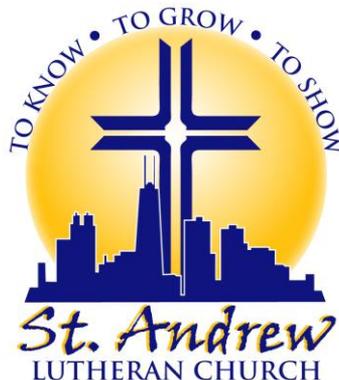


Hebrews 13:1-2

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it

**15th Sunday after Pentecost
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**SERVICE THEME:
Living in Brotherly Love**



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

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

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

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

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INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

The life of faith is one of true humility. But it is humility rendered by faith in the promise of God that those who exalt themselves on earth will be humiliated for eternity, but those who humble themselves now will be exalted.

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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I Sing as I Arise Today



1 I sing as I a - rise to - day, I
 2 The word of God to be my speech, The
 3 The work of God to be my joy, The
 4 I sing as I a - rise to - day; I



call on my Cre - a - tor's might: The
 hand of God to be my stay, The
 house of God to be my rest, The
 cry out my Re - deem - er's name: Lord



will of God to be my guide, The
 shield of God to be my strength, The
 grace of God to be my song, The
 Je - sus Christ, my hope, my all, To -



eye of God to be my sight,
 path of God to be my way,
 praise of God to be my best.
 day and ev - er - more the same.

Text (st. 1,2): Anon.

Text (st. 3,4): Michael Schultz, b. 1963 © 2006 Michael Schultz. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD (88 88) *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, London, 1778, adapt.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召唤, 认罪及赦罪

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have

done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



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



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Proverbs 25:6-7a (EHV) – 箴言 25:6-7上

⁶Do not honor yourself in a king’s presence.
 Do not stand in a place reserved for great people,
⁷because it is better to be told, “Come up here,”
 than for you to be humiliated before a ruler.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 119a – CW93 p. 109 (NIV84) – 诗篇 119a –
 printed on the following page – 在下一页

Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm tone



Refrain

Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,*
who walk according to the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they who keep his statutes*
and seek him with all their heart.

You have laid down precepts*
that are to be fully obeyed.

Refrain

Oh, that my ways were steadfast*
in obeying your decrees!

Then I would not be put to shame*
when I consider all your commands.

I will praise you with an upright heart*
as I learn your righteous laws.

**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 13:1-8 (EHV) – 希伯来书 13:1-8

Continue to show brotherly love. ²Do not fail to show love to strangers, for by doing this some have welcomed angels without realizing it.

³Remember those in prison, as if you were fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated, as if you yourselves were also suffering bodily.

⁴Marriage is to be held in honor by all, and the marriage bed is to be kept undefiled, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers. ⁵Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have. For God has said: “I will never leave you, and I will never forsake you.” ⁶So then we say with confidence: “The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?^d”

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Carefully consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. (*Jeremiah 15:16, RSV*)



GOSPEL – Luke 14:1, 7-14 (EHV) – 路加福音 14:1, 7-14

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



One Sabbath day, when Jesus went into the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat bread, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, he told the invited guests a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor, or perhaps someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him.

⁹The one who invited both of you may come and tell you, ‘Give this man

^c Deuteronomy 31:6

^d Psalm 118:6

your place.’ Then you will begin, with shame, to take the lowest place.

¹⁰“But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will tell you, ‘Friend, move up to a higher place.’ Then you will have honor in the presence of all who are reclining at the table with you.

¹¹“Yes, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He also said to the one who had invited him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors, so that perhaps they may also return the favor and pay you back.

¹³“But when you make a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. Certainly, you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.”

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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.



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en To our
 4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f'ring Which on
 5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In your own mys - te - rious
 ev - 'ry hand we view Chan - nels are for gifts and
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice,
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it un - to me."
 of - f'ring Due by sol - emn right to you,
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That you
 Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To th' un - thank - ful and the
 you, at length be - lieve That more hap - py and more
 need what we can do, Say - ing by your poor and
 may not choose but pay, Lest that face of love and
 stay our souls on you; But, oh, best of all your



e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand.
 bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
 pit - y Turn from us a - noth - er day.
 gra - ces, With your love our love re - new.

SERMON – Hebrews 13:1-8 – Living in Brotherly Love – 讲道：基于希伯来书 13:1-18

524 O Fount of Good, for All Your Love



1 O Fount of good, for all your love Our
2 But you have need - y broth - ers here, Par -
3 In their sad ac - cents of dis - tress Your
4 Then help us, Lord, your yoke to wear And
5 Your face with rev - 'rence and with love We



true thanks should be paid. What can we ren - der,
tak - ers of your grace, Whose names you will your -
plead - ing voice is heard; You may in them be
glad - ly do your will, Each oth - er's dai - ly
in the poor will view, And, while we min - is -



Lord, to you, When you own all that's made?
self con - fess Be - fore the Fa - ther's face.
clothed and fed And vis - it - ed and cheered.
bur - dens share, The law of love ful - fill.
ter to them, We do it as to you.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51; altered by Edward Osler, 1798–1863, alt.
Tune: ST. FLAVIAN (CM) *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1562, 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. 24).



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious.

Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

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

for Luther Preparatory School:

Dear Savior, you encouraged your followers to “ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.” We bring that petition to your throne of grace. Bless the work being done at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wisconsin, as it carries out its mission “to prepare and encourage young people to become pastors, teachers, or staff ministers in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.” Forgive our laziness and timidity when it comes to recruiting for gospel ministry. Give us boldness to encourage young people to pursue ministry as the high calling it is. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us as we celebrate your gifts to the church: men and women who are willing to prepare for public ministry. Help us to encourage them in any way we can. Remind us of the important role LPS has in our synod’s called worker training efforts and move us to support that ministry with our prayers and offerings. 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 – *May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill* – CW93 #458 –
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458 May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



1 May we your pre-cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
 2 So may we join your name to bless, Your grace a -
 3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, U - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove,
 dore, your pow'r con - fess, To flee from sin and strife.
 hearts, our joy in - crease, Your gra - cious help sup - ply.



Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all your
 One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
 To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian



chil - dren, and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
 all our hopes the same: A glo - rious crown of life.
 fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

Text: Edward Osler, 1798-1863, alt.

Tune: MERIBAH (886 886) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
September 21-28, 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 (9/28)	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

The paraments are green for the Sundays after Pentecost. Green represents growth. The Sundays after Pentecost emphasize the growth in faith and godly living that the Holy Spirit works in us through the Word of God.

WELCOME, GUESTS! – We're glad to have you worship with us today! Please sign the guest book in the center church entryway so that we have a record of your visit. Our pastor, Adam Gawel, would be happy to speak with you if you would like; please contact him (773-217-8132 / pastor@standrewchicago.org). Please join us again soon!

MEMORIAL — In loving memory of Mr. Frank Thompson Sr. whose birthday falls on Sept. 19 & Mrs. Anna Siemund whose birthday falls on Sept. 21, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

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 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!

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 .

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 .

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 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. **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 if you need childcare. Let her know the number of children and their ages ahead of time.

WELS TRAVEL TOUR?

Interested in traveling with a group of like-minded believers?

The [OWLS](#) (WELS Seniors) is partnering with [Father's World Tours](#) to offer a New Year's (Dec 31-Jan 13) [trip to sunny Southern California](#) (Rose Parade, Reagan Library, San Diego, Palm Springs, Joshua Tree NP) that also includes a 7-night Princess cruise to the Mexican Riviera. All tours involve daily devotions and WELS weekend worship. The tour is open to W/ELS members of all ages. Registration closes on October 1 (earlier if all spots are sold).

Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact us

(steve@fathersworldtours.com, 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

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!

CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST – resources supporting purity online

Conquerors Through Christ is a WELS ministry that exists to help people reject, resist, and recover from the wreckage of porn, with gospel motivation and practical encouragement. A number of resources are available at <https://conquerorsthroughchrist.net/>. ... Pastor Gawel is also available for confidential, Bible-based conversation and prayer at any time, about this or any other matter.

“TABOO QUESTIONS” PODCAST/VIDEOS WITH PASTOR MIKE NOVOTNY

Have you ever had questions you wanted to ask a pastor but felt silly or embarrassed to ask them? Questions about “taboo” topics (that is, topics that feel “off-limits”), like: sex, politics, porn, IVF, and mental illness? Well, there's a podcast for that! Hear how Pastor Mike Novotny from Time of Grace answers some real questions from people just like you, giving thoughtful, Bible-based answers that point people back to Jesus. Find links to Apple and Spotify podcasts and YouTube videos at www.timeofgrace.org/tabooquestions. You can also order Pastor Mike's book, *Taboo: Topics Christians Should Be Talking About but Don't*, at <https://www.tabobook.org/>. Pastor Gawel is also available for confidential, Bible-based conversation and prayer at any time, about these or any other matters.

“made. known.” WELS WEBSITE ON IDENTITY, GENDER, & SEXUALITY

Identity and human sexuality have become key spiritual concerns with numerous cultural pivots over time. Many people have questions about sexuality and gender in connection with their faith. This new WELS website, <https://madeknown.net/>, exists to walk with you in faith through identity, gender, and sexuality, so that together we can all see how wide and high and deep is the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:18). Pastor Gawel is also available for confidential, Bible-based conversation and prayer at any time, about these or any other matters.

WELS Family Devotions

Get your family into God’s Word during the week! WELS has developed short devotions for the entire family to use. Each devotion comes complete with a set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Downloadable printable versions are also available. Find the family devotions at www.wels.net/family-devotions

Sign up today for Marriage Moments

Every marriage has its “moments.” That’s why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Watch a video introduction and subscribe to receive the videos directly to your e-mail at www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments

“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/>

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 del Laurentis.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 last week: \$1,714.36

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$3,558.05

Ministry Attendance Last Week

Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 24 (18 adults, 6 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 4

Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 7

Adult Bible study attendance: 5 (Wed.: 3; Thu.: 2)

Sunday school: n/a

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