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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 mystery of the Holy Trinity is beyond our comprehension. Yet it is proclaimed in Scripture and believed by Spirit-wrought hearts of faith. We believe in the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The height, depth, and breadth of our God gives us peace as we travel towards eternity.

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).

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Come, Now, Almighty King



1 Come, now, al - might - y King; Help us your
 2 Come, now, in - car - nate Word; Put on your
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er; Your sa - cred
 4 To the great One in Three E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise. Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and your
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour. Your sev'n - fold
 prais - es be For - ev - er - more! His sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give your Word suc - cess;
 gifts im - part; Now rule in ev - 'ry heart;
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Grant us your right - eous-ness, Sav - ior and Friend.
 Nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of Pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

Text: Unknown, c. 1757, abr., alt.

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN (664 6664) Felice de Giardini, 1716-96, alt.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召唤，认罪及赦罪

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

C: Amen.

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

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

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

C: Amen.

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

We join to sing Alleluia! Let Praises Ring (CW93 #241), on the following page.

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Alleluia! Let Praises Ring



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa - ther
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb of
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho - ly
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri - une



let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion. To him
 God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed. He bought
 Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion. The sav -
 God we sing; Blest be his name for - ev - er! With an -



through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon - or,
 the Church with his own blood; He cleansed her in that
 ing faith in us he wrought And us un - to the
 gel hosts let us a - dore And sing his prais - es



pow'r, and praise Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 bless - ed flood And as his bride se - lect - ed.
 Bride - groom brought, Made us his cho - sen na - tion.
 more and more For all his grace and fa - vor.



Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly Is our un - ion And com - mun - ion.
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God the Lord of glo - ry!

Text: *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, Darmstadt, 1698; tr. composite.

Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Numbers 6:22-27 (EHV) – 民数记 6:22-27

²²The LORD told Moses ²³to speak to Aaron and to his sons and to tell them to bless the Israelites with these words:

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you.

²⁵The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

²⁶The LORD look on you with favor^b and give you peace.

²⁷In this way they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 150 – CWS p. 62 (NIV84) – 诗篇 150

Refrain



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of hosts! Ho - ly is



God, the Lord of hosts! Ho-ly is God, the Lord of hosts!

Psalm Tone



^b Literally *lift up his face toward you*

Refrain

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Refrain

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and dancing,
praise him with strings and flute,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD.

**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 – Romans 5:1-5 (EHV) – 罗马书 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace^e with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we also have obtained access by faith^f into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory^g of God.

³Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴and

^e Some witnesses to the text read *let us have peace*.

^f Some witnesses to the text omit *by faith*.

^g Or *approval*

patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ⁵And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia. (*Isaiah 6:3b, NIV*)



GOSPEL – John 16:12-15 (EHV) – 约翰福音 16:12-15

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



¹²"I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now.

¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into^b all truth. For he will not speak on his own, but whatever he hears he will speak. He will also declare to you what is to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁵Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I said that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



ATHANASIAN CREED – CW93 p. 132-133

The Athanasian Creed is one of the three ecumenical or universal creeds of the Christian Church (together with the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds). It emphasizes the biblical truths that God is triune – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one God –

^b Some witnesses to the text read *in*.

and that Jesus is fully God and fully man. The statements at the beginning and end should not be understood to mean that only with a full understanding of all the details of the Trinity and of the two natures in Christ can we be saved, because these truths are impossible for our limited human understanding to fully comprehend. Rather, if someone is aware of what the Bible says about these truths but rejects them, they are rejecting the only true God and the only Savior, Jesus, and, therefore, cannot be saved. Also note that although, near the end, it seems that our good works are the basis on which we go to heaven or hell, actually, from all that we see in the Bible, it is faith in Jesus as Savior that is the basis for going to heaven or hell, and our good works simply serve as evidence of the presence or absence of faith (cf. Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:18).

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being. For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit. The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal; yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite. In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;

yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

**The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.
The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.**

**The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,
but proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

**And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,
so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God
and one God worshiped as three persons.**

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

**It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe
that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.**

Now this is the true Christian faith:

**We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,
is both God and man.**

**He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man,
born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man,
with rational soul and human flesh,**

equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;

**and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one,
one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;**

**one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;
for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being,
so God and man are one Christ.**

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,

and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

**Those who have done good will enter eternal life,
but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.**

This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

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Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our
2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the
3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your
4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -
5 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And you, from



hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and
gift of God most high; The fount of life, the
love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -
both, as Three in One That we your name may



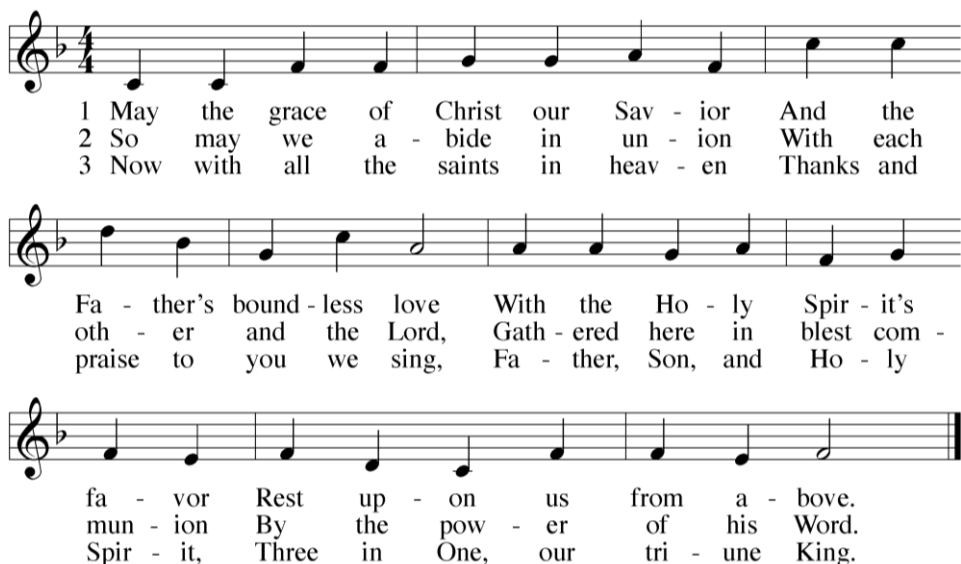
heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
mor - tal state With death-less might in - vig - o - rate.
tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.
ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.

**6 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!**

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

Tune: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER (LM) Klug, *Geistliche lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1533.

SERMON – John 16:12-15 – Knowing the One True God – 讲道：基于
约翰福音 16:12-15



1 May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior And the
 2 So may we a - bide in un - ion With each
 3 Now with all the saints in heav - en Thanks and

Fa - ther's bound - less love With the Ho - ly Spir - it's
 oth - er and the Lord, Gath - ered here in blest com -
 praise to you we sing, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

fa - vor Rest up - on us from a - bove.
 mun - ion By the pow - er of his Word.
 Spir - it, Three in One, our tri - une King.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-2, alt.; Carroll T. Andrews, b. 1918, st. 3, alt.

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 Tune: STUTTGART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716, alt.

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. 22).



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

Blessed Father, from you comes all that is, and we are forever indebted to your grace for the gift of life. Receive this day our special thanks for the redemption you have provided in Jesus Christ, your Son, and for the work of the Spirit in bringing us to know you by faith and to be adopted as your children by Baptism into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father, your Son was the voice that spoke all things into existence, and your grace still preserves all that you have made. You did not abandon your people, but have delivered us by the blood of Christ. Grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may know your Word and keep it in faith through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until we are joined with faithful Abraham, with patriarch, prophet, apostle, and evangelist, in your presence forevermore. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father, you have established marriage and sanctified the home to be a place of blessing and love. Give to parent and child the courage to love as you have loved us. Unite them in their common life by your Spirit to know Jesus and serve him. Bless the single with chastity, comfort the widowed, protect the orphan, and defend the helpless. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father, you give all authority to your Son, Jesus Christ, yet you call us to honor our worldly rulers. Give wisdom to your people to render rulers their due, always under Christ, by whom all authority is established. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father, grant healing and patience in every affliction to the ailing, the dying, and those in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father, you give us your Son's body and blood, that we may taste and see that you are good. Grant that we may use your gifts faithfully, and frequently draw near to your table in true repentance. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father, reform and renew us by your Word and Spirit. Where we lack love, build us up in Christ, and where we are distracted, give us a single focus upon our Lord Jesus, that at last we may be found faithful, be reunited with those who have gone before us to your nearer

presence, and enjoy the marriage supper of the Lamb in his kingdom without end. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give you thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to your eternal household. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

for Academia Cristo students in Nicaragua:

Heavenly Father, so often in salvation history your gracious plans and acts seemed small and insignificant in the eyes of the world. In the same way, the country of Nicaragua is not well-known to the world, yet you are planting your gospel there through the online *Academia Cristo* training. Continue to work in the hearts of the 11 news students who completed their first course last year. Bless those who share your Word among their neighbors. We pray that you would once again bring forth from this humble start great things for your kingdom. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Father, 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.

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 now we confess that you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, are one God and one Lord, and we acknowledge you as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

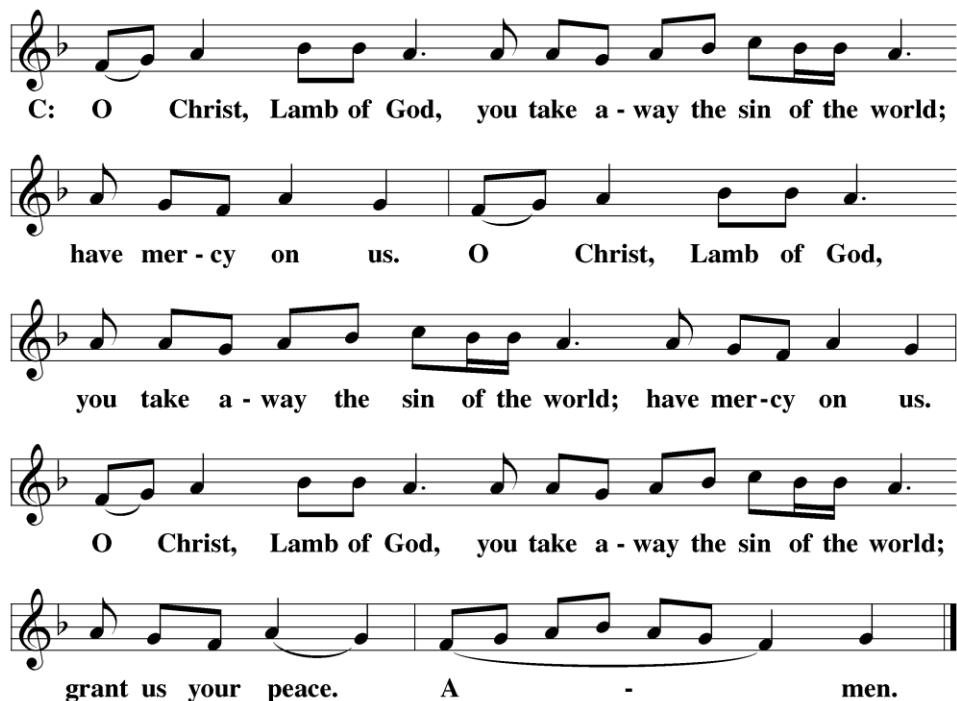
WORDS OF INSTITUTION 耶稣设立圣餐的话

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

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

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

C: Amen.



DISTRIBUTION 分发圣餐 – 只邀请已经受坚信礼的本会成员来领受
At the direction of the usher, current communicant members of St. Andrew and our sister churches in the WELS and ELS may come forward down the center aisle, then wait until directed by an usher to go to the communion rail. Communicants may kneel or stay standing. Please hold out your hand to receive the bread. If you 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: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

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

195 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a -
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -



might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our
 dore thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -
 hide thee, Though the eye of sin - ful man thy
 might - y! All thy works shall praise thy name in



song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and
 glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art
 earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Tune: NICAEA (11 12 12 10) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
June 15-22, 2025

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	10:45 AM	Father's Day Brunch
Thursday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (6/22)	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study

The paraments are white for the Festival of the Holy Trinity. 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!

MEMORIALS

- In loving memory of my dad, Joseph Czarny, and Lee Essig on Father's Day, with love, Barbara Essig.
- In loving memory of Mr. Frank Thompson Sr. and Mr. Robert Petzel on Father's Day, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH – today after worship

Today after the worship service there will be a brunch for Father's Day featuring "pizza, wings, & things," at the tables in the back of our worship space. All are welcome! Thanks to all who helped prepare!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: “Helping the Hurting with Hope” – Sundays 11:00

This Bible study 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 who are hurting, 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!

PASTOR GAWEL’S CALL DELIBERATION

From Pastor Gawel:

On May 25, I received a call to serve as pastor of Crown of Life Lutheran Church in West St. Paul and Eagan, MN. As you may know, this does not mean that I have to accept the call and go there, but that I now get to spend some time in prayer and deliberation between these two calls from God -- the one to serve with you here at St. Andrew, the other to go and serve with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Crown of Life. Please pray for God's blessing of wisdom and guidance for me as I deliberate, and for his blessing on Sherry and our kids, and on all of the members of St. Andrew and all the members of Crown of Life during this time. I would be happy to talk with you to hear your thoughts as I deliberate. Feel free to arrange a time to get together to talk, or give me a call.

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

On Saturday evenings at 7:45pm in our ministry center (the house next-door to church), we have Chinese ministry, which includes elements of a worship service, Bible study, and prayer, all in Mandarin Chinese. New friends are always welcome to join! Please invite any Chinese friends or neighbors. You may share with them the following invitation:

每周六晚上 7:45, 圣安得烈基督教路德宗教会有成人中文圣经学习。欢迎您参加! 我们在教会的事工中心(教堂旁边的房子)现场聚会; 地址是 3650 S. Honore St., Chicago。如果你想了解更多, 请联系高乐仁牧师: 手机: 773-217-8132。欢迎!

CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST – resources supporting purity online

Conquerors Through Christ 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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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in May
\$15,545.33	\$7,113.37

Offerings received last week: \$1,966.31

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$2,885.15

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 42 (34 adults, 8 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 9

Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 9

Adult Bible study attendance: 5 (Sun.: 5)

Sunday school: n/a Youth confirmation class: 2