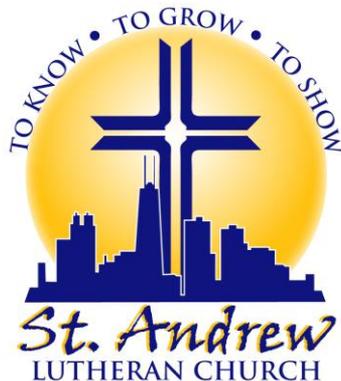


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WELCOME — We're so glad that you've joined us for this worship service! Please let us know if you need any assistance while you're here.

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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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).

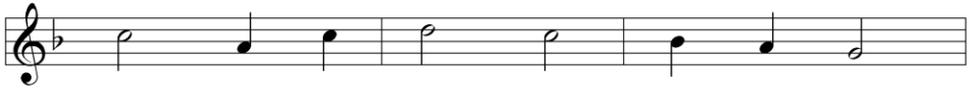
OPENING HYMN – *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds* – CW93 #512 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds
 2 Make un - to them his glo - ries known,
 3 Our lips shall tell them to our sons
 4 Oh, teach them with all dil - i - gence
 5 To learn that in our God a - lone



Which God per - formed of old,
 His works of pow'r and grace,
 And they a - gain to theirs,
 The truths of God's own Word,
 Their hope se - cure - ly stands,



Which in our young - er years we saw,
 And we'll con - vey his won - ders down
 That gen - er - a - tions yet un - born
 To place in him their con - fi - dence,
 That they may ne'er for - get his works,



And which our fa - thers told.
 Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
 May teach them to their heirs.
 To fear and trust their Lord,
 But walk in his com - mands.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, st. 1-3, 5, alt.; Bernhard Schumacher, 1886–1978, st. 4. © 1941
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 Tune: NUN DANKET ALL (CM) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召喚，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.

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Shepherd of Tender Youth



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
2 You are our ho - ly Lord, Christ, the in -
3 You are our great High Priest; You have pre -
4 Oh, ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd
5 So now and till we die Sound we your



love and truth Through de - vious ways, Christ, our tri -
car - nate Word, Heal - er of strife. You did your -
pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
prais - es high And joy - ful sing; In - fants and



um - phant King, We come your name to sing
self a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
mor - tal pain None calls on you in vain;
Christ of God, By your en - dur - ing Word
all the thron Who to your Church be - long



And here our chil - dren bring To join your praise.
You might thus save our race And give us life.
Our plea do not dis - dain: Help from a - bove!
Lead us where you have trod; Make our faith strong.
U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CONFIRMATION ESSAYS 坚信礼作文

- Sophia Gawel – The Third Commandment
- Amelia Solis – The First Article of the Apostles’ Creed
- Robert Morales, Jr. – The Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed
- Liliana Morales – The Use of the Keys and Confession
- Anthony Parrillo – Holy Communion

GOSPEL – John 8:30-36 (EHV) – 约翰福音 8:30-36

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

³⁰As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. ³²You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³“We are Abraham’s descendants,” they answered, “and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be set free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵But a slave does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



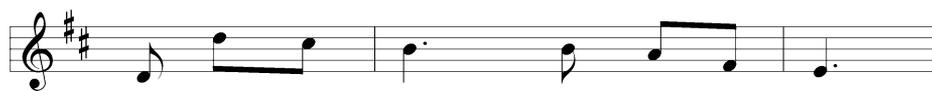
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;

My Com - for - ter, my all in all,
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
 For I am his and he is mine—
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,

(Fine)

Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 Here in the death of Christ I live.
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.

Tune: IN CHRIST ALONE (88 88 D)
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SERMON – Colossians 1:3-12 – Our Prayer for You – 讲道：基于歌罗西书 1:3-12

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints ⁵because of the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. You have already heard about this in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶that is present with you now. The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world, just as it also has been doing among you from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth. ⁷You learned this from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your^c behalf. ⁸He is the one who told us about your love in the Spirit.^d

⁹For this reason, from the day we heard about your love, we also have not stopped praying for you. We keep asking that you would be

^c Some witnesses to the text read *our*.

^d Or *about the love the Spirit worked in you*

filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding,¹⁰ so that you might live in a way that is worthy of the Lord. Our goal is that you please him by bearing fruit in every kind of good work and by growing in the knowledge of God,¹¹ as you are being strengthened with all power because of his glorious might working in you. Then you will have complete endurance and patience, joyfully¹² giving thanks to the Father, who qualified us^e to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

293 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
 ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
 chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it
 is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
 teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925.
 Tune: REUTER (87 87 66 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

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

^e Some witnesses to the text read *you*.

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).



RITE OF CONFIRMATION 坚信礼

Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction in God's Word. It is a rite by which a person is recognized as one who is properly prepared to receive Holy Communion.

Those being confirmed stand.

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth

that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

M: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

R: **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. (Apostles' Creed 使徒信经)

M: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R: **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God’s Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

R: **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

The minister addresses the congregation.

M: Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for *these confirmands*, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in *them*. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

PRAYER 祷告

M: Gracious Father, you have adopted *these brothers and sisters* in Baptism and anointed *them* with your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen *them* by that same Spirit so that *they* may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Move *them* to faithfully hear your Holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that *they* may again and again be assured of your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Give *them* the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Clothe *them* with the kindness, humility, and patience of Christ and so that *they* may live at peace with all the members of Christ’s body. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Protect *them* from the powers of evil, and give *them* the weapons to fight against the devil. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Keep *them* faithful and holy so that *they* may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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.

M: *Brothers and sisters in Christ*, what we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on *all of you*, we now ask him to give *each of you* individually.

The confirmands, in turn, come forward and may kneel. The minister may lay his hand on the head of each one and speak one of the following blessings. A confirmation verse may also be read for each.

M: _____, may God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

or

M: _____, may the Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit, to the strengthening of your faith, to your growth in grace, to your patience in suffering, and to the blessed hope of eternal life.

or

M: _____, may God, who began a good work in you, bring it to completion at the coming of our Lord Christ Jesus.

or

M: _____, may God the Father who created you, may God the Son who redeemed you, may God the Holy Spirit who sanctified you keep you faithful unto life everlasting.

After all the confirmands have received the blessing, the minister dismisses them, saying:

M: Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

THE SACRAMENT 圣餐礼

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy Supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this Supper, we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

Following the teaching of the Bible (1 Corinthians 10:17; 11:27-29; etc.), our church practices closed communion. We ask that only those who are current communicant members of this church or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) partake of the sacrament today. If you are not a current member of this church or one of our sister churches, our pastor would be happy to speak with you about receiving the Lord's Supper with us in the future. Please mention it to him after the service.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. 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: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

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

CLOSING HYMN – *May God the Father of Our Lord* – CW93 #597 –
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597

May God the Father of Our Lord



1 May God the Fa - ther of our Lord, Who
 2 In Je - sus Christ may you be blessed And
 3 The Ho - ly Spir - it give you pow'r, The
 4 May God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And



called you by his ho - ly Word, Per -
 brought to his e - ter - nal rest. The
 strength of prayer in ev - 'ry hour, The
 God the Spir - it, Three in One, Pre -



fect, es - tab - lish, set - tle you, Keep
 work he has in you be - gun, He
 wis - dom, knowl - edge, fear of God, That
 serve you blame - less till in grace You



you through faith for - ev - er true.
 will per - form till all is done.
 lifts a - bove his chas - t'ning rod.
 stand be - fore his ho - ly face.

Text: Dorothy I. Scharlemann, b. 1912.
 Tune: TALLIS' CANON (LM) Thomas Tallis, c. 1505-85.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
June 29 – July 6, 2025

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| Today | 9:30 AM | Worship Service w. Youth Confirmation & Lord's Supper |
| | 10:45 AM | Fellowship & Reception for Confirmands |
| Saturday | 7:45 PM | 中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry) |
| Sunday (7/6) | 9:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 11:00 AM | Sunday School & Adult Bible study |

The paraments are green for the Sundays after Pentecost. Green represents growth. The Sundays after Pentecost emphasize the growth in faith and godly living that the Holy Spirit works in us through the Word of God.

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!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION DURING TODAY'S SERVICE; RECEPTION AFTER
During our worship service today, five young people from our congregation will be confirmed: Sophia Gawel; Liliana Morales; Robert Morales, Jr.; Anthony Parrillo; Amelia Solis. We welcome them as communicant members of our congregation, and we rejoice to receive the Lord's Supper together with them. Please stay for a time of fellowship after the worship service to greet the confirmands.

HANDHELD FANS AVAILABLE

Handheld fans are available for those who would like to use them during worship and Bible study. Please return them before you leave church, so we can continue using them in the future :-)

SIGN UP TO HELP AT CHINATOWN SUMMER FAIR AND/OR VBS

We will have a booth at the Chinatown Summer Fair this year (confirmed), on July 26-27 (Sat.-Sun.). We will need a number of volunteers to take turns manning the booth. No need to be able to speak Chinese (Pastor Gawel will be there most of the time, and most people at the fair can speak English). We also need some ideas for fun things we can do with our booth. If you would like to help with the booth or have ideas to share, please sign up on the signup sheet on the Bible study table, or speak with Pastor Gawel.

We are also thinking about doing another VBS this summer, if there is enough interest from both potential participants and volunteers. Most likely in August. If you're willing to help with that (or at least to help brainstorm), please sign up on the VBS signup sheet on the Bible study table, or speak with Pastor Gawel.

INVITATION TO ORDINATION OF NEW PASTOR FOR CROSSROADS – 7/6

You are cordially invited to attend the service of ordination of Jacob Borgwardt into the pastoral ministry and installation as pastor of Crossroads, Chicago, on **July 6 (Sun.) at 4:00pm, held at Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Morton Grove, IL (6218 Capulina Ave.)**. A light meal will follow in Jerusalem's fellowship hall. Please use this Google form (<https://forms.gle/dSUv2wddLAjQZgXs5>) to indicate how many will attend with you and whether you will stay for the meal. If you're not able to use the Google form, or for any questions, please email Crossroads' president, Darby Frey: president@crossroadschicago.com .

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 – 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!

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.

WELS WOMEN’S MINISTRY ONLINE BIBLE STUDY: BIBLICAL HOSPITALITY

The WELS Women’s Ministry Titus 2 Team will be offering an online Bible study for women across our synod beginning Sat., July 19, 2025.

This is a four-week course studying “Biblical Hospitality.” Many in today’s society are experiencing increasingly prevalent feelings of isolation, invisibility, and insignificance. Practicing biblical hospitality creates a bridge to the “isolated, invisible, and insignificant.” In contrast to the modern concept of hosting, biblical hospitality sees the needs of others and responds from the rich pool of blessings received from Jesus. This study will expand your understanding of biblical hospitality, demonstrate what it looks like, and provide practical application for your life. Each week the lesson will be offered twice—starting at 8:00 a.m. (Central) on Saturday mornings and 7:00 p.m. (Central) on Monday evenings—to help accommodate your schedule. Choose whichever time works best for you each week. <https://gf.wels.net/womens-ministry-online-class-biblical-hospitality/>

WELS WEBINAR: FOSTERING FAITH IN THE NEXT GENERATION – 8/14

Are you ready to nurture the spiritual lives of young adults? Register for the webinar on Thurs., Aug. 14, 7:00-8:00pm, called “Fostering Faith in the Next Generation: Part 2—Prioritizing Gen Z.”

This webinar is designed for parents, church members, and anyone passionate about empowering Gen Z on their faith journey. It will explore effective strategies for building authentic relationships, fostering spiritual growth, and creating welcoming environments. Experienced panelists will share real-life examples and success stories. More info and register at: <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/womens-ministry/womens-ministry-webinars/>

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!

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.

“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.

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: \$1,195.69

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$5,948.42

Ministry Attendance Last Week

Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 45 (37 adults, 8 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 10

Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 10

Adult Bible study attendance: 6 (Wed.: 4; Thu.: 2)

Sunday school: n/a

Youth confirmation class: 3

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