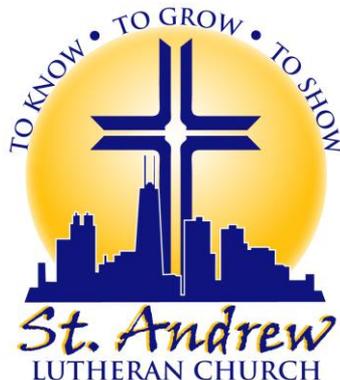


“AND I, BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY  
HAVE PLANNED AND DONE, AM  
ABOUT TO COME AND GATHER THE  
PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS AND  
LANGUAGES, AND THEY WILL COME  
AND SEE MY GLORY.  
ISAIAH 66:18

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 14, 2025**

**SERVICE THEME:  
Come to Witness God's Glory**



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## September 14, 2025 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### SERVICE THEME: Come to Witness God's Glory

**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 way to heaven is narrow. Mere outward attachment to the family of God (the church) is not sufficient—only through faith in Christ can we enter heaven. The door is narrow, and Christ commands us to make every effort to enter it. So, the Church prays, “that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command.” Although the door is narrow, it is open to all, and the saints will come from all nations to behold the glory of the Lord.*

## 395 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may To find a way  
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay;  
 3 Seek him a - lone, Who did a - tone,  
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright,



That leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is  
 None can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers  
 Who did your souls de - liv - er; Oh, seek him  
 Je - sus, you are for - ev - er. Not wealth or



stilled; On Christ I build— He is the  
 failed; This man pre - vailed, The God - Man,  
 first, All you who thirst For grace that  
 pride Or aught be - side Our bond of



one foun - da - tion. His Word is sure; His  
 and none oth - er. The Ser - vant - Lord Our  
 fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry need Seek  
 love shall sev - er. You are my Lord; Your



works en - dure. He will o'er - throw My  
 life re - stored. We're jus - ti - fied, For  
 him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart He  
 pre - cious Word Shall be my guide What -



ev - 'ry foe; Through him I more than con - quer.  
 he has died, The guilt - less for the guilt - y.  
 will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.  
 e'er be - tide. Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust you!

**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.



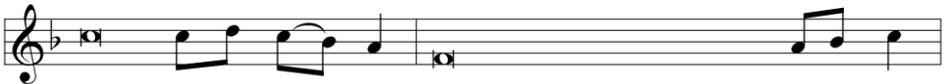
**C:** **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**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.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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** – Isaiah 66:18-24 (EHV) – 以赛亚书 66:18-24

<sup>18</sup>As for me, because of their works and their thoughts, the time is coming for me to gather people from all nations and all languages.

They will come, and they will see my glory.

<sup>19</sup>Then I will set up a sign among them, and I will send out survivors from among them to the nations,

to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud,<sup>c</sup> to those who are archers,  
 to Tubal and Javan,<sup>d</sup> to the distant coastlands,  
 who have not heard my message and have not seen my glory.  
 Then they will declare my glory among the nations.

<sup>20</sup>Then they will bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. They will bring them on horses and chariots and wagons and mules and dromedaries<sup>e</sup> to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, in the same way that the people of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel to the LORD's house. <sup>21</sup>Even from among these people I will take priests and Levites, says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will remain standing before me, declares the LORD, in the same way your offspring and your name will stand. <sup>23</sup>As often as one new moon follows another and one Sabbath follows another, all flesh will come to worship before me, says the LORD.

<sup>24</sup>They will go out, and they will see the corpses of the ones who were rebelling against me, for their worm will not die, and their fire will not be quenched, and all flesh will be horrified by them.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 72 – CWS p. 51 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 72

*Refrain*

The light of Christ shines up - on us.  
 Praise his glo - ri - ous name.

*Psalm Tone*

<sup>c</sup> *Tarshish* was in the western Mediterranean, probably in Spain. *Pul* is probably the same as *Put*, a region in Libya [northern Africa]. *Lud* may also be in Libya but may refer to Lydia in present-day Turkey.

<sup>d</sup> *Tubal* was in the distant north. *Javan* refers to the Ionian Greeks.

<sup>e</sup> Or *two-humped camels*

## **Refrain**

Endow the King with your justice, O God,  
the royal son with your righteousness.  
He will defend the afflicted among the people  
and save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long as the sun,  
as long as the moon, through all generations.  
He will be like rain falling on a mown field,  
like showers watering the earth.

## **Refrain**

All kings will bow down to him  
and all nations will serve him.  
All nations will be blessed through him,  
and they will call him blessed.

May his name endure forever;  
may it continue as long as the sun.  
Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous  
deeds.  
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**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 12:18-24 (EHV) – 希伯来书 12:18-24

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to a mountain that can be touched<sup>d</sup> and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a raging storm, <sup>19</sup>to the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not one more word be added, <sup>20</sup>because they could not endure

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<sup>d</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *to what can be touched*.

what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned.”<sup>e</sup> <sup>21</sup>The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”<sup>f</sup>

<sup>22</sup>Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of angels in joyful assembly; <sup>23</sup>to the church of the firstborn whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all; to the spirits of righteous people who have been made perfect; <sup>24</sup>to Jesus, the mediator of a new testament;<sup>a</sup> and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel.

### VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (*1 Timothy 1:10b, NIV*)



### GOSPEL – Luke 13:22-30 (EHV) – 路加福音 13:22-30

<sup>22</sup>He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>Someone said to him, “Lord, are only a few going to be saved?”

He said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open for us!’ He will tell you in reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>And he will say, ‘I don’t know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.’ <sup>28</sup>There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside. <sup>29</sup>People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will

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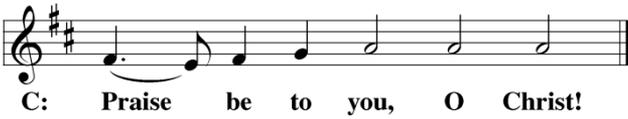
<sup>e</sup> Exodus 19:12–13

<sup>f</sup> Deuteronomy 9:19

<sup>a</sup> Or *covenant*

recline at the table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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



**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** 对儿童的讲道

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *I Walk in Danger All the Way* – CW93 #431 –  
printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

## I Walk in Danger All the Way



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; The thought  
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way; With sin  
 3 Grim death pur - sues me all the way; No - where  
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way; They shield  
 5 I walk with Je - sus all the way; His guid -



shall nev - er leave me That Sa - tan, who has  
 and ills con - tend - ing; In pa - tience I must  
 I rest se - cure - ly. He comes by night, he  
 me and be - friend me. All Sa - tan's pow'r is  
 ance nev - er fails me. He takes my ev - 'ry



marked his prey, Is plot - ting to de - ceive  
 bear each day The cross of God's own send -  
 comes by day, And takes his prey most sure -  
 held at bay When heav'n - ly hosts at - tend  
 fear a - way When Sa - tan's pow'r as - sails



me. This foe with hid - den snares May seize me  
 ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty I know not  
 ly. A fail - ing breath, and I In death's strong  
 me. They are my sure de - fense; All fear and  
 me, And, by his foot - steps led, My path I



un - a - wares If e'er I fail to watch and  
 where to flee When storms of woe my soul dis -  
 grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni - ty to -  
 sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do what they  
 safe - ly tread. In spite of ills that threat - en



pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
 may; I pass through tri - als all the way.  
 day. Grim death pur - sues me all the way.  
 may, I walk with an - gels all the way.  
 may, I walk with Je - sus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When you farewell can gladly say  
To all your sin and sorrow.  
All worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863–1938, alt.

Tune: DER LIEBEN SONNE LICHT UND PRACHT (87 87 66 88) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, 4th ed., Halle, 1708.

**SERMON** – Isaiah 66:18-24 – Come to Witness God's Glory – 讲道：基  
于以赛亚书 66:18-24

**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).



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# In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, In  
 2 With God there is no tribe or race; In  
 3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise his name Who  
 4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, What -  
 5 In Christ now meet both east and west; In



him no south or north, But one great fel - low -  
 him we all are one. He loves us as his  
 died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,  
 e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther  
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
 chil - dren through Our faith in his dear Son.  
 hate, and blame, From spite and en - mi - ty!  
 as his child Is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, st. 1, 4-5; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 2; Michael Perry, b. 1942, st. 3.  
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 Tune: MCKEE (CM) African-American spiritual, adapt.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

**M:** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his way may be known on earth, his salvation among all

nations. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

**C: May the peoples praise you, O God. May all the peoples praise you.**

**M:** Lord God, King of the universe, direct the governments of the world so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives. Protect us from crime and war. Let freedom of religion flourish, that the gospel may be freely preached throughout the world. Cast down rulers who oppress their people. Remove governments who oppose the gospel. Bring relief to persecuted Christians.

**C: Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**

**M:** Bless our church with pastors and teachers who faithfully proclaim your Word. Lead many young men and women to study for the preaching and teaching ministries. By the power of your gospel, motivate them so that they do not become discouraged but continue in the course you have set before them.

**C: Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**

**M:** Hear us as we pray for a family member, a friend, or for others who do not yet believe in you.

*Silent prayer.*

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

*for Asia Lutheran Seminary:*

Lord of the church and nations, we give you thanks for 20 years of gospel ministry by Asia Lutheran Seminary (ALS). By your grace and blessings, ALS has trained Chinese-speaking pastors and evangelists in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and East Asia for two decades. We pray for future blessing and expansion as ALS equips church leaders from a growing list of countries and cultures. Let this institution remain a beacon of theological excellence, rooted in the unchanging truth of God's Word. We also thank you for the countless leaders ALS has trained to share the saving message of Jesus Christ. Their work has shaped your church in Asia and inspired our synod to broader mission efforts. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Make us the answer to our prayers for others. Move us to share the gospel with those for whom we have just prayed. Bless the preaching of the gospel everywhere, here among us and in the far corners of the world. Let your kingdom come to us and to many others.

**C:** **Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him. 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.



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and  
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, All ju - bi -  
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid, And there, from  
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of



hon - ey blest— The sight of it re - fresh - es The  
 lant with song And bright with man - y an an - gel And  
 care re - leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The  
 God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That



wea - ry and op - pressed. I know not, oh, I  
 all the mar - tyr throng. The Prince is ev - er  
 song of them that feast; And they who with their  
 ea - ger hearts ex - pect! Je - sus, in mer - cy



know not What joys a - wait us there, What ra - dian -  
 in them; The day - light is se - rene; The pas - tures  
 lead - er Have con - quered in the fight For - ev - er  
 bring us To that dear land of rest; You are with



cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare.  
 of the bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green.  
 and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of white.  
 God the Fa - ther And Spir - it ev - er blest.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.  
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**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**September 14-21, 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 (9/21)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</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 in life. All are welcome!

**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!

### **WELS TEEN ONLINE BIBLE STUDY – Sept. 28 (Sun.), 6:00pm**

During the 2025-2026 school year, the WELS National Online Teen Bible Study will focus on the book of Judges. Dave Scharf, professor of theology at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN, will lead a series of four online interactive Bible studies for teens via Zoom. Lessons will take place on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. (Central).

The first Bible study, on **September 28**, will focus on Judges 1:1–3:6, with the theme: “Generation Degeneration.” More information and the link to register can be found here: [wels.net/national-teen-bible-study](https://wels.net/national-teen-bible-study) .

### **WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – starting Sept. 17 (Wed.), 12:30pm**

**Starting:** Wednesday, September 17, 2025; Meets every other week.

**Time:** 11:30 Lunch; 12:30pm Bible Study, Zoom Available

**Book:** *Provoking Proverbs: Wisdom and the Ten Commandments* by David Coe

Come join us to explore this 10-lesson Bible study which probes the Book of Proverbs in the context of The Ten Commandments and discover a unique view of the wisdom contained in the book. Each of the 10 Chapters - one for each of the commandments - offers thought-provoking questions and activities that help readers shed light on that commandment and its application in their lives.

Please let Gail Schoenbeck know if you are interested in joining the group. We meet every other week; some like to join for lunch, some like to Zoom for the one-hour Bible Study. All are welcome; you can contact Gail at 773-802-3740; or, [gailschoenbeck@gmail.com](mailto:gailschoenbeck@gmail.com) .

### **PRAYER GROUP – Wednesdays at 2:00pm**

Prayer Group is held via phone on Wednesdays at 2:00pm. Join us for a half hour to an hour of prayer. If interested, let Eloise or me know. We'd love to have you join us. Blessings, Gail

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

Who was this man after 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. **If you plan to attend, please complete the registration form here (as soon as possible, please) <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 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](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 [delarentis.sam@gmail.com](mailto:delarentis.sam@gmail.com) with any questions.

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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in August
\$15,545.33	\$5,871.78

Offerings received 9/1 – 9/11: \$1,843.69  
(budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)

**Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 42** (31 adults, 11 children)

**Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 8**

**Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: n/a**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 3** (Wed.: 3)

**Sunday school: n/a**

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