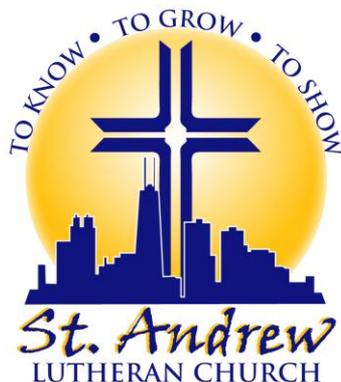


FOR YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED  
**TO LIVE IN FREEDOM,**  
MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS.  
BUT DON'T USE YOUR FREEDOM  
TO SATISFY YOUR SINFUL NATURE.  
INSTEAD, USE YOUR FREEDOM  
TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER  
**IN LOVE.**

GALATIANS 5:13

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 20, 2025**

**SERVICE THEME:**  
**Love Directs Our Freedom**



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## July 20, 2025 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### SERVICE THEME: Love Directs Our Freedom

**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

*Following Christ calls for total commitment. The life of faith walks in lockstep with the will of God and does not following the meandering ways of this world. The Prayer of the Day says it well, "Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises..." and the Verse of the Day aptly summarizes the Sunday.*

**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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O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in And in our hearts  
 2 Give to your Word im - pres-sive pow'r That in our hearts  
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let your dear Word,



your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
 from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
 in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di-vine, A - round and in  
 That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
 That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
 ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
 and ho - ly faith, From you true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we May be Tru - ly liv - ing, To you giv - ing  
 Hear us, Cheer us By your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
 Your grace And peace On us show - er; By your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
 And our la - bor Praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
 Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–73, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1, 3, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 2, alt.

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



**C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the  
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** 本日共祷文

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING** – Jonah 3:1 – 4:11 (EHV) – 约拿书 3:1 – 4:11

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Get up. Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.”

<sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the LORD had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. <sup>4</sup>Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, “Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!”

<sup>5</sup>The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least. <sup>6</sup>When word reached the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, took off his

royal robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh.

By the decree of the king and his leading officials:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything. Do not let them eat food or drink water. <sup>8</sup>Instead, let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call fervently to God. Let them turn from their evil way and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may turn and relent. He may turn from his burning anger so that we will not perish.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

**4** But to Jonah all this seemed very bad, and he became very angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD, “LORD, wasn’t this exactly what I said when I was still in my own country? That is why I previously fled to Tarshish, because I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abounding in mercy, and you relent from sending disaster. <sup>3</sup>So now, LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>4</sup>But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

<sup>5</sup>Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city. He made a shelter for himself there and sat in the shade under it, waiting to see what would happen in the city.

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD God provided a plant and made it grow up over Jonah to provide shade over his head, to relieve him from his discomfort. So Jonah was very happy about the plant. <sup>7</sup>But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, and it attacked the plant so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind. The sun beat down on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, so he said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” Jonah said, “I do have a right to be angry—angry enough to die!”

<sup>10</sup>So the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant. You did not work for it or make it grow. It grew up in one night and perished after one night. <sup>11</sup>So should I not be concerned for Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than one hundred twenty thousand people who do not know the difference between their right hand and their left—and also many animals?”



**SECOND READING** – Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (EHV) – 加拉太书 5:1, 13-25

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again.

<sup>13</sup>After all, brothers, you were called to freedom. Only do not use your freedom as a starting point for your sinful flesh. Rather, serve one another through love. <sup>14</sup>In fact, the whole law is summed up in this one statement: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup>But if you keep on biting and devouring one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>What I am saying is this: Walk by the spirit, and you will not carry out what the sinful flesh desires. <sup>17</sup>For the sinful flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit, and the spirit what is contrary to the sinful flesh. In fact, these two continually oppose one another, so that you do not continue to do these things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the control of the law.

<sup>19</sup>Now the works of the sinful flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, complete lack of restraint, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, hatred, discord, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup>envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things similar to these. I warn you, just as I also warned you before, that those who continue to do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the spirit, let us also walk in step with it.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Alleluia. (*Mark 8:34b, EHV*)



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

**GOSPEL** – Luke 9:51-62 (EHV) – 路加福音 9:51-62

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



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

<sup>51</sup>When the days were approaching for him to be taken up, Jesus was determined to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>He sent messengers ahead of him. They went and entered a Samaritan village to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup>But the people did not welcome him, because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?"

<sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. "You don't know what kind of spirit is influencing you. <sup>56</sup>For the Son of Man did not come to destroy people's souls, but to save them." Then they went to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they went on the way, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

<sup>58</sup>Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

<sup>59</sup>He said to another man, "Follow me!"

But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

<sup>60</sup>Jesus told him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

<sup>61</sup>Another man also said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those at my home."

<sup>62</sup>Jesus told him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## NICENE CREED 尼西亚信经

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down**

from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken* – CW93 #465 –  
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1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,  
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;  
 3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!  
 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -  
 They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man  
 Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your  
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but



tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on  
 hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are  
 ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your  
 heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry  
 not, like them, un - true. And since you have  
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you  
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this



fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er  
 smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,  
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in  
 earth - ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the



hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -  
 love, and might, Foes may hate and friends con -  
 all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may  
 pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly



di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.  
 shun me— Show your face, and all is bright.  
 gath - er; All must work for good to me.  
 glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.

Tune: HYFRYDOL (87 87 D) Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87.

SERMON – Galatians 5:1, 13-25 – Love Directs Our Freedom – 讲道：基于加拉太书 5:1, 13-25

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# Holy Spirit, Light Divine



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, Light di - vine, Shine up -  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di - vine, Cleanse this  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, Joy di - vine, Cheer this  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Pow'r di - vine, Dwell with -  
5 See, to you I give my heart; Cleanse my



on this heart of mine; Chase the gloom of night  
guilt - y heart of mine; In your mer - cy pit -  
sad - dened heart of mine; Fill me with your heav'n -  
in this heart of mine; Cast down ev - 'ry i -  
life in ev - 'ry part; Your own tem - ple I



a - way; Turn the dark - ness in - to day.  
y me; From sin's bond - age set me free.  
ly peace; Let it grow and still in - crease.  
dol throne; Reign su - preme and reign a - lone.  
would be Now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Andrew Reed, 1787–1862, abr., alt.

Tune: SONG 13 (77 77) Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625, 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. 24).



## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** 教会公祷

**M:** Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

**C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

**M:** Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

**M:** Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and Sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

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

*for the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod:*

Dear Jesus, Lord of the Church, we thank you for positive developments in our church body and ask you to help us where we struggle. Thank you that though our membership continues to decline, that decline is slowing, while in-person worship and youth and adult Bible study attendance are increasing. Thank you for increasing our adult confirmations and decreasing the number of people leaving our churches. Help us, Savior, as we work to engage more youth and young families. You have a plan. We know your Word does not return to you empty and that your kingdom will grow. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. 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** – *Renew Me, O Eternal Light* – CW93 #471 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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## Renew Me, O Eternal Light



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
 2 De - stroy in me the lust of sin; From all im -  
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
 4 Grant that I on - ly you may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
 pure - ness make me clean. Oh, grant me pow'r and  
 I o - bey your Word. Oh, let your will be  
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold you



light of grace That is - sues from your ho - ly face.  
 strength, my God, To strive a - gainst my flesh and blood.  
 my de - sire And with new life my soul in - spire.  
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through your grace.

Text: Johann F. Ruopp, 1672–1708, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**July 20-27, 2025**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible study</b>
Saturday	all day	<b>Chinatown Summer Fair booth</b>
	7:45 PM	<b>中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)</b>
Sunday (7/27)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study</b>
	all day	<b>Chinatown Summer Fair booth</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!

**MEMORIAL** — In loving memory of Mrs. Eleanor Petzel, whose birthday falls July 22<sup>nd</sup>, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

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

We will have a booth at the Chinatown Summer Fair next weekend (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 at the booth for any amount of time or have ideas to share, please sign up on the signup 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 signup sheet on the Bible study table, or speak with Pastor Gawel.

### **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!

### **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.

## **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!

## **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.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments](http://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](mailto:delarentis.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 last week: \$2,072.81  
(budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)  
Total offerings received so far this month: \$4,286.09

**Ministry Attendance Last Week**

- Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 15** (14 adults, 1 child)
- Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 11**
- Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: n/a**
- Adult Bible study attendance: 4** (Tue.: 2; Thur.: 2)
- Sunday school: n/a**

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