham a sacrifice in place of his son Isaac, so also he lovingly provides for us his own Son, Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God sacrificed for the sins of the world.

Tune: WINTER (48 48 and Refrain)

Text, Tune: Gerald P. Coleman, b. 1953 © 1987 Birnamwood Publications (ASCAP),
 a division of MorningStar Music Publishers, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召唤，认罪及赦罪

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

C: Amen.

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

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

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; 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 5: Luke 23:26-56 (EHV) 耶稣受难的记载，第五部分：路加福音 23:26-56

The Crucifixion

²⁶As they led him away, they seized Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A large crowd of people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him. ²⁸Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹Be sure of this: The

days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.'

³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'¹ ³¹For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?"

³²Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed.

³³When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

They cast lots to divide his garments among them. ³⁵The people stood watching. The rulers were ridiculing him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, the Chosen One!"

³⁶The soldiers also made fun of him. Coming up to him, they offered him sour wine, ³⁷saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

³⁸There was also an inscription written above him: "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me² when you come in³ your kingdom."

⁴³Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise."

Jesus' Death

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour,⁴ and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour,⁵ ⁴⁵while the sun was darkened. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus cried out with a loud

¹30 Hosea 10:8

²42 Some witnesses to the text read *Then he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Lord. . . ."*

³42 A few witnesses to the text read *into*.

⁴44 Jewish time began with sunrise, so the sixth hour was about noon.

⁵44 3 PM

voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”⁶ When he had said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had happened, he began to glorify God, saying, “This man really was righteous.” ⁴⁸When all the groups of people who had gathered to see this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their chests. ⁴⁹All those who knew Jesus, and the women who followed with him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Jesus’ Burial

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man. ⁵¹He had not agreed with their plan and action. He was looking forward to the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. ⁵³He took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and placed it in a tomb that was cut out of rock, where no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed after Joseph, and they observed the tomb and how his body was laid there. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

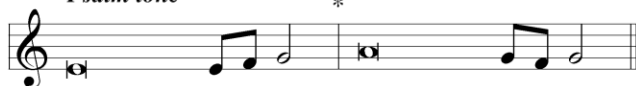
PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 73 – CW93 p. 94 (text NIV84) – printed on the following page – 诗篇 73 — 在下一页

⁶46 Psalm 31:5

Refrain



Psalm tone



Refrain

I am always with you, O LORD;*
you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,*
and afterward you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?*

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,*
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

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

Refrain Tune: Jack Noble White. © 1976 Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp., (admin. Alfred Publishing Co.). All rights reserved. Used by permission.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 43:16-21 (EHV) – 以赛亚书 43:16-21

¹⁶This is what the LORD says,
who makes a road through the sea
and a path through mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out the chariot and the horses,
the army and the strong warrior.
They will all lie down together.
They will not get up.
They are extinguished.
Like a wick they go out.

¹⁸Do not remember the former^a things.
Do not keep thinking about ancient things.
¹⁹Watch, I am about to do a new thing.
Now it will spring up. Don't you know about it?
Indeed I will make a road in the wilderness.
In the wasteland I will make rivers.

²⁰The wild animals, the jackals and ostriches, will honor me,
because I am providing water in the wilderness,
rivers in a parched wasteland,
water for my chosen people to drink.

²¹This people that I formed for myself will declare my praise.

SECOND READING – Philippians 3:4b-14 (EHV) – 腓利比书 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks that he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶in regard to zeal, persecuting the church; in regard to the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.

⁷But, whatever things were a profit for me, these things I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. ⁸But even more than that, I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. For his sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God by faith. ¹⁰I do this so that I may know him and the power of his

^a Or *first*

resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL – Luke 20:9-19 (EHV) – 路加福音 20:9-19

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

⁹He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, leased it to some tenant farmers, and went away on a journey for a long time. ¹⁰When it was the right time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenant farmers beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹The man went ahead and sent yet another servant, but they also beat him, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²He then sent yet a third. They also wounded him and threw him out. ¹³The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What should I do? I will send my son, whom I love. Perhaps they will respect him.’

¹⁴“But when the tenant farmers saw him, they talked it over with one another. They said, ‘This is the heir. Let’s kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.’ ¹⁵They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. So what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others.”

When they heard this, they said, “May it never be!”

¹⁷But he looked at them and said, “Then what about this that is written:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?^a

¹⁸“Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush the one on whom it falls.”

^a Psalm 118:22

¹⁹That very hour the chief priests and the experts in the law began looking for a way to lay hands on him, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 – *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* – CW93 #382 –
printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

382

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on me
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop
 then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Tune: MAGDALEN (88 88 88) John Stainer, 1840–1901.

SERMON – Philippians 3:4b-14 – Loss and Gain in Christ – 讲道：基于
 腓利比书 3:4b-14

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

388

Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven



1 Re - deemed, re - stored, for - giv - en Through Je - sus'
 2 Once on the drear - y moun - tain We wan - dered
 3 Dear Mas - ter, yours the glo - ry Of each re -
 4 Now keep us, ho - ly Sav - ior, In your true



pre - cious blood, Heirs of his home in heav - en—
 far and wide, Far from the cleans - ing foun - tain,
 cov - ered soul. Ah, who can tell the sto - ry
 love and fear, And grant us by your fa - vor



Oh, praise our par - d'ning God! Praise him in tune - ful
 Far from the pierc - ed side. But Je - sus sought and
 Of love that made us whole? Not ours, not ours the
 The grace to per - se - vere Till, in your new cre -



mea - sures Who gave his Son to die; Praise him whose
 found us; Our man - y sins he bore. With cords of
 mer - it; To you a - lone the praise! Give us a
 a - tion, Our earth - ly trou - bles o'er, Heirs of your



sev'n - fold trea - sures En - rich and sanc - ti - fy.
 love he bound us To him for - ev - er - more.
 thank - ful spir - it To serve you all our days.
 free sal - va - tion, We praise you ev - er - more.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.

Tune: KUORTANE (76 76 D) Finnish folk tune, c. 19th century.

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).



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 Australia:

God, we praise you for using us to bring others to glorify you. We ask you to bless our new mission in Australia. Help the two missionary families who have settled into Chinese immigrant communities as they use a variety of ways to connect with neighbors, show them love, and share the gospel of Christ. Bless the partnership of these missionaries with our sister synod in Australia to reach even more people and grow the existing congregations. If it's your will, bring small groups together around your Word and raise leaders for Bible study and worship. We know, Lord Jesus, that where your Word is shared, you are carrying out your work, and we joyfully anticipate your saving of many souls. 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.

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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. 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.

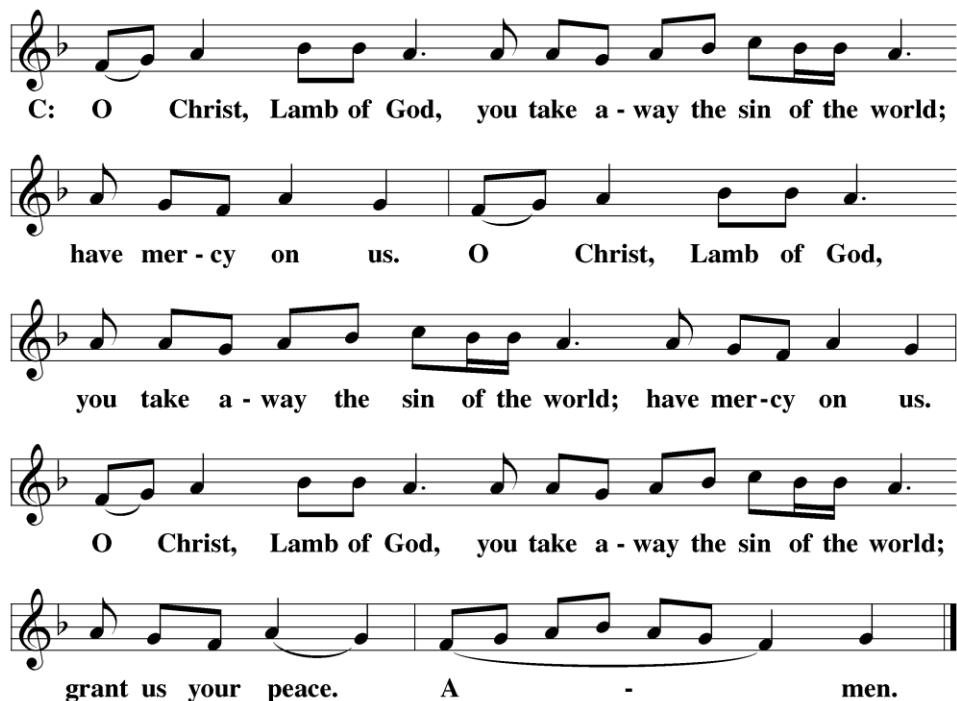
WORDS OF INSTITUTION 耶稣设立圣餐的话

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.



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'd like 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.

CLOSING HYMN – *Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose* – CW93 #466
– printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

466 **Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose**



1 Though thought - less thou - sands choose the road
 2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,
 3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all.
 4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear;
 5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet,



That leads the soul a - way from God,
 From him my life, my all, re - ceive,
 To him I look; on him I call.
 Soon shall I end my tri - als here,
 Soon walk through ev - 'ry gold - en street



This hap - pi - ness, dear Lord, be mine:
 To him de - vote my fleet - ing hours,
 He will my ev - 'ry want sup - ply.
 Leave sin and sor - row, death and pain.
 And sing on ev - 'ry bliss - ful plain,



To live and die en - tire - ly thine.
 Serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.
 In time and through e - ter - ni - ty.
 To live is Christ; to die is gain.
 "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

Text: Joseph Hoskins, 1745-88, alt.

Tune: WAREHAM (LM) William Knapp, 1698-1768, alt.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
April 6-13, 2025

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Voters' Meeting
	11:00 AM	Sunday School
Monday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (4/13)	9:30 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study

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're 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!

VOTERS' MEETING TODAY – 11:00

A voters' meeting will be held today (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 2:11-13; 1 Corinthians 14:33-35; etc.), St. Andrew's constitution and by-laws designates men over the age of 18

who are current communicant members of this congregation as voters. 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.

EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SIGNUP

On Easter Sunday (April 20th) after the worship service we'll be having a continental breakfast. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the signup sheet on the Bible study table in the back of the worship space. All are welcome!

CROSSROADS BIBLE STUDY AT BURNING BUSH BREWERY – Th., Apr. 10

Our sister church on the north side, Crossroads, is hosting a Bible study this Thursday (April 10) at 7:00pm at Burning Bush Brewery (4014 N. Rockwell St., Chicago). St. Andrew members and friends are warmly welcome to attend! Contact Pastor Gawel for more information.

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!

HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS ONLINE FROM MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Our church-body's college of ministry, Martin Luther College (New Ulm, MN), has prepared online devotions for Holy Week (April 13-20), written by MLC faculty, entitled *The Foolishness of the Cross* (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:18). The cross of Christ is the setting for the greatest reversal in history—an altar of humiliation transformed into the ultimate stage and revelation of the King of kings. To the world, it seems absurd that God would save through weakness, suffering, and death. Yet believers come face to face with God in all his power, providential might, and glory nowhere as clearly as at the cross. These devotions will help us see how the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. You can read the devotions online or subscribe for them to be emailed to you, here: <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/>

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

This week, there are two 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. 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 – today (April 6), 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/>

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:

每周六晚上 7:45, 圣安得烈基督教路德宗教会有成人中文圣经学习。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!

CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST – resources supporting purity online

Conquerors Through Christ exists to help people reject, resist, and recover from the wreckage of porn, and to rejoice either in our singleness or in our married sex life. The men and women of the Conquerors Through Christ team are members of a subcommittee under the WELS Commission on Special Ministries. "We have pastors, staff ministers, and laypeople serving on the subcommittee. We are pursuing this fight against internet pornography because we have seen the

devastation it wreaks on the families and individuals in our churches and realize the danger to souls. We want to equip as many as possible to fight this battle with the proper motivation and preparation.” A number of resources are available at <https://conquerorsthroughchrist.net/> . Pastor Gawel is also available for confidential, Bible-based conversation and prayer at any time, about this or any other matter.

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 deLaurentis.sam@gmail.com with any questions.



Music and liturgy printed under OneLicense # A-714339 and CCLI license # 20019508.

Scripture readings, unless otherwise noted, are from the Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV), copyright 2019 by the Wartburg Project, www.wartburgproject.org

Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in March
\$14,517.92	\$6,607.74

Offerings received last week (through 3/31): \$538.00
(budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 26 (22 adults, 4 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 8

Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: n/a

Adult Bible study attendance: 8 (Sun.: 5; Mon.: 3)

Sunday school: n/a

Youth confirmation class: 4

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