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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

The risen Lord prepares his followers for his visible departure by giving a new command: Love one another.

***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).*

This Is My Will



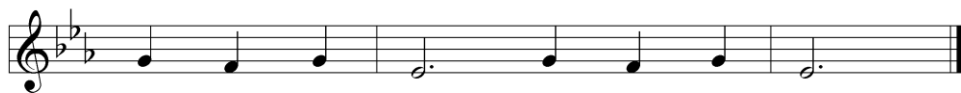
1 "This is my will, my one com - mand,
 2 "No great - er love can an - y have
 3 "I call you now no long - er slaves;
 4 "You chose not me, but I chose you,
 5 "All that you ask my Fa - ther dear



That love should dwell a - mong you all.
 Than that one die to save his friends.
 No slave knows all the mas - ter does.
 That you should go and bear much fruit.
 For my name's sake you shall re - ceive.



This is my will, that you should love
 You are my friends, if you o - bey
 I call you friends, for all I hear
 I chose you out, that you in me
 This is my will, my one com - mand,



As I have shown that I love you.
 What I com - mand that that you should do.
 My Fa - ther say, you hear from me.
 Should bear much fruit that will a - bide.
 That love should dwell in each, in all."

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Tune: SUANTRAI (LM) Gaelic melody, c. 19th century.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召唤，认罪及赦罪

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

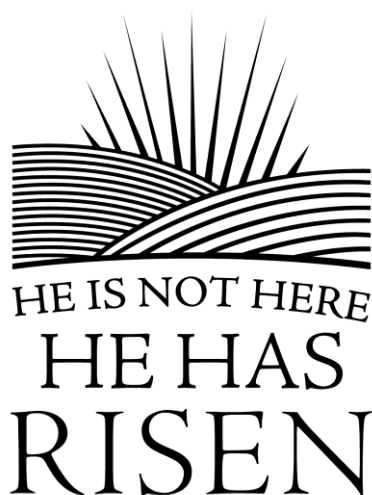
M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

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

C: Amen.

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



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This Is the Feast of Victory

Dignus est Agnus


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, us 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 God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Acts 11:1-18 (EHV) – 使徒行传 11:1-18

The apostles and brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. ²When Peter went up to Jerusalem, those who insisted on circumcision criticized him, ³saying, “You went to visit men who were uncircumcised and ate with them!”

⁴So Peter began to explain everything to them, point by point. He said, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision in which an object like a large sheet was let down from heaven by its four corners. It came right to me. ⁶When I inspected it very carefully, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!’

⁸“But I replied, ‘Certainly not, Lord, for nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹“A voice spoke from heaven a second time: ‘What God has made clean, you must not continue to call unclean.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and then everything was pulled up into heaven again.

¹¹“At that very moment, three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them without any hesitation. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he saw an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and call for Simon, the one called Peter. ¹⁴He will speak words to you by which you and all your household will be saved.’

¹⁵“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came down on them, just as he came down on us at the beginning. ¹⁶Then I remembered how the Lord had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’^a ¹⁷So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us when

^a Acts 1:5

we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to try to stand in God's way?"

¹⁸When they heard these things, they had no further objections, and they praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted repentance that results in life also to the Gentiles!"

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 145 – CW93 p. 119 (NIV84) – 诗篇 145

Refrain



Psalm tone



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Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;*
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall*
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

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The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.*
You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,*
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;*
he hears their cry and saves them.

**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 – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (EHV) – 哥林多前书 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues^c of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned^d but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. ⁵It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. ⁶It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It bears^a all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.^b

⁸Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹²Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known.

¹³So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

^c Or *languages*

^d A few witnesses to the text read *that I may boast*.

^a Or *keeps silent about*

^b Or *It always endures, always believes, always hopes, always perseveres*

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia. (*John 14:6, NIV*)



GOSPEL – John 13:31-35 (EHV) – 约翰福音 13:31-35

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



³¹After Judas left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him.”^a ³²If God is glorified in him,^b God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once.”

³³“Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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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

^a Or Now the Son of Man was glorified, and God was glorified in him.

^b Some witnesses to the text omit If God is glorified in him.

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 – *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* – CW93 #141 –
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141 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,
3 Now no more can death ap - pall,
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy!
5 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give,



Praise to our vic - to - rious King,
Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie.
Now no more the grave en - thrall;
This a - lone can sin de - stroy;
Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing
You have con - quered in the fight; You have
You have o - pened par - a - dise, And your
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born
Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in



from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!
saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!
One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th century, abr.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.
Tune: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT (77 77 4) *Kirchengeseng*, Ivancice, 1566.

SERMON – John 13:31-35 – Love as Jesus Loves Us – 讲道：基于 约翰福音 13:31-35

HYMN – *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace* – CW93 #521 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred speak
 4 Give me your cour - age, Lord, to be filled
 5 With your own love may I be

To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race,
 Your chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.
 By love - less act and thought - less word.
 When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.
 And by your Ho - ly Spir - it willed,

And in each per - son help me view
 My neigh - bors' good let me pur - sue;
 Make me to see the wrong I do
 And should I be a vic - tim, too,
 That all I touch, what - e'er I do,

My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by you.
 Bind them to me and all to you.
 Will hurt my neigh - bor, Lord, and you.
 Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring you.
 May be di - vine - ly touched by you.

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 Tune: BEATUS VIR (LM) attr. Matthias Kunwaldsky, 1442–1500.

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).



INSTALLATION OF MINISTRY COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

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

for ministerial education school graduations:

Dear Lord of the Church, we honor and praise you for equipping another round of graduates from our ministerial education

schools who can take the next step in their training or begin serving in a congregation. Pour out your Spirit on them so that they may eagerly proclaim your life-saving gospel to whomever you bring into their lives. Help them to trust your promises and not to lean on their own understanding as they carry out their work for your glory. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Risen Savior. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation.

With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 耶稣设立圣餐的话

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

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

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

C: Amen.



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

DISTRIBUTION 分发圣餐 – 只邀请已经受坚信礼的本会成员来领受
At the direction of the usher, current communicant members of St. Andrew and our sister churches in the WELS and ELS may come forward down the center aisle, then wait until directed by an usher to go to the communion rail. Communicants may kneel or stay standing. Please hold out your hand to receive the bread. If you wish to partake of the common cup, do not take an individual cup when the assistant comes by

with the tray. Those who need to receive grape juice instead of wine may take the purple individual cups in the center of the tray. The minister and assistant will use hand sanitizer before and/or wear sterile gloves during communion setup and distribution. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak with the pastor or an usher to receive one.

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



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

PRAYER and BLESSING 祷告及祝福

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

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

M: 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.

COMMITMENT

458 May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



1 May we your pre-cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
2 So may we join your name to bless, Your grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, U - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove,
dore, your pow'r con - fess, To flee from sin and strife.
hearts, our joy in - crease, Your gra - cious help sup - ply.



Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all your
One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian



chil - dren, and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same: A glo - rious crown of life.
fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

Text: Edward Osler, 1798–1863, alt.

Tune: MERIBAH (886 886) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
May 18-25, 2025

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study
Thursday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (5/25)	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	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!

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!

LUTHER PREP SUMMER CAMPS – June & July – Watertown, WI

Calling all incoming K - 8th grade students: Join us at Luther Prep this summer for a variety of sports camps. For all incoming 6th - 8th graders, check out our Phoenix Adventure Camp geared towards seeing what living in the dorms and life on campus at LPS could be like someday!

*June features overnight **basketball** camps:*

K-3rd Parent-Child -- June 13-14

3rd-6th Parent-Child -- June 14-15

8th-9th Boys -- June 15-18

6th-7th Boys -- June 18-21

7th-9th Girls -- June 22-25

July features all other overnight & day camps:

8th-9th overnight Girls Volleyball -- July 6-9

5th-9th overnight Boys Wrestling -- July 7-8

6th - 7th overnight Girls Volleyball -- July 9-12

6th-8th overnight Phoenix Adventure Camp co-ed -- July 13-16

Various Day Camps -- July 14-17

We would love to see you at Luther Prep this summer! Visit lps.wels.net/summercamps for more info and to register.

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/>

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!

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.

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！

“TABOO QUESTIONS” PODCAST/VIDEOS WITH PASTOR MIKE NOVOTNY

Have you ever had questions you wanted to ask a pastor but felt silly or embarrassed to ask them? Questions about “taboo” topics (that is, topics that feel “off-limits”), like: sex, politics, porn, IVF, and mental illness? Well, there's a podcast for that! Hear how Pastor Mike Novotny from Time of Grace answers some real questions from people just like you, giving thoughtful, Bible-based answers that point people back to Jesus. Find links to Apple and Spotify podcasts and YouTube videos at www.timeofgrace.org/tabooquestions . You can also order Pastor Mike's book, *Taboo: Topics Christians Should Be Talking About but Don't*, at <https://www.tabobook.org/> . Pastor Gawel is also available for confidential, Bible-based conversation and prayer at any time, about these or any other matters.

“made. known.” WELS WEBSITE ON IDENTITY, GENDER, & SEXUALITY

Identity and human sexuality have become key spiritual concerns with numerous cultural pivots over time. Many people have questions about sexuality and gender in connection with their faith. This new WELS website, <https://madeknown.net/> , exists to walk with you in faith through identity, gender, and sexuality, so that together we can all see how wide and high and deep is the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:18). Pastor Gawel is also available for confidential, Bible-based conversation and prayer at any time, about these or any other matters.

CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST – resources supporting purity online

Conquerors Through Christ is a WELS ministry that exists to help people reject, resist, and recover from the wreckage of porn, with gospel motivation and practical encouragement. 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.

WELS Family Devotions

Get your family into God's Word during the week! WELS has developed short devotions for the entire family to use. Each devotion comes complete with a set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Downloadable printable

versions are also available. Find the family devotions at www.wels.net/family-devotions

Sign up today for Marriage Moments

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

ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

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



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\$15,545.33	\$9,238.24

(budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 40 (25 adults, 15 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 8

Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: n/a

Adult Bible study attendance: 7 (Sun.: 7)

Sunday school: 5 Youth confirmation class: n/a

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