

Those who love me will
keep my word, and my
Father will love them, and
we will come to them and
make our home with
them.

John 14:23

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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

Love for Christ shows itself in obedience to his teaching and trust in his peace.

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Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



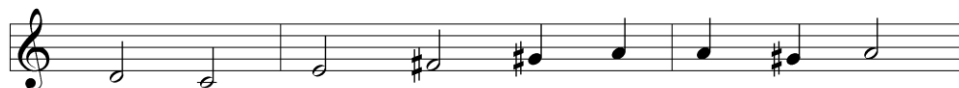
1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no
 2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne High o'er
 3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; Hence will
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the



long - er can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's
 heav'n and earth is giv - en. I shall go where
 I, to Je - sus liv - ing, Pure in heart and
 me from him shall sev - er, Life nor death nor
 gate to life im - mor - tal; This shall calm my



reign is done! From the grave Christ will re -
 he is gone, Live and reign with him in
 act a - bide, Praise to him and glo - ry
 pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ for -
 trem - bling breath When I pass its gloom - y



call me. Bright - er scenes will then com - mence;
 heav - en. God is faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence!
 giv - ing. All I need God will dis - pense;
 ev - er. God will be a sure de - fense;
 por - tal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:



This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 "Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!"

Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1715–69, abr.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1815–97, alt.

Tune: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召唤，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.**

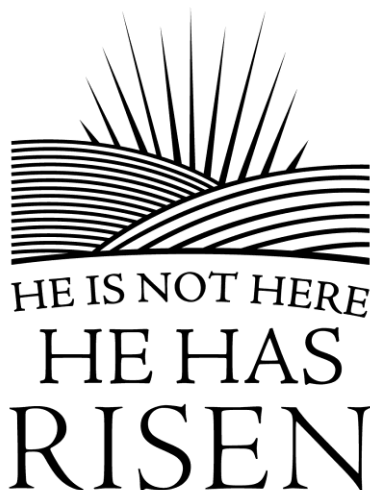
M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

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:



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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.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; 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 14:8-22 (EHV) – 使徒行传 14:8-22

⁸In Lystra there was a man who was sitting down because he had no strength in his feet. He had never walked because he was lame from birth. ⁹When he was listening to Paul as he was speaking, Paul looked at him closely and saw that he had faith to be healed. ¹⁰Paul said in a loud voice, “Stand up on your feet!” And the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form.” ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the main speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and garlands to the city gates, because he wanted to offer sacrifices along with the crowds.

¹⁴But when the apostles Paul and Barnabas heard about this, they tore their clothes and rushed into the crowd, shouting, ¹⁵“Men, why are you doing these things? We too are men with the same nature as you. We are preaching the good news to you so that you turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. ¹⁶In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own ways. ¹⁷Yet he did not leave himself without testimony of the good he does. He gives you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He fills you with food and fills your hearts with gladness.” ¹⁸Even though they said these things, they had a hard time stopping the crowds from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the crowds to stone Paul. When they thought he was dead, they dragged him out of the city. ²⁰But after the disciples had gathered around him, he stood up and went into the city. The next day, he left with Barnabas for Derbe.

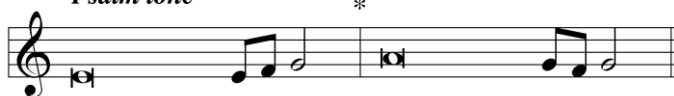
²¹After they preached the good news in that city and had gathered many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,
²²strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith. They told them, “We must go through many troubles on our way to the kingdom of God.”

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 65 – CW93 p. 89 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 65

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Psalm tone



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Praise awaits you, O God,*
 you call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it;*
 you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with water*
 to provide the people with grain.

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You crown the year with your bounty,*
 and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow;*
 the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;*
they shout for joy and sing.

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 21:10-14, 21-27 (EHV) – 启示录 21:10-14, 21-27

¹⁰He carried me away in spirit to a great and high mountain, and he showed me the^a Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹It has the glory of God. Its radiance is similar to a very precious stone, like crystal-clear jasper.

¹²It has a large, high wall. It has twelve gates. Twelve angels are at the gates, and twelve names are engraved on the gates, the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. ¹³Three gates are on the east, three on the north, three on the south, and three on the west. ¹⁴The city's wall also has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the Lamb's twelve apostles.

²¹The twelve gates are twelve pearls. Each of the gates is made out of one pearl. And the street of the city is pure gold, like transparent glass.

²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God has given it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations^a will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory^b into it. ²⁵There is no day when its gates will be shut, for there will be no night in that place. ²⁶They will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷Nothing that is unclean and no one who does what is detestable or who tells lies will ever enter it, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

^a A few witnesses to the text add *great and*.

^a A few witnesses to the text add *of those who are saved*.

^b Some witnesses to the text add *and the honor of the nations*.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. (*John 14:23, NIV*)



GOSPEL – John 14:23-29 (EHV) – 约翰福音 14:23-29

²³Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴The one who does not love me does not hold on to my words. The word that you are hearing is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have told you these things while staying with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.

²⁷“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid. ²⁸You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

²⁹“I have told you now before it happens so that, when it does happen, you may believe.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice* – stanzas 1-5
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1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joice, With
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death
 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, No
 4 But God be - held my wretch - ed state Be -
 5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: "'Tis



ex - ul - ta - tion spring - ing, And, with u -
 brood - ed dark - ly o'er me. Sin was my
 mer - it they at - tain - ing; My will a -
 fore the world's foun - da - tion, And, mind - ful
 time to have com - pas - sion. Then go, bright



nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly rap - ture
 tor - ment night and day; In sin my moth - er
 gainst God's judg - ment fought, No hope for me re -
 of his mer - cies great, He planned my soul's sal -
 Jew - el of my crown, And bring man - kind sal -



sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God
 bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still
 main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer
 va - tion. A Fa - ther's heart he turned
 va - tion. From sin and sor - row set



has done, How his right arm the vic - t'ry
 I fell; Life had be - come a liv - ing
 de - spair Left naught but death to be my
 to me, Sought my re - demp - tion fer - vent -
 them free; Slay bit - ter death for them that



won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
 hell. So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 share And hell to be my sen - tence.
 ly; He gave his dear - est trea - sure.
 they May live with you for - ev - er."

SERMON – John 14:23-29 – Come, Lord Jesus, Be Our Guest – 讲道：基
于 约翰福音 14:23-29

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 OF THE DAY – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice – stanzas 6-
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- 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother,
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;
A servant's form like mine he bore
To lead the devil captive.
- 8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood,
Me of my life bereaving.
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life shall from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.
- 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me—
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine,
And evermore you shall be mine;
The foe shall not divide us.
- 9 "Now to my Father I depart,
The Holy Spirit sending
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
My help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be,
Teach you to know and follow me,
And in all truth will guide you.

10 "What I on earth have lived and taught
Be all your life and teaching;
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one's man-made laws
Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.
This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524.

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 the new home mission in Arlington, Tennessee:

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the privilege of being your witnesses in the world and for the opportunity to establish a new home mission to share the gospel in Arlington, Tennessee. Give the members of the core group both zeal and joy in their work, knowing the fruits of their labor are only by your goodness and grace. When the work is challenging and their efforts fall short of their expectations, fill them with your grace to see Christ alone. We humbly pray that you would bless these efforts for the advancement of your kingdom. Amen.

for our nation, and for comfort for those who grieve:

Almighty Father, strong to save, ruler of nations, we bring our thanks to you this Memorial Day weekend for all the blessings you have given our nation, the United States of America. Help us to know and to acknowledge that freedom, prosperity, and other blessings come from you, and make us thankful.

As memories go back to those who have died to preserve our liberties, make us grateful and humble that others would stand up, raise their right hand for us, serve, and die. Turn our sorrow into joy. Turn the hearts of those who grieve by the power of your resurrection. Use us to share that good news with those who are sad, so they may find their joy in you.

Make us diligent in our prayers for our country and its leaders. Guide them with your wisdom and counsel. Keep us as a nation at peace so that we may carry out our vocations in peace and safety. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. 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.

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.

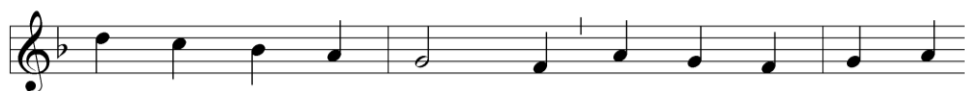
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1 Now I have found the firm foun - da - tion Which
2 It is that mer - cy nev - er end - ing, Which
3 Our ru - in God has not in - tend - ed; For
4 O depth of love, to me re - veal - ing The
5 Let mer - cy cause me to be will - ing To



holds my life for - ev - er sure; 'Twas laid be -
hu - man wis - dom far tran - scends, Of him who,
our sal - va - tion he has yearned. For this his
sea where my sins dis - ap - pear! In Christ my
bear my lot and not to fret. While he my



fore the world's cre - a - tion In Christ my Sav - ior's
lov - ing arms ex - tend - ing, To wretch - ed sin - ners
Son to earth de - scend - ed And then a - gain to
wounds find per - fect heal - ing; There is no con - dem -
rest - less heart is still - ing, May I his mer - cy



wounds se - cure, Foun - da - tion which un - moved shall
con - de - scends. His heart with pit - y still will
heav'n re - turned; For this so pa - tient ev - er -
na - tion here! For Je - sus' blood through earth and
not for - get! What - ev - er comes my heart to



stay When heav'n and earth will pass a - way.
break Wheth - er we seek him or for - sake.
more He's knock - ing at our heart's closed door.
skies For - ev - er "Mer - cy! Mer - cy!" cries.
test, His mer - cy is my on - ly rest.

6 Lord, I will stand on this foundation
As long as I on earth remain;
This will engage my meditation
While I the breath of life retain.
And then, when face to face with you.
I'll sing your mercy great and true.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
May 25 – June 1, 2025

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study
Monday	10:00 AM	McKinley Park Memorial Day Parade
Sunday (6/1)	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!

MEMORIAL — In loving memory of Mr. Thomas Pindelski Sr., who passed away April 28, 2025, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

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). 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. Please join us!

LUTHERAN MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP (LMSG) AMMO CAN DONATION

In connection with Memorial Day, we will gather a free-will offering for the Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG), in support of our military men, women, and their families. LMSG, a partnership of WELS and ELS veterans, is working to bring Christian support to military members and their families in our churches and beyond. By placing your gift in the ammo can located in the center entryway, you are supporting the work of congregations that are ministering to nearby military families, the WELS civilian chaplain program, and global broadcasts of Time of Grace to our military. Questions? Visit lutheranmilitary.org THANK YOU for standing shoulder to shoulder with those serving our nation!

ASCENSION OBSERVED NEXT SUNDAY (June 1) ; PASTOR TRAVEL DATES

This year we will again observe the Ascension of Our Lord during our regular worship service (9:30am) **next Sunday (June 1)**, following this Thursday which is officially Ascension Day. Acts 1:3 tells us that Jesus appeared to his disciples “over a period of forty days” after his resurrection; thus, the Christian Church commemorates the Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord on the sixth Thursday after Easter (the 40th day after Easter). Jesus’ ascension is a great comfort for us, because it assures us that Jesus’ work of saving us is complete and has been accepted by God the Father, and that Jesus is now reigning over all things for our eternal good and is at the right hand of the Father interceding for us. Please join us next Sunday (June 1) to celebrate all that Jesus’ ascension means for us! ... Guest pastor Mark Wagner, director of mission organization 316NOW, will lead the worship service and Bible study next Sunday, as Pastor Gawel will be attending the 20th anniversary celebration of Asia Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong, on behalf of 316NOW (flying out May 28; arriving back June 3). If you have need of pastoral assistance during that time, please contact our church office or one of our ministry council members, and they will help to get in touch with one of the other WELS pastors in our area.

INSTALLATION OF MINISTRY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Last Sunday (May 18), newly and re-elected ministry council members were installed during our worship service. If you have any questions or suggestions about the gospel ministry or administration of our congregation, please speak with one of them or with Pastor Gawel. Brian Garcia: chairman; Frank Thompson: vice-chairman; Rich Paluch: treasurer; Sam DeLaurentis: secretary and evangelism elder; Glenn

Young: adult spiritual growth elder; George Lawson: Christian education elder; Mike Starr, Jr.: property elder.

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

Visit lps.wels.net/summercamps for more info and to register.

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/>

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
 每周六晚上 7:45, 圣安德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! 请注意: 5月31日没有中文圣经学习, 因为高牧师要出差。6月7日继续。

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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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in April
\$15,545.33	\$9,238.24

Offerings received the week before last: \$2,311.21

Offerings received last week: \$2,218.49

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$6,000.54

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 34 (27 adults, 7 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 9

Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 5

Adult Bible study attendance: 12 (Sun.: 8; Mon.: 2; Tue.: 2)

Sunday school: n/a Youth confirmation class: 5

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