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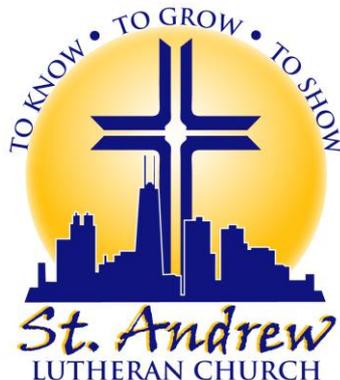
Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'

He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them **from the dead, they will repent.**' He said to him, **'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'**"

Luke 16:29-31

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 19, 2025**

**SERVICE THEME:**  
**Love Builds Bridges**



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## October 19, 2025 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### SERVICE THEME: Love Builds Bridges

**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

*Real wealth is found in heavenly treasure. Earthly riches are not a reward for doing good, but rather an opportunity to do good.*

*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).*

**OPENING HYMN** – *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near* – CW93 #207 –  
printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When God's Son,  
 2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound And all the  
 3 A book is o - pened then to all, A rec - ord  
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but  
 5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my



the A - noint - ed, Shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear  
 earth be shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found  
 tru - ly tell - ing What each has done, both great and small,  
 car - nal plea - sures, Who here de - spised his pre - cious Word  
 sin was smit - ten; With - in the Book of Life I know



As judge of all ap - point - ed. All mirth and  
 Shall from their sleep a - wak - en And with the  
 When he on earth was dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry  
 And loved their earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and  
 My name has now been writ - ten. I will not



laugh - ter then shall cease When flames on flames will  
 liv - ing in that hour By the Al - might - y's  
 heart be clear - ly seen, And all be known as  
 trem - bling they will stand And at the judg - e's  
 doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan can - not



still in - crease, As Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.  
 bound - less pow'r Be changed at his com - mand - ing.  
 they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
 stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.  
 threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
 But hasten our salvation;  
 We often tremble on our way  
 In fear and tribulation.  
 Your saints are waiting patiently;  
 Come soon, Redeemer; make us free  
 From ev'ry evil. Amen.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532-99, abr.; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832-1919, alt.  
 Tune: ES IST GEWISSLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

**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 worship 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.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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** – Amos 6:1-7 (EHV) – 阿摩司书 6:1-7

Woe to<sup>a</sup> you who are complacent in Zion,  
 you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
 you distinguished people of the leading nation,  
 to whom the house of Israel comes.

<sup>2</sup>Travel to Kalneh and look.

Go from there to Hamath Rabbah,  
 and go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than those kingdoms?

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<sup>a</sup> Or how terrible it will be for

Are their territories greater than your territory?<sup>b</sup>

<sup>3</sup>You who are trying to put off the evil day,  
you bring near the session for violence!

<sup>4</sup>Those who lie on ivory beds,  
sprawling upon their couches,  
eating lambs from the flock  
and calves straight from the stall,

<sup>5</sup>improvising tunes on the lyre,  
composing music for themselves on musical instruments like David,

<sup>6</sup>drinking large bowls of wine—

they slather<sup>c</sup> themselves with the most expensive perfumed oils,  
but they do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

<sup>7</sup>That is why they will go into exile as the first of the exiles.

Those who sprawl out at their feasts for the dead will depart.

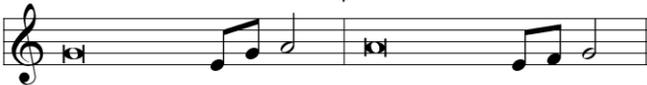
**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 146 – CW93 p. 120 (NIV84) – 诗篇 146

*Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

*Psalm tone*



**Refrain**

Praise the LORD, O my soul.\*

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,\*

in mortal men, who cannot save.

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<sup>b</sup> The line of thought is difficult to follow here. The context seems to require that the two lines of the verse be parallel statements, each of which requires the answer “no.” The context therefore seems to call for reversing the second comparison, but there is no manuscript evidence to support such a switch.

<sup>c</sup> Literally *anoint*, but the reference is not to anointing to office.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,\*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

**Refrain**

The LORD gives food to the hungry,\*  
the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,\*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast\*  
and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.\*  
He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

**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** – Revelation 2:8-11 (EHV) – 启示录 2:8-11

<sup>8</sup>To the messenger of the church in Smyrna write:

The First and the Last, who was dead and came to life again, says this:

<sup>9</sup>I know<sup>f</sup> your suffering and your poverty—but you are rich. And I know the blasphemy that comes from those who say they are Jews but are not; rather, they are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup>Do not fear anything that<sup>a</sup> you are about to suffer. Look, the Devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you will be tested, and you will suffer for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

<sup>11</sup>Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

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<sup>f</sup> A few witnesses to the text add *your works*.

<sup>a</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *Do not fear what*.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (*Philippians 2:10-11, NIV*)



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

**GOSPEL** – Luke 16:19-31 (EHV) – 路加福音 16:19-31

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



**C:** Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup>A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and <sup>21</sup>longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>Eventually the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In hell,<sup>a</sup> where he was in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in misery in this flame.’

<sup>25</sup>“But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in misery. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, a great chasm has been set in place between us and you, so that those who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

<sup>27</sup>“He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s home, <sup>28</sup>because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

<sup>29</sup>“Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.’

<sup>30</sup>“ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead

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<sup>a</sup> Greek *Hades*

goes to them, they will repent.'

<sup>31</sup>“Abraham replied to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

*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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *Lord, You I Love with All My Heart* – CW93 #434 –  
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1 Lord, you I love with all my heart; I pray you ne'er from  
 2 Lord God, 'twas your rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and  
 3 Lord, let at last your an - gels come; To A - bram's bos - om



me de - part; With ten - der mer - cies cheer me. Earth has no  
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that  
 bear me home That I may die un - fear - ing. And in its



plea - sure I would share; Heav - en it - self were void and bare  
 I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy your lav - ish grace  
 nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in peace - ful sleep



If you, Lord, were not near me. And should my heart for  
 And serve and help my neigh - bor. Let no false doc - trine  
 Un - til your re - ap - pear - ing. And then from death a -



sor - row break, My trust in you no one could shake.  
 me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
 wak - en me That my own eyes with joy may see,



You are the trea - sure I have sought; Your pre - cious blood my  
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my cross - es  
 O Son of God, your glo - rious face, My Sav - ior and my



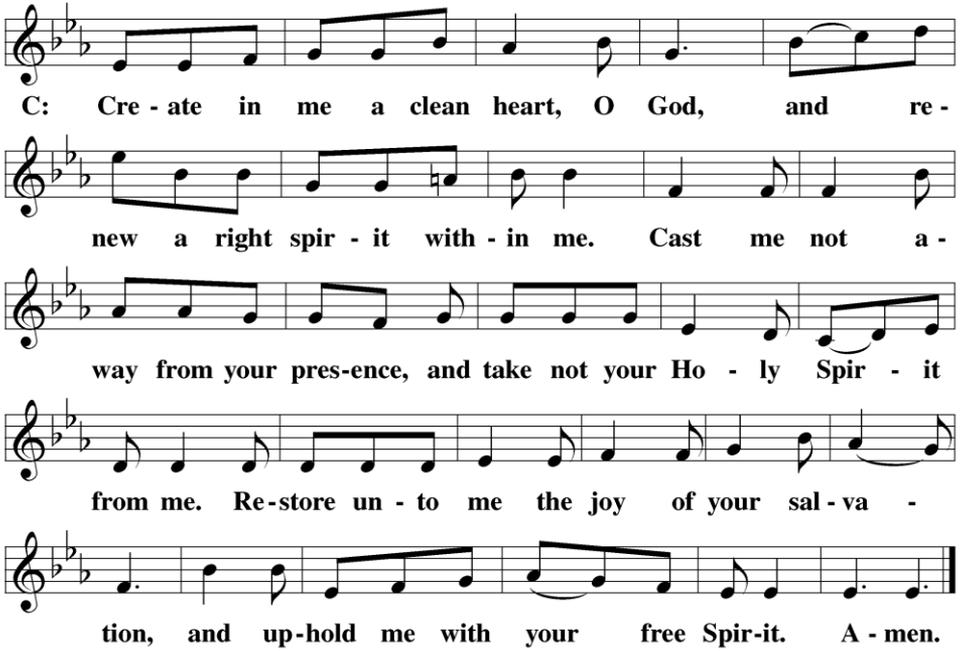
soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, My God and Lord,  
 will - ing - ly. Lord Je - sus Christ, My God and Lord,  
 Fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, My prayer at - tend,



my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust your Word.  
 my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust your Word.  
 my prayer at - tend, And I will praise you with - out end.

Text: Martin M. Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: HERZLICH LIEB HAB ICH DICH, O HERR (887 887 88 88 488) *Zwey Bücher . . . Tabulatur*, Strassburg,  
 1577, alt.

SERMON – Luke 16:19-31 – Love Builds Bridges – 讲道：基于路加福音  
16:19-31



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

**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:** Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

**C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

**M:** Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

**M:** Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and Sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

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

*for Crossroads Church, Chicago, IL:*

Jesus, you are the Lord of the Church, and in your grace, you have seen fit to place one of your servants, Jacob Borgwardt, into ministry at Crossroads Church in Chicago, Illinois. As pastor and congregation strive together to restart a mission that has faced challenges in the recent past, we entrust their efforts to you. We pray that you will give them the strength to take on heavy burdens. We ask that you give them courage to face tough circumstances and the confidence to share the gospel at every opportunity. Finally, we pray that you would send them all a rich measure of your Spirit, so that pastor and lay members alike would be encouraged and empowered to do the work you have placed before them. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**C:** Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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** – *Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose* – CW93 #466  
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# 466 **Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose**



1 Though thought - less thou - sands choose the road  
 2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,  
 3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all.  
 4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear;  
 5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet,



That leads the soul a - way from God,  
 From him my life, my all, re - ceive,  
 To him I look; on him I call.  
 Soon shall I end my tri - als here,  
 Soon walk through ev - 'ry gold - en street



This hap - pi - ness, dear Lord, be mine:  
 To him de - vote my fleet - ing hours,  
 He will my ev - 'ry want sup - ply  
 Leave sin and sor - row, death and pain.  
 And sing on ev - 'ry bliss - ful plain,



To live and die en - tire - ly thine.  
 Serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.  
 In time and through e - ter - ni - ty.  
 To live is Christ; to die is gain.  
 "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

Text: Joseph Hoskins, 1745-88, alt.  
 Tune: WAREHAM (LM) William Knapp, 1698-1768, alt.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**October 19-26, 2025**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible study</b>
Tuesday	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>
Saturday	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	<b>Play Garden Spooky Fest</b>
	2:00-4:00 PM	<b>Trunk or Treat at American Legion</b>
	7:45 PM	<b>中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)</b>
Sunday (10/26)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</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 – Oct. 25 (Sat.)**

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!

**"THE SHROUD OF JESUS? ITS ARCHEOLOGICAL AND APOLOGETIC VALUE" – live-stream Nov. 3 (Mon.), 7-9pm, Bethany Lutheran College**

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod's Center for Apologetics and Worldviews is hosting this lecture on the Shroud of Turin. The "Shroud of Turin" is likely the most studied religious artifact. Scientists in 1978 and 1988 concluded that the Shroud was a medieval fake. However, their results were contested due to unscientific procedures, invalid results, and disqualifying inconsistencies. The 2020s brought fresh and exacting analysis, exploding the methodology and results of the 70s and 80s. So much so, that a consensus has formed: The Shroud belongs to first century Jerusalem. Circumstantially, the Shroud bears all the marks of being the very burial cloth that enshrouded the crucified and resurrected body of Christ Jesus. Live-streamed here: [apologeticscenter.org/events/](https://apologeticscenter.org/events/)

### **WELS TEEN ONLINE BIBLE STUDY – Nov. 9 (Sun.), 6:00pm**

"A Smashing Salvation" (Deborah – Judges 3:6–4)

This section of God's Word provides an exciting judge like Ehud and a surprising judge in Deborah. God does not sit in heaven letting the world turn, uninterested. His deliverances are not a thing of the past. Yes, sometimes it's only when we see how hopeless we are that we can appreciate how powerful the Lord is. Rev. Dave Scharf, professor of theology at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN, will lead this online interactive Bible study for teens via Zoom. More information and the link to register can be found here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/discipleship/national-teen-bible-study/>

### **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 [delarentis.sam@gmail.com](mailto:delarentis.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: \$1,567.84  
 (budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)  
 Total offerings received so far this month: \$2,965.15

**Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 31** (24 adults, 7 children)

**Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 10**

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

**Adult Bible study attendance: 7** (Sun.: 3; Tue.: 2; Thur.: 2)

**Sunday school: n/a**

**Youth confirmation class: 7**

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