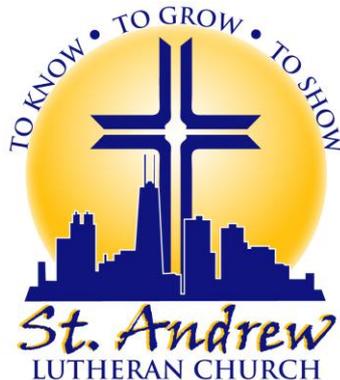


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WELCOME — We're so glad that you've joined us for this worship service! Please let us know if you need any assistance while you're here.

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

True treasure is faith in the promises of God—no matter how difficult they seem to believe. The Verse of the Day defines that treasure well: sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not yet see.

OPENING HYMN — *Speak, O Lord* – CWS #735 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

Tune: SPEAK, O LORD (8 10 8 10 10 10 8 10)
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1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos - es for your
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
 un - be - lief.
 glo - ry.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召唤，认罪及赦罪

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.



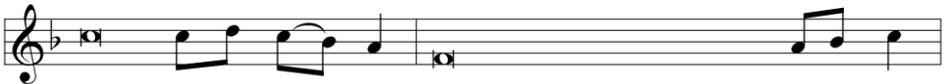
C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



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 本日共禱文

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of 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 – Genesis 15:1-6 (EHV) – 创世记 15:1-6

After these events the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”² Abram said, “LORD God^b what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”³ Abram also said, “Look, you have given me no offspring, so

^b The translation follows the tradition of reading the Hebrew combination *Adonai Yahweh* (Lord Yahweh) as *LORD God*.

a servant born in my house will be my heir.”

⁴Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, “This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir.” ⁵The LORD then brought him outside and said, “Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” He said to Abram, “This is what your descendants will be like.” ⁶Abram believed in^a the LORD, and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.

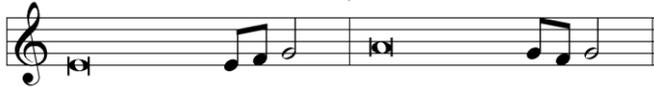
PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 33 – CW93 p. 79 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 33 –
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Refrain



The earth is full of the good-ness of
God, the good-ness of our God.

Psalm tone



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Refrain

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;^{*}
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

For the Word of the LORD is right and true;^{*}
he is faithful in all he does.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,^{*}
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

For he spoke, and it came to be;^{*}
he commanded, and it stood firm.

^a Or *trusted in* or *believed*

Refrain

The LORD foils the plans of the nations;^{*}
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,^{*}
the purposes of his heart through all generations.

The LORD loves righteousness and justice;^{*}
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

**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 – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (EHV) – 希伯来书 11:1-3, 8-16

Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see. ²For by this faith the ancients were commended in Scripture.^a

³By faith we know that the universe was created by God's word, so that what is seen did not come from visible things.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance, and he left without knowing where he was going.

⁹By faith he lived as a stranger in the Promised Land, as if it did not belong to him, dwelling in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By faith Abraham also received the ability to conceive children, even though Sarah herself was barren and he was past the normal age,

^a The Greek term for *commended* appears six more times in this letter (Hebrews 7:8, 17; 10:15; 11:4, 5, 39). Each time it clearly implies by usage and context that it is referring to testimony in Scripture.

because he considered him faithful who made the promise.^{d 12}And so from one man, and he as good as dead, descendants were born as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand along the seashore.

¹³One by one, all of these died in faith, without having received the things that were promised, but they saw and welcomed them from a distance. They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴Indeed, people who say things like that make it clear that they are looking for a land of their own. ¹⁵And if they were remembering the land they had come from, they would have had an opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better land—a heavenly one. For that reason, God is not ashamed to be called their God, because he prepared a city for them.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia. (*Hebrews 11:1*)



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

GOSPEL – Luke 12:22-34 (EHV) – 路加福音 12:22-34

²²Jesus said to his disciples, “For that reason I tell you, stop worrying about your life, about what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³Certainly life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap; they have no warehouse or barn; and yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds! ²⁵And who of you by worrying can add a single moment to his lifespan? ²⁶Since you are not able to do this little thing, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith? ²⁹Do not

^d Or *By faith Sarah received the ability to conceive children, even though she herself was barren and was past the normal age, because she considered him faithful who made the promise.* Some witnesses to the text omit *was barren and he*.

constantly chase after what you will eat or what you will drink. Do not be worried about it. ³⁰To be sure, the nations of the world chase after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, continue to seek the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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 – *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray* – CW93 #472 –
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472

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a -
 2 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de -
 3 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you
 4 But while watch - ing al - so pray To the Lord un -



wak - en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a -
 feat you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be -
 tri - fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's
 ceas - ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and



wares o'er - tak - en. For the foe, Well we know, Is a
 tray and cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
 mer - cy sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
 faith in - creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
 friends to charm you Who but seek to harm you.
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
 nite to serve him And for - ev - er love him.

Text: Johann B. Freystein, 1671–1718, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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

SERMON – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 – Faith in Jesus Enables Great Things –
 讲道：基于 希伯来书 11:1-3, 8-16

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 – *Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink* – CW93 #405– printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

405

Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though
 2 That will not mur - mur nor com - plain Be -
 3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When
 4 That bears un - moved the world's dread frown Nor
 5 A faith that keeps the nar - row way Till



pressed by man - y a foe, That will not trem - ble
 neath the chas - t'ning rod, But in the hour of
 tem - pests rage with - out, That, when in dan - ger,
 heeds its scorn - ful smile, That sin's wild o - cean
 life's last spark is fled And with a pure and



on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,
 grief or pain Can lean up - on its God,
 knows no fear, In dark - ness feels no doubt,
 can - not drown Nor Sa - tan's arts be - guile,
 heav'n - ly ray Lights up the dy - ing bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,
 And then, whate'er may come,
 We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss
 Of an eternal home.

Text: William H. Bathurst, 1796–1877.

Tune: ST. PETER (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877.

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 new home mission in Erie, Colorado:

Lord Jesus, you lived, died, and rose for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life of all people. As you have brought us into your kingdom through your gospel in Word and sacraments, you now call us to share that gospel with others, that they may be brought into your kingdom, too. Thank you for the opportunity to do that in Erie, Colorado. Bless the efforts of this new mission, keep your abiding presence with the core group, grant them a missionary of your choosing in your time, and draw many more souls to you through their work. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence

that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER 主祷文

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER and BLESSING 祷告及祝福

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

C: Amen.

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN – *If God Himself Be for Me* – CW93 #419 – printed on the following pages – 圣诗 — 在下两页

1 If God him - self be for me, I may a
 2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, Of this I
 3 I build on this foun - da - tion: That Je - sus
 4 He can - celed my of - fen - ses, De - liv - ered
 5 No sin can now con - demn me Or set my

host de - fy; For when I pray, be - fore
 make my boast, That God is my dear Fa -
 and his blood A - lone are my sal - va -
 me from death; He is the Lord who clean -
 hope a - side. Now hell no more can claim

me My foes, con - found - ed, fly. If Christ,
 ther, My friend who loves me most, And that,
 tion, My true, e - ter - nal good. With - out
 ses My soul from sin through faith. In him
 me; Its fu - ry I de - ride. No sen -

my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from
 what - e'er be - tide me, My Sav - ior is
 him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less
 I can be cheer - ful, Cou - ra - geous on
 tence now re - proves me; No guilt de - stroys

a - bove, What foe or what dis - as -
 at hand Through storm - y seas to guide
 on earth; The gifts I have from Je -
 my way; In him I am not fear -
 my peace, For Christ, my Sav - ior, loves

ter Can drive me from his love?
 me And bring me safe to land.
 sus A - lone have price - less worth.
 ful Of God's great Judg - ment Day.
 me And shields me with his grace.

Stanzas 6 & 7 on the following page

6 No danger, thirst, or hunger,
 No pain or poverty,
 No earthly tyrant's anger
 Shall ever vanquish me.
 Though earth should break assunder,
 You are my Savior true;
 No fire or sword or thunder
 Shall sever me from you.

7 My heart for joy is springing
 And can no more be sad.
 'Tis full of joy and singing,
 Sees only sunshine glad.
 The sun that cheers my spirit
 Is Jesus Christ, my King;
 The heav'n I shall inherit
 Makes me rejoice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, st. 1-3, 6-7, alt.; unknown, st. 4-5, alt.
 Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
August 31 – September 7, 2025

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study
Saturday	12:00-6:00 PM	Table at McKinley Community Pop Ups @ McKinley Play Garden (3518 S. Wolcott)
	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (9/7)	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	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 W. TABLE AT MCKINLEY COMMUNITY POP UPS – Sat.

Volunteers needed!... St. Andrew will have a table at the McKinley Community Pop Ups event this coming Saturday, September 6. Our table will be in the McKinley Community Play Garden at 3518 S. Wolcott Ave. (just behind the library parking lot). The event is scheduled to run from 12:00 to 6:00 that day. If you're able to come for any part of that time, that would be a great help! Please let Pastor Gawel know if you're able to help out, and/or sign up on the sign-up sheet in church. And, please share any ideas you have for things we could do at our table to connect with our community. More info here:

<https://www.mpdccchicago.org/mkpopup>

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!

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!

“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.

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! **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 deLaurentis.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: \$1,311.85
 (budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)
 Total offerings received so far this month: \$5,430.78

Ministry Attendance Last Week

- Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 30** (23 adults, 7 children)
- Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 9**
- Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 11**
- Adult Bible study attendance: 5** (Tue.: 2; Thur.: 3)
- Sunday school: n/a**

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