

THE WORD IS NEAR YOU



Deuteronomy 30:9-14

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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

Believers love their neighbors. We have every reason to love them. We know what we were when God found us; we know the love and mercy he poured out on us. Christ, the compassion of God, has treated our spiritual wounds and paid for our healing with his own blood. As we have known his goodness, let us do good to all. We ask the Holy Spirit to bring forth such fruits of faith as loving our neighbor for the sake of Christ.

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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Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus



1 Je - sus, Je - sus, on - ly Je - sus Can my heart - felt
 2 One there is for whom I'm liv - ing, Whom I love most
 3 What to me may seem a trea - sure But dis - pleas - ing
 4 Let me ear - nest - ly en - deav - or Thy good plea - sure
 5 Je - sus, con - stant be my prais - es, For thou un - to



long - ing still. Lo, I pledge my - self to Je - sus,
 ten - der - ly; Un - to Je - sus I am giv - ing
 is to thee— Oh, re - move such harm - ful plea - sure;
 to ful - fill; In me, through me, with me ev - er,
 me didst bring Thine own self and all thy grac - es



What he wills a - lone to will, For my heart, which
 What in love he gave to me. Je - sus' blood hides
 Give in - stead what prof - its me. Let my heart by
 Lord, ac - com - plish thou thy will. In thy ho - ly
 That I joy - ful - ly may sing: Be it un - to



he hath filled, Ev - er cries, "Lord, as thou wilt."
 all my guilt— Lord, oh, lead me as thou wilt.
 thee be stilled; Make me thine, Lord, as thou wilt.
 im - age built, Let me die, Lord, as thou wilt.
 me, my Shield, As thou wilt, Lord, as thou wilt.

Text: Ludāmia Elisabeth, 1640–72; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: JESUS, JESUS, NICHTS ALS JESUS (87 87 77) *Das . . . vollkommene Musikalisches Choral-Buch*, Hamburg, 1715, 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.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; 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 – Deuteronomy 30:9-14 (EHV) – 申命记 30:9-14

⁹The LORD your God will cause you to be overflowing with good things from all the work of your hands, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your animals, and in the fruit of your soil. Once again he will rejoice over your prosperity, just as he rejoiced over your fathers,
¹⁰when you obey the voice of the LORD your God by keeping his commandments and his statutes written in this Book of the Law, when you return to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹Certainly, this commandment that I am giving you today is not too difficult for you, and it is not far away. ¹²It is not up in the heavens, so that you have to say, “Which one of us will go up to the heavens and get it for us so we can listen to it and carry it out?” ¹³It is not across the sea, so that you have to say, “Which one of us will cross over to the other

side of the sea and get it for us so we can listen to it and carry it out?”
14Instead, the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so you can obey it.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 25 – CW93 p. 74 (NIV84) – 诗篇 25

Refrain



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Psalm tone



Refrain

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*
according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.

Refrain

Turn to me and be gracious to me,*
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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SECOND READING – Romans 12:9-21 (EHV) – 罗马书 12:9-21

⁹Do not just pretend to love others. Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another with brotherly love. Think of others as deserving more honor than yourselves. ¹¹Do not be lagging behind in zeal, but be fervent in spirit, as you continue to serve the Lord. ¹²Be joyful in hope. Endure trials patiently. Persist in prayer. ¹³Share with the saints who are in need. Be quick to welcome strangers as guests.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who are rejoicing; weep with those who are weeping. ¹⁶Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves.

¹⁷Do not pay anyone back evil for evil. Focus on those things that everyone considers noble. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, maintain peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay,"^b says the Lord. ²⁰But:

If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him a drink.

For by doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.^c

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia. (*Deuteronomy 30:14, NIV*)



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

^b Deuteronomy 32:35

^c Proverbs 25:21, 22



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 – *Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go* – CW93 #456 –
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Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go



1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly
 2 Oh, let me cheer - ful - ly ful - fill The task your
 3 May I find you at my right hand; Your eyes see
 4 Give me to bear your eas - y yoke And ev - 'ry
 5 For you I joy - ous - ly em - ploy What - ev - er



la - bor to pur - sue, De - ter - mined on - ly
 wis - dom has as - signed And do your good and
 tru - ly what I do. I la - bor on at
 mo - ment watch and pray And still to things e -
 you in grace have giv'n; I run my dai - ly



you to know In all I think or speak or do.
 per - fect will— In all my works your pres - ence find!
 your com - mand And of - fer all my works to you.
 ter - nal look And has - ten to your glo - rious day.
 course with joy And close - ly walk with you to heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.

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SERMON – Deuteronomy 30:9-14 – God's Will and Promise – 讲道：基于申命记 30:9-14

HYMN – *O God, My Faithful God* – CW93 #459 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 O God, my faith - ful God, O Foun-tain ev - er
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and
3 Keep me from say - ing things That lat - er need re -
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and



flow - ing, Who good and per - fect gifts In mer -
will - ing What - ev - er you com - mand, My call -
call - ing; Grant that no i - dle words May from
ac - tions, And let me find good friends For coun -



cy are be - stow - ing, Give me a health - y
ing here ful - fill - ing, That I do what I
my lips be fall - ing, But then, when in my
sel and cor - rec - tion. Help me, as you have



frame, And may I have with - in A con -
should While trust - ing you to bless The out -
place I must and ought to speak, My words
taught, To love both great and small And by



science free from blame, A soul un - hurt by sin.
come for my good, For you must give suc - cess.
grant pow'r and grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (II) (67 67 66 66) *Neu- vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, 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. 22).



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 the synod convention:

We praise you, Lord, for guiding the history of our synod by your Holy Spirit and blessing our gospel outreach so that many people across the world have heard the good news of Jesus' victory over sin and death. As we move forward, bless the newly elected officers of our synod, and give all of us zeal for your saving Word and the Great Commission. Bless us and our service to you for your glory and the good of your kingdom. 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 – *Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go* – CW93 #518 –
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Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go



1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
 3 Priests to the world, yes, roy - al priests
 4 Christ on our lips, his Word we speak.
 5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show



Christ to the world with joy we bring,
 King - ship with him his ser - vants gain.
 As mem - bers of Christ's fam - i - ly,
 Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim
 That in his Church all na - tions find



Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
 With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,
 Cleansed by the great high - priest - ly death,
 Christ's truth in love that we may be
 Their hearth and home where Christ re - stores



Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.
 Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
 We preach a - tone - ment full and free.
 Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
 True peace, true love to hu - man - kind.

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ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
August 3-10, 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 (8/10)	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!

SIGN UP TO HELP WITH VBS Aug. 16 (Sat.) a.m.

We're also planning for a one-day VBS on the morning of August 16 (Saturday). It looks like there will be enough kids participating to be able to go ahead with it. We just need some more volunteers :-). If you're willing to help (teach, lead crafts, help with snack/lunch, assist in general), please sign up on the VBS signup sheet on the Bible study table, or speak with Pastor Gawel.

THANKS FOR HELP AND PRAYERS FOR CHINATOWN SUMMER FAIR

Thanks to all who helped with our booth and outreach at the Chinatown Summer Fair last weekend! We distributed about 2400 flyers with invitations and information about our church, and, of that amount, relatively few were found lying on the street ;-). Please continue to

pray for God’s blessing that through this outreach people would be moved to come to hear and learn God’s Word with us or with other Bible-believing Christians, and, through God’s Word, would come to faith in Jesus as their Savior, or grow stronger in that faith.

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!

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 or contact Steve Balza (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, 圣安德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

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

Offerings received last week: \$847.84
(budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)

Ministry Attendance Last Week

Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 21 (19 adults, 2 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 8

Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 8

Adult Bible study attendance: 5 (Th.: 3, 2)

Sunday school: n/a

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