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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

On Good Shepherd Sunday, God's Word shows us our Shepherd, Jesus, who leads his flock to safe pastures and his eternal fold.

OPENING HYMN — *The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want* — CW93 #360
— printed on the following page — 圣诗 — 在下一页

1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain And
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life, Shall

makes me down to lie In pas - tures green; he
 me to walk doth make With - in the paths of
 will I fear no ill; For thou art with me,
 pres - ence of my foes; My head thou dost with
 sure - ly fol - low me, And in God's house for -

lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 right - eous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.
 and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650.
 Tune: BELMONT (CM) William Gardiner, 1770–1853, adapt.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召喚，认罪及赦罪

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: And also with you.

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

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

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

C: Amen.

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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

Refrain



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Acts 13:15-16a, 26-39 (EHV) – 使徒行传 13:15-16a, 26-39

¹⁵After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Gentlemen,^b brothers, if you have a word of encouragement for the people, say it.”

¹⁶Then Paul stood up, motioned with his hand, and said,

²⁶“Gentlemen, brothers, sons of Abraham’s family, and those among you who fear God, this message of salvation has been sent to you.^d

²⁷The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize him, and by condemning him they fulfilled the statements of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸Though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹When they carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the cross^e and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰But God raised him from the dead, ³¹and for many days he was seen by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These same individuals are now his witnesses to the people.

³²“We are preaching to you the good news about the promise that was made to our fathers. ³³God has fulfilled this promise for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm:

You are my Son.

Today I have begotten you.^f

³⁴“That God would raise him from the dead never again to be subject to decay, God said in this way:

I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.^g

^b Literally *Men*

^d Some witnesses to the text read *us*.

^e Or *tree*

^f Psalm 2:7

^g Isaiah 55:3

³⁵“Therefore he also says in another place:

You will not let your Holy One see decay.^h

³⁶“For David, after he had served God’s purpose in his own generation, fell asleep, was laid to rest with his fathers, and saw decay.

³⁷But the One God raised did not see decay.

³⁸“So, gentlemen, brothers, let it be known to you that through this Jesus forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you, also forgiveness from everything from which you could not be justified through the law of Moses. ³⁹In this Jesus, everyone who believes is justified.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 23 – CW93 p. 72 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 23

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The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

Psalm tone



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The LORD is my shepherd,*

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;*

he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley

of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,*

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

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^h Psalm 16:10

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD 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

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SECOND READING – Revelation 7:9-17 (EHV) – 启示录 7:9-17

⁹After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They called out with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

¹¹All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

¹³One of the elders spoke to me and said, “These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?”

And I answered him, “Sir, you know.”

¹⁴And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple.

He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

¹⁶They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.

The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,
¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.

He will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.

(John 10:14)



GOSPEL – John 10:22-30 (EHV) – 约翰福音 10:22-30

²²Then the Festival of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple area in Solomon's Colonnade.

²⁴So the Jews gathered around Jesus, asking, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered them, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I am doing in my Father's name testify about me. ²⁶But you do not believe, because you are not my sheep, as I said to you. ^a ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

^a Some witnesses to the text omit *as I said to you*.

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
 3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
 5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant
 yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
 ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.
 gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
 my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

6 And so through all the length of days
 Your goodness fails me never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
 Within your house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

SERMON – John 10:22-30 – Abiding Confidence through the Good
 Shepherd – 讲道：基于 约翰福音 10:22-30

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 – *Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep* – CW93 #436 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, Who your
 2 In your prom - ise firm we stand; None can
 3 By your blood our souls were bought; By your
 4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; We with
 5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, Join th' as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, Safe we wake and
 take us from your hand. Speak— we hear— at
 life sal - va - tion wrought; By your light our
 joy will fol - low on Till the work of
 sem - bly of the blest, Gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, Guard - ed still by you.
 your com - mand, We will fol - low you.
 feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
 grace is done, There to live with you.
 ter - nal rest In the fold with you.

Text: Henry Cook, 1788–1868, alt.

Tune: CAPETOWN (777 5) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76, alt.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

Heavenly Father, in your name your Son purchased us with his own most holy blood, and he now leads us through the gate of death to our eternal home with you. As the sheep of his fold, inspire us to hear his voice gladly and to follow him steadfastly through every tribulation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Shepherd of souls, your apostle Paul promised that fierce opposition and twisted speech would come against your Church, even from within her own fold. Raise up faithful men to pastor your flock through these threats, and grant that they would not shrink from proclaiming the kingdom of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, you have given us a mirror of your love in the vocation of mothers, who nurture, guide, and raise their children in all things good. Bless them in their calling. Sustain them through weary and difficult times. Remember in compassion all who desire to have children but have been unable to do so, and those who have lost children at any stage of life, that they may find their consolation in you and your unfailing love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, our King, you are Lord of all peoples, nations, and tribes. Grant wisdom and truth to those who rule this land, that they may faithfully promote good and punish evil. Wherever our courts or laws are contrary to your will, reform them for your mercy's sake. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, you have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our weakness. Deliver the sick and suffering according to your will, and give comfort to the dying. Guard us against despair, and grant us patience in the days of our trouble, as we await your perfect healing. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all the living, you shepherd your saints through the gate of death, out of all tribulation, to the very throne room of heaven. Bless those who grieve the loss of loved ones, and give them eyes of faith to see the deaths they mourn in light of the resurrection of your Son. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, enthroned in heaven, you gather your saints into the shelter of your presence, making them white in the blood of the Lamb. Keep us faithful throughout our lives here, and bring us through death to join them in the ceaseless praises of heaven. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

for mission work in Vietnam:

Lord Jesus, you are truly our Good Shepherd for graciously laying down your life for your sheep. We thank you for providing your flock in Vietnam with workers and numerous souls desiring to listen to your voice. Continue to give this flock the strength to be faithful when some insist on teachings contrary to Scripture. We

ask you to move the government of Vietnam to open the doors to the newly built theological education center so it may be a blessing for the work of your kingdom. Guide and bless our mission efforts so that your name is hallowed and your kingdom comes to those who do not know you. Assure them that they are safe and secure in your hands. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

O Lord, you promised to raise up a Shepherd to deliver your sheep from all their enemies. We give you thanks for giving us your own Son to be our Good Shepherd. Grant us to hear his voice, know him by faith and follow where he leads, that he may deliver us into your arms forever; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

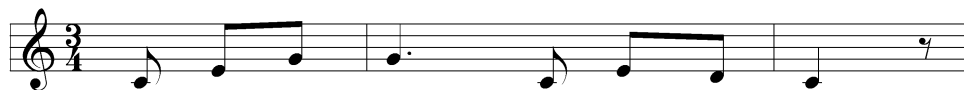
C: Amen.

M: Now may the God of peace—who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood, which established the eternal testament—may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever. (*Hebrews 13:20-21*)

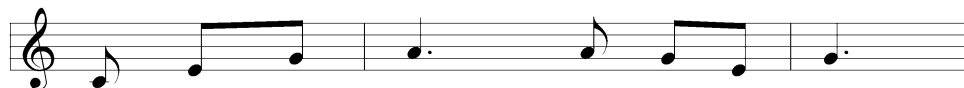


C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN – *Lamb of God* – CWS #748 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide,
 2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied.
 3 I was so lost; I should have died,



But you have sent him from your side
 They laughed and scorned him as he died:
 But you have brought me to your side



To walk up - on this guilt - y sod
 The hum - ble King they named a fraud
 To be led by your staff and rod



And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 And to be called a lamb of God.

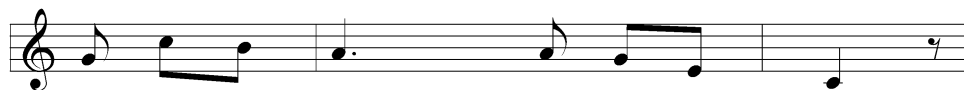
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O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,



I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



Oh, wash me in his pre - cious blood,



My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Tune: LAMB OF GOD (88 88 and Refrain)

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ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
May 11-18, 2025

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Bake Sale
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (5/18)	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study

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

WELCOME, GUESTS! – We are glad to have you worship with us today! Please sign the guest book 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!

BAKE SALE TODAY – after the service

Ladies of St. Andrew are hosting a bake sale today after the worship service. Thanks to all who baked and purchase, to support special ministry projects!

MEMORIALS

- In loving memory of my mom, Sophia Czarny, on Mother's Day, with love, Barbara Essig.
- In loving memory of Mrs. Eleanor Petzel, Mrs. Anna Kluge, and Mrs. Vivian Thompson, on Mother's Day, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

- In loving memory of our mothers, grandmother, sisters, aunties, and friend: Emily Young, Helen Hamill, Grandmother Katherine Bidon, and special friend, Lilian Lindbohm. Sisters: Shirley Douglas, Marlene Powers, Delores Crisara, Colette Bodjanac, Janice Bischoff, and Cheryl Ann Hamill, on Mother's Day, by Glenn, Christine, and Jason Young.

“TRAINING CAMP” WELS YOUTH CAMP – REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 15 (this Thursday); MORE CAMPERS NEEDED!

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, on July 13-18. Pastor Paul Spaude from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Niles, IL, is the head counselor of Training Camp. Register / find more info at: <https://smniles.org/overnight-bible-camp>.

McKINLEY PARK MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – May 26 (Mon.), 10:00 am

As in previous years, members of St. Andrew will take part in the McKinley Park Memorial Day parade on May 26 (Monday) at 10:00 a.m. (participants meet in front of the McKinley Park library at/after 9:30). If you're interested in walking in the parade with other St. Andrew members (and helping to carry our church banner), please speak with Brian Garcia or Pastor Gawel. ... In addition to remembering those who died in military service to this country, the parade is also a great opportunity to connect with neighbors in our church's community, and to invite them to join us to hear and learn God's Word.

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!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS – Thursdays 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 Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00, but we could adjust the class day or time if needed, to accommodate the schedules of everyone who is interested.

NOTE ABOUT FOOD AND DRINK IN CHURCH

We're so glad to be able to use the area in the back of our worship space for fellowship and meals! For the sake of cleanliness in the worship space, we ask that open containers of most food and beverage would be kept in the area with the tables at the back of the worship space, not brought into the pews (benches) or the carpeted areas. We understand, of course, that parents of young children may need to bring snacks (eg, dry cereal) for their children during worship; and, beverage containers with a lid are certainly welcome. Thank you for understanding and helping to keep our worship space clean!

ASSIGNMENT AND GRADUATION SERVICES AND CONCERT AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY – MAY 21-23

Members of area WELS congregations are cordially invited to attend several end-of-school-year events on the seminary campus, or view the live-streams at: <https://www.wisluthsem.org/call-day-and-graduation-2025/>. Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, located in Mequon, WI, prepares pastors for WELS's worldwide mission.

- **Vicar assignment service:** Wednesday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. CDT – Second-year students receive assignments to be pastoral interns for the 2025-26 school year.

- **Graduate assignment service:** Thursday, May 22, at 10:00 a.m. CDT – Seniors receive their first calls into the pastoral ministry.
- **Graduation concert:** Thursday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. CDT – The Seminary Chorus presents its spring concert, *My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone*.
- **Graduation service:** Friday, May 23, at 10:00 a.m. CDT – Seminary seniors are awarded Master of Divinity degrees, and several WELS pastors receive Master of Sacred Theology degrees.

APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE – June 18-19 (Wed.-Thur.), online option

The Center for Apologetics and Worldviews at Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato, MN), is holding its 7th annual Apologetics and Worldviews Conference on June 18-19. The sessions will be live-streamed. “The work of defending the truth of Christianity [apologetics] has been ongoing throughout the church’s history, resulting in many great apologists. As one surveys the history of the church and understands the present time, it becomes clear the need to defend the truth of Christianity remains equally necessary today.” The conference will highlight the work of recently deceased Lutheran apologist John Warwick Montgomery, well-known 20th-century apologist C. S. Lewis, and the legacy of early church apologists and beyond. Presenters Craig Parton, Joel Heck, and Adam Francisco. More info and register here: <https://apologeticscenter.org/events/2025-conference/>

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

This class is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about what the Bible teaches and what our church believes – and for those who would like a review. 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.

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.)

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!

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.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in April
\$14,517.92	\$9,238.24

Offerings received 5/1-5/8: \$1,470.84

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

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 31 (25 adults, 6 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 7

Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 8

Adult Bible study attendance: 9 (Sun.: 4; Tue.: 3; Fri.: 2)

Sunday school: n/a Youth confirmation class: 5