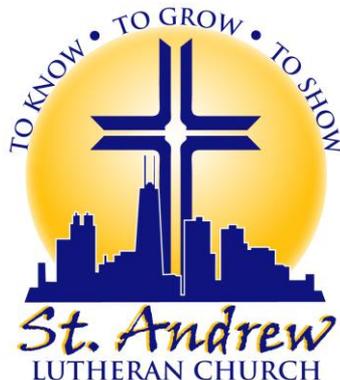


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WELCOME — We're so glad that you've joined us for this worship service! Please let us know if you need any assistance while you're here.

OUR MISSION — The mission of St. Andrew Lutheran Church is to guide people **to know** Jesus as their Savior, **to grow** in their faith, and **to show** Jesus to others.

OUR BELIEF — We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the only source of all Christian doctrine and teaching. We believe that the only true God is the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that we are saved not by anything we do, but only through faith in Jesus Christ, who gave his life for our sins. We will be happy to tell you more about what we believe!

OUR HISTORY — St. Andrew Lutheran Church was established in 1888 and is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a confessional Lutheran church body with over 1,200 congregations in North America and with more than 30 sister church bodies worldwide.

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INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

The believer prays boldly. The Prayer of the Day beautifully centers worship for this Sunday: God's ears are open; let us then boldly ask for the blessings he promises.

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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When in the Hour of Utmost Need



1 When in the hour of ut - most need We know not
 2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
 3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's
 4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our
 5 So that with all our hearts we may To you our



where to look for aid, When days and nights of
 meet be - fore your throne; To you, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need Through him whose name a -
 woes be - fore you lay. Be with us in our
 glad thanks - giv - ing pay, Then walk o - be - dient



an - ious thought Nor help nor coun - sel yet have brought,
 God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
 lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 an - guish still; Free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
 to your Word And now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

Text: Paul Eber, 1511–69, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–c. 1561.

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.



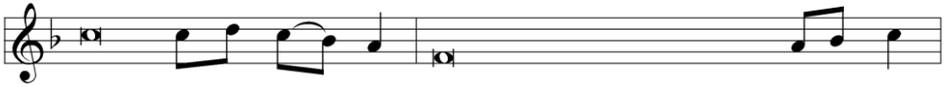
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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



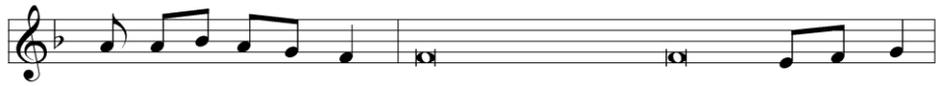
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



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 Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Genesis 18:20-32 (EHV) – 创世记 18:20-32

²⁰So the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very flagrant, ²¹I will go down now and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has come to me. If not, I will know."

²²The two men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Abraham approached him and said, "Will you really sweep away the righteous along with the wicked? ²⁴What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep them away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵You would never do such a thing, killing the righteous along with the wicked, treating the righteous the same as the wicked. You would never do such a thing. The Judge of all the earth should do right, shouldn't he?"

²⁶The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people within the city of Sodom, then I will spare the entire place for their sake."

²⁷Abraham answered, "See now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it on myself to speak to my Lord. ²⁸What if there are five fewer than fifty righteous? Will you destroy the entire city if the number is five short?" He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

²⁹He spoke to him yet again and said, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "I will not do it for the sake of the forty."

³⁰He said, "Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak again. What if thirty are found there?"

He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

³¹He said, "See now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord. What if there are twenty found there?"

He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty."

³²He said, "Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?"

He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten."

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 6 – CW93 p. 66 (NIV84) – 诗篇 6

Refrain



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Psalm tone



Refrain

O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger*
or discipline me in your wrath.

Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint;*
O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in anguish.

Turn, O LORD, and deliver me;*
save me because of your unfailing love.

Refrain

I am worn out from groaning.*
My eyes grow weak with sorrow.

Away from me, all you who do evil,*
for the LORD has heard my weeping.

The LORD has heard my cry for mercy;*
the LORD accepts my prayer.

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 – James 5:13-18 (EHV) – 雅各书 5:13-18

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? He should call the elders of the church, and they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶So confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, in order that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is able to do much because it is effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain, and the land produced its harvest.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (*John 6:68, NIV*)



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

GOSPEL – Luke 11:1-13 (EHV) – 路加福音 11:1-13

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

On another occasion, Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.”

²He said to them, “When you pray, say, ‘Our Father in heaven,^a hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.^b ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us.^c And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’ ”^d

⁵He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and tell him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶because a friend of mine who is on a journey has come to me, and I do not have anything to set before him.’ ⁷And the one inside replies, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give it to you.’ ⁸I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his bold persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

⁹“I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives. The one who seeks finds. And to the one who knocks, it will be opened.

¹¹“What father among you, if your son asks for bread, would give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, would give him a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, would give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED 尼西亚信经

^a Some witnesses to the text omit *Our* and *in heaven*.

^b Some witnesses to the text omit *Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven*.

^c Literally *everyone who is indebted to us*

^d A few witnesses to the text omit *but deliver us from evil*. See the footnote on Matthew 6:13 for the traditional ending of the Lord’s Prayer.

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 – *Not in Anger, Mighty God* – CW93 #423 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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Not in Anger, Mighty God



1 Not in an - ger, might - y God, Not in an - ger
 2 Show me now a Fa - ther's love And his ten - der
 3 My dear Sav - ior comes in grace; He will al - ways
 4 Fa - ther, hymns to you we raise With sin - cere thanks -



smite us. We must per - ish if your rod
 pa - tience. Heal my wound - ed soul; re - move
 hear me. I may come be - fore his face;
 giv - ing And the Son and Spir - it praise



Just - ly should re - quite us. We are naught;
 These too sore temp - ta - tions. I am weak;
 He is ev - er near me. He o'er - throws
 With re - pent - ant liv - ing. Ev - er - more



Sin has brought, Lord, your wrath up -
 Fa - ther, speak Now of peace and
 All my foes; Death and hell are
 We a - dore You whose love has



on us. Yet have mer - cy on us!
 glad - ness; Com - fort me in sad - ness.
 van - quished, In whose bonds I lan - guished.
 stirred us And whose pit - y heard us.

Text: Johann G. Albinus, 1624–79, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: STRAF MICH NICHT (76 76 33 66) *Hundert . . . geistlicher Arien*, Dresden, 1694, alt.

SERMON – Luke 11:1-13 – Pray Confidently to Our Father in Heaven –

讲道：基于 路加福音 11:1-13

HYMN – *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me* – CW93 #433 – 圣诗 — 儿童唱第一段
-- VBS kids sing stanza 1; congregation sings stanzas 2 & 3

1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from thee:
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

2 As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild.
Boist'rous waves obey thy will
When thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

3 When at last I near the shore
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twi'xt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on thy breast,
May I hear thee say to me,
"Fear not! I will pilot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818–88, abr.

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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:** 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 Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel, Madison, WI:

Lord, thank you for establishing the unique gospel ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel in Madison, WI. This is a WELS congregation focused on campus ministry at Madison-area colleges and universities, especially the 50,000 students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Guide the ministry team in incorporating students into congregational life and ministry so that when the students graduate and move, they continue growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus and bring their experience and enthusiasm with them. 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.

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 – *With the Lord Begin Your Task* – CW93 #478 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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With the Lord Begin Your Task



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di -
 2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise and ad - o -
 3 With your Sav - ior at your side Foes need not a -
 4 If your task is thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's



rect it. For his aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus
 ra - tion. On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is
 larm you; In his prom - is - es con - fide And no
 bless - ing, Safe - ly then your course will run, Naught your



will per - fect it. Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise,
 your sal - va - tion. Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night
 ill can harm you. All your trust and hope re - pose
 soul dis - tress - ing. Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where



And, when day is end - ed, In his name then
 Je - sus will be near you, Save you from the
 In the might - y Mas - ter, Who in wis - dom
 While you here must wan - der; You at last the



close your eyes; Be to him com - mend - ed.
 temp - ter's might, With his pres - ence cheer you.
 tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
 joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.

Text: *Morgen-und Abend-segen*, Waldenburg, 1734, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

Tune: FANG DEIN WERK (76 76 D Trochaic) Peter Frank, 1616–75, alt.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
August 17-24, 2025

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (8/24)	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're 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 Vivian Thompson, who passed away on August 20, 2021, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

THANK OFFERING — For prayers answered, "Praise God from whom all Blessings flow!" by Glenn, Christine, and Jason Young.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH VBS YESTERDAY!

A big thank you to all who helped with and attended our one-day vacation Bible camp (VBS) yesterday! The theme for the VBS was "Set Sail with the Son!", focusing on how Jesus has saved us from the spiritual "storm" of sin that threatens our spiritual lives. VBS volunteers led Bible lessons, crafts, and games for the kids, and provided snacks and lunch. Thanks to all for your help!

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!

BARRERA WEDDING INVITATION – Sept. 12 (Fri.), 12:00pm

Robert and Jaclyn Barrera would like to invite the members of St. Andrew to their wedding ceremony at St. Andrew on September 12 (Friday) at 12:00pm. We give thanks to God for the blessings of marriage and rejoice in that blessing with Robert and Jaclyn!

“DISTORTED BIBLE PASSAGES” ONLINE STUDY FROM *FORWARD IN CHRIST* MAGAZINE – today (Aug. 17), 4:00pm

Join a live online Bible study hosted by *Forward in Christ* magazine led by Pastor Andrew Schroer today, Aug. 17, at 4:00pm. The webinar will focus on the topic of distorted Bible passages and principles for biblical interpretation. You can find the link to register here: <https://forwardinchrist.net/online-study/>, as well as read the articles in the series from the *Forward in Christ* magazine.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS RESUMING SOON

Youth confirmation class will resume soon after the school-year starts. Youth confirmation class is open to youth starting from grade 5 or 6 (depending on individual readiness) and above. (Young adults nearing the end of high school and beyond who have not yet been confirmed in the Lutheran Church can arrange for adult confirmation class with Pastor Gawel.) If you have a potential student in mind who would be ready to start class, please speak with Pastor Gawel. All are welcome!

“AN EVENING WITH MARTIN LUTHER” at Zion, Crete – Oct. 12, 4pm

Who was this man in honor of whom an entire religious denomination was named? What did he do that was so important? When and how did he live? These, and many other interesting tidbits will be revealed when Dr. Dwight Johnson takes on the role of the man himself in his one-man show, “An Evening with Martin Luther.” You are warmly invited to see this interesting performance hosted by the Zion Crete OWLS group on Sunday, October 12th beginning at 4p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1610 S. Main Street, in Crete, IL. A reception will follow the event, and all proceeds will benefit the Lutheran Military Support Group. To reserve your place for this unique performance, visit <https://www.zioncrete.org/luther> .

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 your faith family? The [OWLS](#) (WELS Seniors) is partnering with [Father's World Tours](#) to offer several upcoming tours that incorporate daily devotion and connections with local WELS ministries. The [Ozarks](#) and [Minnesota](#) trips are sold out, but spots remain for [Autumn in New England](#) (9/22-10/4), and [California Cruisin'](#) (12/31-1/13). Don't delay. **New England registration closes this Monday at midnight (8/18)** and the CA cruise is filling fast. Trips are open to W/ELS members of all ages. Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact steve@fathersworldtours.com / 507-217-1731 to learn more.

LWMS FALL CIRCUIT RALLY: Central Africa Medical Mission – Oct. 18

You are invited to the **2025 Fall Rally** of the Chicago Area Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society on **Saturday, Oct. 18**, from 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m., at Amazing Love Lutheran Church (21301 S Pfeiffer Rd, Frankfort, IL 60423). Our theme is “The Kingdom of God Has Come Near to You” highlighting the Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM) and our speaker is Field Director Gary Evans. Bring friends and family and join us at Amazing Love, Frankfort, for fellowship, fun, and food as we worship and learn how God is working in Africa. You won’t want to miss it!

Rally schedule:

- 9:00 Registration & coffee hour
- 9:30 Opening Devotion/Offering – Host Pastor Dustin Blumer
- 9:45 Business Meeting
& Presentation on the LWMS convention by Eve Russell and Hillary Brands
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Presentation by Field Director Gary Evans
- 12:00 Closing devotion – Pastor Christian Willick
- 12:15 Lunch

Childcare is available for this event. Please email Circuit Secretary Raquel Willick at rwillick@relcs.org if you need childcare. Let her know the number of children and their ages ahead of time.

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
Chinese ministry is held on Saturday evenings at 7:45pm in our ministry

center (the house next-door to church), 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

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

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.

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 delaurantis.sam@gmail.com with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in July
\$15,545.33	\$7,259.62

Offerings received last week: \$1,690.87
(budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)
Total offerings received so far this month: \$2,733.71

Ministry Attendance Last Week

- Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 27** (20 adults, 7 children)
- Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 7**
- Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 11**
- Adult Bible study attendance: 9** (Sun.: 3; Mon.: 2; Tue.: 2; Wed.: 2)
- Sunday school: n/a**

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