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you; the Lord make his face shine  
on you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.”

- Numbers 6:24-26

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 13, 2025**

**SERVICE THEME:  
It's Not a Prayer; It's a Promise**



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## July 13, 2025 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### SERVICE THEME: It's Not a Prayer; It's a Promise

**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 Aaronic blessing is an integral part of the Lord's closing instructions at Mt. Sinai. The two-sided covenant of Sinai called for complete dedication of heart and mind to the almighty God of Israel. The idolatrous failures of God's holy people were still fresh in their minds. Yet, Aaron and the priests are to assure the people of their Lord's continued faithfulness, even in the face of Israel's unfaithfulness. How impossible for human minds to possess a full understanding of the depths of God's grace! But the Spirit comes, planting confidence in the heart that clings to the Father's faithfulness and the eternal blessing he*

brings through the Son. On the road to the Promised Land or on the road of life, believers travel at peace in the Triune God's three-fold blessing.

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

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Glory Be to God the Father



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
 2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each  
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the  
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!— Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,  
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us,  
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;  
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!—



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
 Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,  
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,  
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!  
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!  
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.  
 Tune: WORCESTER (87 87 47) Walter G. Whinfield, 1865–1919.

**INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** 召喚，認罪及赦罪

**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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## All Glory Be to God Alone

*Gloria in Excelsis*

1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For -  
 2 We praise you, God, and you we bless; We  
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our  
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have  
 5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One; O'er



ev - er - more the high - est one, Who did our  
 wor - ship you in hum - ble - ness; From day to  
 Fa - ther, the Al - might - y One; O Lord, the  
 mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray. You take the  
 all things you are Lord a - lone. O Je - sus



sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to  
 day we glo - ri - fy The ev - er - last - ing  
 Sole - be - got - ten One, Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
 whole world's sin a - way; Oh, lis - ten to the  
 Christ, we glo - ri - fy You and the Spir - it,



us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may his good  
 God on high. Of your great glo - ry do we  
 Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e - ter - ni -  
 prayer we say. From God's right hand, oh, send to -  
 Lord most high; With him you ev - er - more shall



will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.  
 sing, And to your throne our thanks we bring.  
 ty, O Lamb of God— to you we flee.  
 day Your mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

Text: attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

Tune: ALL EHR UND LOB (88 88 88) *Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder*, Strassburg, 1541, 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 (NIV) – 民数记 6:22-27

<sup>22</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>23</sup>“Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

<sup>24</sup>“ ‘ “The LORD bless you  
and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.” ’

<sup>27</sup>“So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

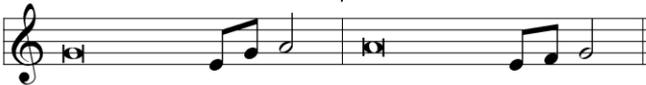
**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 8 – CW93 p. 67 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 8 –  
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*Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

*Psalm tone*



**Refrain**

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!\*  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I consider your heavens,\*  
the work of your fingers,  
what is man that you are mindful of him,\*  
the Son of Man that you care for him?

**Refrain**

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings\*  
and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands;\*  
you put everything under his feet.

**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 8:28-39 (NIV) – 罗马书 8:28-39**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

<sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Alleluia. (*Galatians 4:6*)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### GOSPEL – Matthew 8:5-13 (NIV) – 马太福音 8:5-13

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. <sup>6</sup> “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?”

<sup>8</sup> The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. <sup>11</sup> I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>12</sup> But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment.

*After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



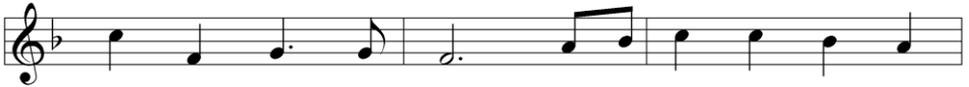
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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Christians, While on Earth Abiding



1 Chris-tians, while on earth a - bid - ing, Let us  
2 Bless us, Fa - ther, and pro - tect us From all



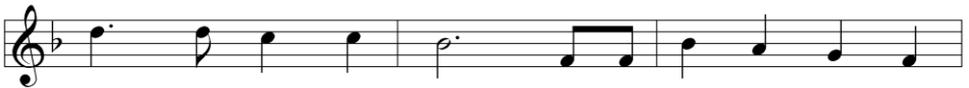
nev - er cease to pray, Firm - ly in the Lord con -  
harm in all our ways; Pa - tient - ly, O Lord, di -



fid - ing As our par - ents in their day.  
rect us Safe - ly through these fleet - ing days.



Be the chil - dren's voic - es raised To the  
Let your face up - on us shine; Fill us



God their par - ents praised. May his bless - ing, fail - ing  
with your peace di - vine. Praise the Fa - ther, Son, and



nev - er, Rest up - on his peo - ple ev - er.  
Spir - it! Praise him, all who life in - her - it!

Text: Johann Olof Wallin, 1779–1839, st. 1, abr.; Jesper Svedberg, 1653–1735, st. 2; tr. *Hymnal and Order of Service*, Rock Island, 1901, alt.

Tune: WERDE MUNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

**SERMON** – Numbers 6:22-27 – It’s Not a Prayer; It’s a Promise – 讲道:  
基于民数记 6:22-27

## **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** – *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* – CW93 #329 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

# Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; Fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For the gos - pel's  
 3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en Us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 call a - way, Borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us,  
 In our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,  
 Glad the sum - mons to o - bey, May we ev - er,



oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful To your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er Reign with Christ in end - less day.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Tune: NEW ULM (87 87 87) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

**M:** O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious.  
 Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand  
 and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

**C:** **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

**M:** Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting  
 message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls  
 everywhere.

**C:** **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your  
 hope.**

- M:** We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.
- C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**
- M:** Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.
- C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**
- M:** Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.
- C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**
- M:** Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.
- C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

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

*for ministry to the deaf and hard of hearing:*

Compassionate Lord Jesus, we ask you to bless this coming weekend's "Hands of God" conference at St. Paul's, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, on the topic of ministry to the deaf and hard of hearing. May the conference bring awareness of and provide resources for serving this mission field. Let attendees return home fulfilled by mutual encouragement, broader understanding, and deeper relationships. Move our hands to serve one another in love, just as you, Lord, humbly served us in love. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**C:** 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:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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** – *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* – CW93 #332 –  
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## Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing,  
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en,  
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished,  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you



Never a - lone. Wak - ing, sleep - ing,  
 At peace and pure. Here you learned how  
 Clos - er to me; Grow in love and  
 And give you peace; I the Lord will



I am with you; You are my own.  
 much I love you, What I can cure.  
 love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.  
 smile up - on you And give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior,



made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,  
 touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,  
 ten - der com - fort stilled you. Go, my chil - dren,  
 Com - fort - er, and Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren;



with my bless - ing— You are my own.  
 sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 I will keep you And give you peace.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**July 13-20, 2025**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible study</b>
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (7/20)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible study</b>

*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!

**PASTOR GAWEL'S TRAVEL DATES; GUEST PASTOR; ON-CALL PASTORS**  
Pastor Gawel is out of town through July 14 (Mon.). Pastor Jim Aderman is leading the worship service today, and has prepared a Bible study for after the service, titled: "The old has gone; the new has come," based on 2 Corinthians 5:17. ... If you have need of pastoral assistance while Pastor Gawel is away, please contact our church office or ministry council chairman Brian Garcia (or Pastor Gawel), and we'll help you to get in touch with one of the other WELS pastors in our area.

**SIGN UP TO HELP AT CHINATOWN SUMMER FAIR AND VBS**

We will have a booth at the Chinatown Summer Fair this year 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're also happy to take ideas for more things we can do/offer at our booth. If you would like to help with the booth or have ideas to share, please sign up on the sign up sheet on the Bible study table, or speak with Pastor Gawel.

We're also thinking about doing another one-day VBS in August, if there's enough interest from both potential participants and volunteers. If you're willing to help with that, please sign up on the VBS sign up sheet on the Bible study table, or speak with Pastor Gawel.

### **NEW STANDING FANS IN BACK OF CHURCH**

We have purchased a few new standing fans for the back of church, to help keep the air moving in our sanctuary in the warm summer months. Parents, out of an abundance of caution, please keep an eye on your kids to make sure they don't stand directly behind the fans. We'll help you keep an eye on that too :-)

### **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, so we can continue using them in the future :-)

### **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/>

## **MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE – Sept. 27 (Sat.) – Milwaukee**

In Philippians 3:14 the apostle Paul reminds us that there is a prize at the end of this fight (of life). He reminds us that God has called us to that prize in heaven. Through his word and the encouragement of one another, God himself will give us the strength to FORGE AHEAD IN FAITH. We invite you to attend the Men of His Word conference to receive such strength and encouragement to FORGE AHEAD IN FAITH in your own life. Go here for more info and to register:

<https://www.menofhisword.org/milwaukee.html> . A number of podcasts and videos from previous conferences are available here: <https://www.menofhisword.org/podcast.html> and on most podcast platforms.

## **TRAVEL WITH WELS GROUPS**

Interested in traveling with members of our faith family where WELS worship and Christian fellowship are integral parts of the itinerary? The OWLS (WELS Seniors) is partnering with Father's World Tours to offer trips *every which way* across the USA. Upcoming options include a Labor Day weekend show trip to the Ozarks (8/29-9/1), wildlife and waterfall viewing on Minnesota's North Shore (9/2-5), a comprehensive New England autumn immersion (9/22-10/4), or a Southern California/Mexican coastal cruise combo (12/31-1/13). Trips are open to W/ELS members of all ages. Visit [www.fathersworldtours.com](http://www.fathersworldtours.com) or contact Steve Balza ([steve@fathersworldtours.com](mailto:steve@fathersworldtours.com) or 507-217-1731) to learn more.

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**“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](http://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.welscongregationservices.net/marriagemoments](http://www.welscongregationservices.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 [del Laurentis.sam@gmail.com](mailto:del Laurentis.sam@gmail.com) with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in June
\$15,545.33	\$7,660.48

Offerings received 7/1 – 7/10: \$2,213.28

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

### Ministry Attendance Last Week

**Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 39** (31 adults, 8 children)

**Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 8**

**Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 11**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 6** (Mon.: 2, 2; Tue.: 2)

**Sunday school: n/a**

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