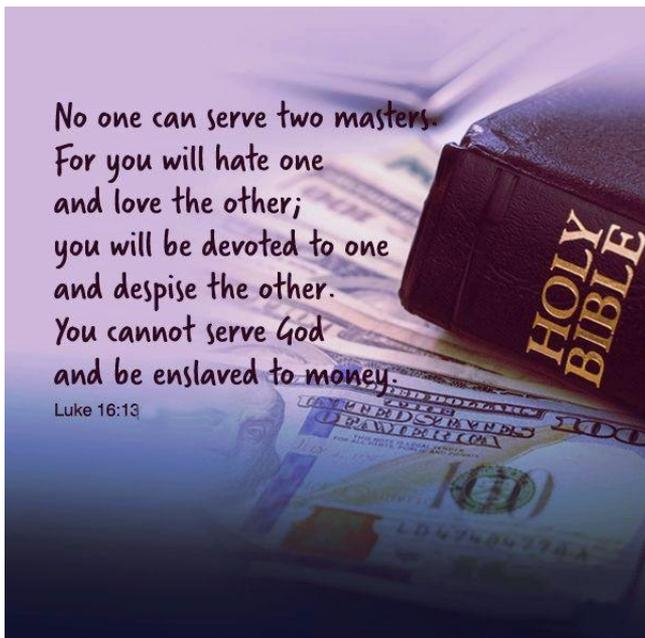


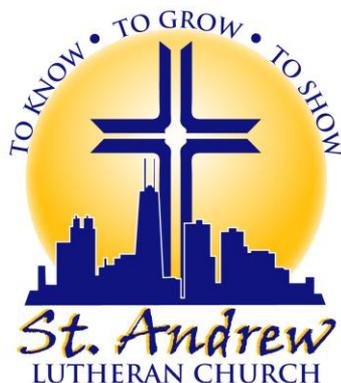
No one can serve two masters.  
For you will hate one  
and love the other;  
you will be devoted to one  
and despise the other.  
You cannot serve God  
and be enslaved to money.

Luke 16:13



**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 12, 2025**

**SERVICE THEME:**  
**Using Money according to God's Will**



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

## October 12, 2025 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### SERVICE THEME: Using Money according to God's Will

**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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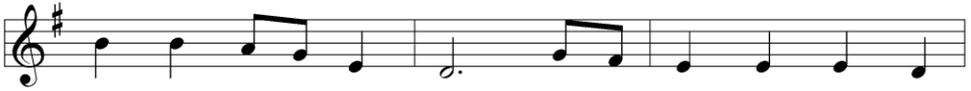
### INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

*The believer has a right relationship with worldly wealth ("mammon" in Aramaic, in the Gospel reading from Luke 16). Faithful service to the Master is marked by faithful use of the Master's possessions.*

# 481 O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made



1 O God, your hand the heav - ens made And  
 2 To us are giv - en gifts di - vine; All  
 3 De - liv - er us from self - ish aims; True



all that they con - tain; The world ap - peared at  
 tal - ents you have sent. In - spire us now to  
 stew - ards we would be. En - dow us with a



your com - mand, And in it now you reign.  
 use them well Your king - dom to ex - tend.  
 deep de - sire To live un - self - ish - ly.



The rest - less sea, the land, the sky Your  
 We hold each gift a trust from you Nor  
 A full ac - count - ing we must give And



hand - i - work de - clare; The touch of your cre -  
 claim it as our own; We grate - ful - ly ac -  
 see you face to face; Let us ap - proach your



a - tive pow'r Is pres - ent ev - 'ry - where.  
 knowl - edge, Lord, All things are yours a - lone.  
 throne with joy, Sup - port - ed by your grace.

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 Tune: KINGSFOLD (CM D) English folk tune, 19th century, adapt.

**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.



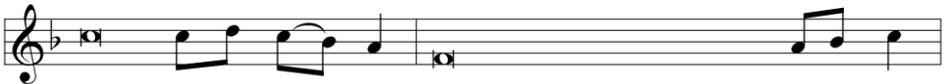
**C:** **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



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



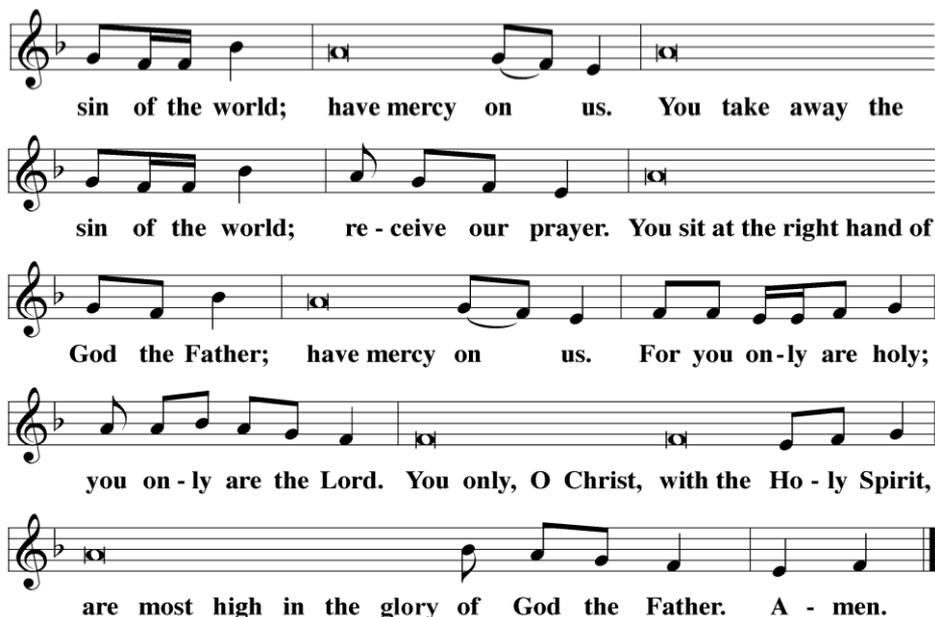
**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**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.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**FIRST READING** – Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 (EHV) – 传道书 5:10-20

<sup>10</sup>Anyone who loves money is never satisfied with money, and anyone who loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is vanishing vapor.

<sup>11</sup>When goods increase, so do those who eat them. What profit, then, does the owner get, except to see these things with his eyes?

<sup>12</sup>The worker's sleep is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but a rich person's abundant possessions allow him no sleep.

<sup>13</sup>I have seen a sickening evil under the sun—wealth hoarded by its owner to his own harm, <sup>14</sup>or wealth that is lost in a bad investment. Or a man fathers a son, but he has nothing left in his hand to give him. <sup>15</sup>As

he came out from his mother's womb, so he will go again, naked as he came. From his hard work he can pick up nothing that he can carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup>This too is a sickening evil: Just as he came, so he will go. So what does he gain, he who works for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Besides this, during all his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, sickness, and anger.

<sup>18</sup>So then, here is what I have seen to be good: It is beautiful to eat, to drink, and to look for good in all a person's hard work which he has done under the sun, during the few days of his life that God has given him, for that is his reward. <sup>19</sup>Likewise, for everyone to whom God has given wealth and riches, if God has also given him ability to eat from it, to enjoy his reward,<sup>a</sup> and to rejoice in the results of his hard work—this is a gift of God, <sup>20</sup>for the man seldom reflects on the days of his life, since God keeps him busy with the joy in his heart.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 38 – CW93 p. 81 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 38

*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



**Refrain**

O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger\*  
or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have pierced me,\*  
and your hand has come down upon me.

My guilt has overwhelmed me\*  
like a burden too heavy to bear.

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<sup>a</sup> Or to accept his lot

## **Refrain**

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;\*  
my sighing is not hidden from you.

I wait for you, O LORD;\*  
you will answer, O Lord my God.

Come quickly to help me,\*  
O Lord my Savior.

**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 – 1 Timothy 6:6-12, 17-1 (EHV) – 提摩太前书 6:6-12, 17-19**

<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly<sup>b</sup> cannot take anything out. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be satisfied.

<sup>9</sup>Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge them into complete destruction and utter ruin. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evils. By striving for money, some have wandered away from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But you, O man of God, flee from these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.

<sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of eternal life, to which you were called and about which you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

<sup>17</sup>Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who

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<sup>b</sup> Some witnesses to the text omit *certainly*.

richly supplies us with all things for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In this way they are storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.<sup>a</sup>

**VERSE OF THE DAY** 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 12:9a)



**GOSPEL** – Luke 16:1-13 (EHV) – 路加福音 16:1-13

Jesus also said to his disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager who was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>The rich man called him in and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you can no longer be manager.’

<sup>3</sup>“The manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, since my master is taking away the management position from me? I am not strong enough to dig. I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from my position as manager, people will receive me into their houses.’

<sup>5</sup>“He called each one of his master’s debtors to him. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘Six hundred gallons<sup>a</sup> of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write three hundred.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘Six hundred bushels<sup>b</sup> of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and write four hundred and eighty.’

<sup>8</sup>“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the children<sup>c</sup> of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation<sup>d</sup> than the children of the light are. <sup>9</sup>

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<sup>a</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *of eternal life*.

<sup>a</sup> Or *one hundred baths*. A *bath* was about six gallons.

<sup>b</sup> Or *one hundred cors*. A *cor* was about six bushels.

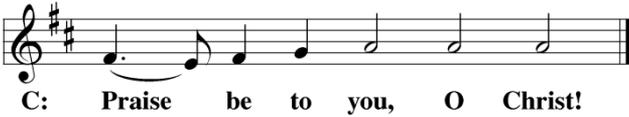
<sup>c</sup> Or *people*

<sup>d</sup> Or *kind of people*

tell you, make friends for yourselves with unrighteous *mammon*,<sup>e</sup> so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>The person who is faithful with very little is also faithful with much. And the person who is unrighteous with very little is also unrighteous with much. <sup>11</sup>So if you have not been faithful with unrighteous *mammon*, who will entrust you with what is really valuable? <sup>12</sup>If you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you something to be your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters. Indeed, either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and *mammon*.”

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



### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 对儿童的讲道

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *All Depends on Our Possessing* – CW93 #421 –  
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<sup>e</sup> *Mammon* is an Aramaic word that is transliterated in the Greek. It refers to *worldly wealth* (sometimes personified). It also appears in verses 11 and 13, and Matthew 6:24. It may also be translated *money*, but a different word for money is used in verse 14.

## 421

## All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
 4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing  
 5 If on earth my days he length - en, He my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
 hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.  
 soul will strength - en; All my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are  
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
 I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er— As God wills, so  
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.  
 guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.  
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
 be it ev - er— I to him com - mit my way.  
 way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in his grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
 Tune: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN (887 887) Johann Löhner, 1645-1705, alt.

**SERMON** – Luke 16:1-13 – Using Money according to God's Will – 讲

道：基于路加福音 16:1-13

## 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).*



## 469

## Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a  
 5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall



cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments  
 im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and  
 on - ly for my King. Take my lips and  
 mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -  
 be no long - er mine. Take my heart— it



and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
 is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At thy feet its treasure store.  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79.

Tune: PATMOS (77 77) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

### 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 Amazing Grace Virtual Academy:*

Lord, you told us the importance of Christian education when you instructed us to “start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6). Amazing Grace Virtual Academy was established to help parents start their children on the way they should go by providing a Christ-centered, fully accredited online high school education. We give thanks for their many years of service to the parents and children of our synod, and especially as they celebrated their first graduating class. Be with them as they move forward and bless their efforts as educators and sharers of the gospel, that many more people may benefit from their service to you. 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.

**CLOSING HYMN** – *What Is the World to Me* – CW93 #477 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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## What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed  
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the  
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mon - ey  
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my



plea - sure When you, and you a - lone, Lord  
 might - y, Yet nev - er once re - flects That  
 of - fers, Yet nev - er is con - tent Though  
 trea - sure, My life, my health, my wealth, My



Je - sus, are my trea - sure! You on - ly, dear - est  
 they are frail and flight - y. But what I tru - ly  
 gold should fill its cof - fers. I have a high - er  
 friend, my love, my plea - sure, My joy, my crown, my



Lord, My soul's de - light shall be; You are my  
 prize A - bove all things is he, My Je - sus,  
 good; Con - tent with it I'll be; My Je - sus  
 all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly. Once more then



peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
 he a - lone. What is the world to me!  
 is my wealth— What is the world to me!  
 I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**October 12-19, 2025**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible study</b>
Tuesday	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>
Saturday	7:45 PM	<b>中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)</b>
Sunday (10/19)	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!

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES: MCKINLEY PLAY GARDEN SPOOKY FEST & AMERICAN LEGION TRUNK OR TREAT – 10/25**

We have another opportunity to reach out to members of our community at the McKinley Community Play Garden's Spooky Fest on **October 25 (Saturday), from 11:00 to 1:00** (3518 S. Wolcott Ave. – the wooded lot behind the library parking lot); and at the American Legion William McKinley Post's Trunk or Treat **that same day from 2:00 to 4:00**. If you're willing to help, please sign up on the signup sheets on the Bible study table in the back of our worship space. Feel free to share ideas for the events.

## **NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY: “Christ Through Us” – Sundays 11:00**

This study gives an overview of the 175-year history of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), in PowerPoint presentations containing pictures from the book of the same name recently published by Northwestern Publishing House. This study highlights the blessings God has poured out on the WELS as it carries out its mission across the nation and the world, and the theological and cultural challenges that refined WELS into a distinctly Christ-centered, confessional Lutheran church body. Join us for this study to learn more about the history of our church body and give thanks to God for all his blessings through it! All are welcome! If you're interested but aren't able to join us, you can find the PowerPoints and study guides here:

<https://welshistoricalinstitute.org/175th-resources/#congregational> ,

and the book available for purchase here:

<https://online.nph.net/175annivbook>

## **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 – Tuesdays 6:30pm**

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.) The class is currently held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00, but we could discuss adjusting the class day or time if needed, to accommodate the schedules of everyone who is interested. If you have a potential student in mind who would be ready to start class, please speak with Pastor Gawel. All are welcome!

## **“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> ,** or let Pastor Gawel know of your plan to attend.

### **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 有成人中文圣经学习。欢迎您参加! 我们在教会的事工中心(教堂旁边的房子)现场聚会; 地址是 3650 S. Honore St., Chicago。如果你想了解更多, 请联系高乐仁牧师: 手机: 773-217-8132。欢迎!

### **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](http://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](http://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](mailto:del Laurentis.sam@gmail.com) with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in September
\$15,545.33	\$6,800.66

Offerings received last week (10/1 – 10/9): \$1,397.31  
(budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)

### Ministry Attendance Last Week

**Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 31** (27 adults, 4 children)

**Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 9**

**Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 7**

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

**Sunday school: 2**

**Youth confirmation class: 3**

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