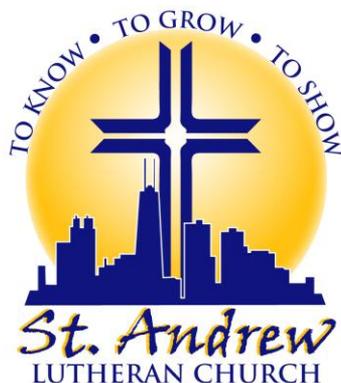


**SINCE, THEN, YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED  
WITH CHRIST, SET YOUR HEARTS ON  
THINGS ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST IS,  
SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.  
SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS ABOVE,  
NOT ON EARTHLY THINGS. FOR YOU  
DIED, AND YOUR LIFE IS NOW HIDDEN  
WITH CHRIST IN GOD.  
COLOSSIANS 3:1-3**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 24, 2025**

**SERVICE THEME:  
Set Your Mind on Things Above**



# 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## August 24, 2025 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### SERVICE THEME: Set Your Mind on Things Above

**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

*Earthly wealth is meaningless without God. The meaning of life cannot be found in the abundance of earthly possessions but in the abundance of heavenly blessings. Christians recognize that everything the world seeks and offers is meaningless. Rather, we set our hearts on the treasure found in the fullness of Christ.*

# 235 Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him



1 Praise the Al - mighty; my soul, a - dore him!  
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;  
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and  
 Par - don and peace from him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
 Earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
 Of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him As long as  
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal When the dark  
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, With hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and  
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren  
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can  
 heart its A - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, his ho - ly  
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther -  
 help af - ford, Trust on - ly Christ, our God and  
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 less. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1675–1723, abr.; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, alt.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE (10 8 10 8 8 8 8) *New-vermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf*, Ansbach, 1665, alt.

**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.



**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 reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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** – Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12-14; 2:18-26 (EHV) – 传道书 1:1-2, 12-14; 2:18-26

The words of Ecclesiastes,<sup>a</sup> David's son, king in Jerusalem.

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<sup>a</sup> Ecclesiastes, the English title of this book, is derived from the Greek name for the book. The word *Ecclesiastes* is not a personal name like Solomon or David, but a title given to a person who gathers together a group of people to speak to them. Possible translations include *the teacher*, *the preacher*, *the assembly leader*, *the after-dinner speaker*, or *the keynote speaker*. Since none of these renderings convey the whole meaning of this title, the EHV retains Ecclesiastes, the title that was chosen to serve as the name of this book in the English Bible.

<sup>2</sup>“Nothing but vapor,”<sup>b</sup> Ecclesiastes said. “Totally vapor. Everything is just vapor that vanishes.”

<sup>12</sup>I, Ecclesiastes, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>I applied my heart to seek out and explore with wisdom everything done under the sky.<sup>d</sup> (What a burdensome task<sup>e</sup> God has given the children of Adam to keep them busy!) <sup>14</sup>I have seen all the actions done under the sun, and, look, it is all nothing but vapor. It is all chasing the wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I also hated all the results of my hard work, for which I worked so hard under the sun, since I must leave it all to the man who comes after me. <sup>19</sup>And who knows—will he be wise, or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the results of my hard work, for which I worked so hard and so wisely, under the sun. This too is vapor that vanishes.

<sup>20</sup>So I changed my course, and my heart began to despair over all my hard work at which I worked so hard under the sun. <sup>21</sup>Sure, there may be a man who has worked hard—wisely, aptly, and skillfully. But he must hand over whatever he accumulated by all his hard work to a man who has not worked hard for it. This too is vapor. It’s so unfair! <sup>22</sup>For what does a man gain through all his hard work, through all the turmoil in his heart, as he works so hard under the sun?

<sup>23</sup>Pain fills all his days. His occupation is frustration. Even at night his heart does not rest. This too is vapor.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a man than to eat and to drink and to find joy in his work. This too, I saw, is from God’s hand. <sup>25</sup>For who can eat or enjoy himself apart from him?<sup>a</sup> <sup>26</sup>Yes, God gives wisdom, knowledge, and happiness to the man whom he considers good, but to the person who goes on sinning God gives the task of gathering and collecting, but only so that he can give it all to a person whom God considers good. This too is vapor, nothing but chasing wind.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 34 – CW93 p. 80 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 30 –  
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<sup>b</sup> Other possible translations are *mist*, *breath*, *futility*, or *emptiness*. Since *vapor* does not last, it serves as an appropriate symbol for everything that is transient, futile, or useless.

<sup>d</sup> *Or the heavens*

<sup>e</sup> *Or rotten business*

<sup>a</sup> Variant *more than me*

*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



**Refrain**

Taste and see that the LORD is good;\*  
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous\*  
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,\*  
and he delivers them.

**Refrain**

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;\*  
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted\*  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;\*  
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**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 – Colossians 3:1-11 (EHV) – 歌罗西书 3:1-11

Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your<sup>c</sup> life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>So put to death whatever is worldly in you: sexual immorality, uncleanness, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience.<sup>d</sup> <sup>7</sup>You too once walked in these things, when you were living in them.

<sup>8</sup>But now, you too are to rid yourselves of all of these: wrath, anger, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other since you have put off the old self with its practices, <sup>10</sup>and put on the new self, which is continually being renewed in knowledge, according to the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but rather Christ is all and is in all.

## VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” Alleluia. (*John 14:23*)



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

## GOSPEL – Luke 12:13-21 (EHV) – 路加福音 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But Jesus said to him, “Man, who appointed me to be a judge or an arbitrator over you?”

<sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, “Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because a man’s life is not measured by how many possessions he has.”

<sup>c</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *our*.

<sup>d</sup> A few witnesses to the text omit *on the sons of disobedience*.

<sup>16</sup>He told them a parable: “The land of a certain rich man produced very well. <sup>17</sup>He was thinking to himself, ‘What will I do, because I do not have anywhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>He said, ‘This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will tell my soul, “Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry.” ’

<sup>20</sup>“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your soul will be demanded from you. Now who will get what you have prepared?’

<sup>21</sup>“That is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** 对儿童的讲道

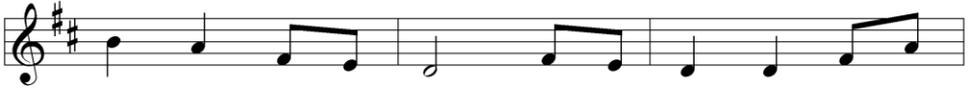
**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly* – CW93 #484 –  
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## 484

## Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly



1 Broth-ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to  
 2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, By the  
 3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice For the



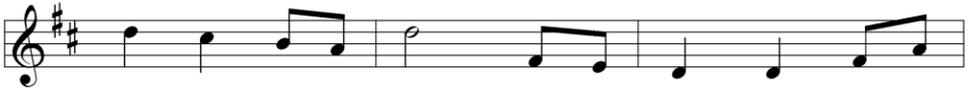
God our all, our best— Ser - vice heart - y, thor-ough,  
 gift of Christ, his Son, What great good - ness he has  
 sake of Christ, your Son; Lo, our hope a - bides now



hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed.  
 shown us, What high mar - vels he has done!  
 on - ly In the right - eous - ness he won.



All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our  
 Let us to him prompt-ly, free - ly, Yield our  
 Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to



time to him be - long; Praise him, then, with true de -  
 bod - ies and our souls, Thank - ful that his love pro -  
 com - fort and re - store Till in heav'n we rest re -



vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song.  
 tects us, That his wis - dom all con - trols.  
 joic - ing, Prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802–72, alt.

Tune: NETTLETON (87 87 D) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813, alt.

**SERMON** – Colossians 3:1-11 – Set Your Mind on Things Above – 讲道:  
 基于 歌罗西书 3:1-11

## **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** – *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* – CW93 #463 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

## Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult Of our  
 2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it By the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; Day by day his voice in -  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and  
 help us hear your call; Give our hearts to your o -



vites us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"  
 kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
 keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, Serve and love you best of all!

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–95, alt.

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

### 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 WELS schools:*

Lord Jesus, you are the source of all wisdom and knowledge. We ask your blessing upon the schools of our church body as students return to their classrooms to learn more about the saving truths of your Word for this world. Encourage and equip all who teach and all who learn so that your name is glorified and your people edified. We pray in Jesus' name. 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.**

**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 – I'm But a Stranger Here – CW93 #417 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页**

## 417

## I'm But a Stranger Here



1 I'm but a stran - ger here; Heav'n is my home.  
 2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home.  
 3 There at my Sav - ior's side— Heav'n is my home—  
 4 There - fore I mur - mur not; Heav'n is my home.



Earth is a des - ert drear; Heav'n is my home.  
 Short is my pil - grim - age; Heav'n is my home.  
 I shall be glo - ri - fied; Heav'n is my home.  
 What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home.



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand.  
 And time's wild, win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;  
 There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,  
 And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand.



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land; Heav'n is my home.  
 I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.  
 And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.  
 Heav'n is my fa - ther - land; Heav'n is my home.

Text: Thomas R. Taylor, 1807–35.

Tune: HEAVEN IS MY HOME (64 64 6664) Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**August 24-31, 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 (8/31)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</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'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!

**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!

### **YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS RESUMING SOON**

Youth confirmation class will resume soon. 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 WELS or ELS 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!

### **CHRISTIAN LIFE RESOURCES CONFERENCE “FEARLESS FAITH” – Sept. 13**

Find strength and courage in your faith at this year’s CLR Conference, Saturday, Sept. 13. Inspired by Joshua 1:9, “Be strong and courageous,” join us for presentations on navigating life’s storms, understanding God’s peace, and engaging in crucial conversations about euthanasia, anorexia, abortion, prenatal genetic testing, and more. Hear powerful journeys of faith through loss and hope. Don’t miss this empowering event! \$50 in person (Jackson, WI), \$40 online, and \$10 student. Register now! <https://christianliferesources.com/resources/events/2025-conference/>

### **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 those blessings with Robert and Jaclyn!

### **“DISTORTED BIBLE PASSAGES” ONLINE STUDY FROM *FORWARD IN CHRIST* MAGAZINE – video recording & articles available**

The recording of the Bible study “Distorted Bible Passages,” hosted by *Forward in Christ* magazine, led by Pastor Andrew Schroer, is available online, as well as the access to the magazine articles from the series: <https://forwardinchrist.net/online-study/>.

### **“FOSTERING FAITH IN THE NEXT GENERATION” WEBINAR RECORDING**

Whether you’re a parent, grandparent, or friend, we all recognize the importance of equipping the future generation and preparing them for lives of service. How we navigate this and keep them grounded in God’s

Word becomes increasingly difficult in the world today—a world where Christianity is diminishing and faith is often challenged, as Gen Z faces a lack of deep connections and relationships. If you happened to miss the live webinar, or would like to watch it again, the recording is available here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/womens-ministry/womens-ministry-webinars/>

### **“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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 (CAMP) 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 CAMM 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](mailto: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 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!

**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 July
\$15,545.33	\$7,259.62

Offerings received last week: \$1,385.22

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$4,118.93

**Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 21** (14 adults, 7 children)

**Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 7**

**Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 6**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 5** (Tue.: 2; Thur.: 3)

**Sunday school: n/a**

**VBS attendance & volunteers: 13**

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