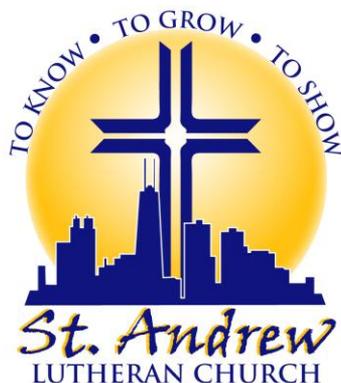


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God's Love Motivates Our Forgiveness and Service**



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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

It is the believer's duty to abstain from sin, give forgiveness, and serve our neighbor. It is a privilege to do our duty as Christians, but we are weak. The Church, therefore, prays that God would make us ready to do with a cheerful heart that which pleases him.

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As Surely As I Live, God Said



1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I
 2 To us, there - fore, Christ gave com - mand: "Go
 3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I
 4 "What you will bind, that shall be; What
 5 The words which ab - so - lu - tion give Are



would not have the sin - ner dead, But
 forth and preach in ev - 'ry land; Be -
 tru - ly par - don and ac - quit, And
 you will loose, that shall be free; Un -
 his who died that we might live; The



that he turn from er - ror's ways, Re -
 stow on all my par - d'ning grace Who
 those whose sins you do re - tain Con -
 to my Church the keys are giv'n To
 min - is - ter whom Christ has sent Is



pent, and live through end - less days."
 will re - pent of sin - ful ways.
 demned and guilt - y shall re - main.
 op'n and close the gates of heav'n."
 but his hum - ble in - stru - ment.

6 When ministers lay on their hands,
 Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
 He who by grace the Word believes
 Forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.

7 Praise God the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
 As was, is now, and so shall be
 Forever and eternally!

Text: Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561, abr.; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
 Tune: ST. LUKE (LM) Jeremiah Clarke, 1674–1707.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召唤，认罪及赦罪

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

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



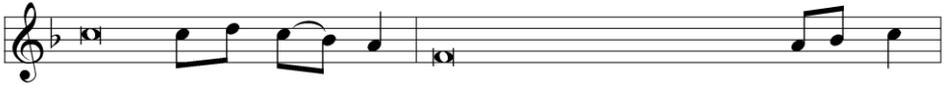
C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



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



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



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



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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases 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 – Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (EHV) – 哈巴谷书 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The threatening oracle which the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²How long, LORD, must I cry for help, but you do not listen?

I call out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save!

³Why do you cause me to see injustice?

Why do you overlook misery?

Devastation and violence confront me.

There is strife, and tensions rise.

⁴For this reason the law has become powerless.^a
Justice is never carried out.
In fact, the wicked overwhelm the righteous
so that justice is perverted.

I will stand at my watch post and station myself on the city wall. I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer he will give to my complaint.^c

²Then the LORD answered me. He said:

Record the vision and write it plainly on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

³Indeed, the vision is waiting for the appointed time. It longs for fulfillment and will not prove false. If it seems slow in coming, wait for it, because it will certainly come and will not be delayed.

⁴Look, his soul is puffed up and is not righteous within him^d—but the righteous one will live by his faith.^e

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 27 – CW93 p. 75 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 27

^a Or *paralyzed or ineffective*

^c The translation follows the alternate Hebrew reading known as a correction of the scribes. The standard Hebrew text reads *what answer to give when I am rebuked*, likely because scribes considered Habakkuk to be impudent by demanding an answer from the Lord. The alternate reading is also supported by the Syriac and the parallelism with the preceding line.

^d The antecedent of *his* and *him* is uncertain, and there are other difficulties with the Hebrew. The phrase must refer to an ungodly man—in the immediate context, to the Babylonians.

^e The word can also mean *faithfulness*, but in Romans 1:17 Paul uses the phrase in reference to *faith*.

Refrain



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I
be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Psalm tone



Refrain

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;*
be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,*
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,*
O God my Savior.

Refrain

Though my father and mother forsake me,*
the LORD will receive me.

I am still confident of this:*
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;*
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

**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

SECOND READING – Romans 6:15-23 (EHV) – 罗马书 6:15-23

¹⁵What then? Should we continue to sin, because we are not under law but under grace? Absolutely not! ¹⁶Do you not know that when you offer yourselves to obey someone as slaves, you are slaves of the one you are obeying—whether slaves of sin, resulting in death, or slaves of obedience, resulting in righteousness?

¹⁷Thanks be to God that, although you used to be slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to the pattern of the teaching into which you were placed. ¹⁸After you were set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹(I am speaking in a human way because of the weakness of your flesh.) Indeed, just as you offered your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, resulting in more lawlessness, so now offer your members in the same way as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. ²¹So what kind of fruit did you have then? They were things of which you are now ashamed. Yes, the final result of those things is death. ²²But now, since you were set free from sin and have become slaves to God, you have your fruit resulting in sanctification—and the final result is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the undeserved gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia. (*Hebrews 2:12, RSV*)



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

GOSPEL – Luke 17:1-10 (EHV) – 路加福音 17:1-10

Jesus said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for that person if a millstone would be hung around his neck and he would be

thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin.
³Watch yourselves.

“If your brother sins, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him. ⁴Even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times returns to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”

⁶The Lord said, “If you had faith like a mustard seed, you could tell this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷Which one of you who has a servant plowing or taking care of sheep will say to him when he comes in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at the table?’ ⁸Won’t the master tell him instead, ‘Prepare my supper, and after you are properly dressed, serve me while I eat and drink. After that you may eat and drink?’ ⁹He does not thank the servant because he did what he was commanded to do, does he? ¹⁰So also you, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants. We have only done what we were supposed to do.’”

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 对儿童的讲道

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit* – CW93 #181 –
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Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit



1 Come, oh, come, life - giv - ing Spir - it, God from all e -
 2 Show us, Lord, the path of bless - ing; When we tres - pass
 3 With our spir - it, Lord, bear wit - ness That we are the
 4 Prompt us, Lord, to come be - fore him With a child - like
 5 Grant our hearts in full - est mea - sure Wis - dom, coun - sel,



ter - ni - ty! May your pow - er nev - er fail us;
 on our way, Cast, O Lord, our sins be - hind you
 saints of God Who re - ly up - on him sole - ly
 heart to pray; Sigh for us, O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 pur - i - ty, That we al - ways strive to please you,



Dwell with - in us con - stant - ly. Then shall truth and
 And be with us day by day. Should we stray, O
 When we're chas - tened by the rod; For we know, as
 When we know not what to say. Then our prayer is
 Work - ing for you will - ing - ly. Let the gos - pel



life and light Ban - ish all the gloom of night.
 Lord, re - call; Work re - pent - ance when we fall.
 chil - dren should, That the cross is for our good.
 not in vain, And our faith new strength shall gain.
 spread and grow, Bring - ing Sa - tan's o - ver - throw.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–59, abr.; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96, alt.

Tune: KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS (87 87 77) *Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

SERMON – Luke 17:1-10 – God’s Love Motivates Our Forgiveness and Service – 讲道：基于 路加福音 17:1-10

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. 19-20).



102 Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains



1 En - slaved by sin and bound in chains, Be - neath its
 2 Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace, Nor all the
 3 Je - sus, the Lord, the might - y God, An all - suf -
 4 Je - sus the sac - ri - fice be - came To res - cue
 5 A - maz - ing good - ness! Love di - vine! Oh, may our



dread - ful ty - rant sway, And doomed to ev - er -
 world's col - lect - ed store Suf - fice to pur - chase
 fi - cient ran - som paid. O match - less price! His
 guilt - y souls from hell; The spot - less, bleed - ing,
 grate - ful hearts a - dore The match - less grace nor



last - ing pains We wretch - ed, guilt - y cap - tives lay.
 our re - lease; A thou - sand worlds were all too poor.
 pre - cious blood For vile, re - bel - lious trai - tors shed.
 dy - ing Lamb Be - neath a - veng - ing jus - tice fell.
 yield to sin Nor wear its cru - el fet - ters more!

Text: Anne Steele, 1717–78.

Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–1561.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

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

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

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C: **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

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

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

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

for the WELS Asia/Oceania Mission Team:

Lord Jesus, you have given your church the mission of sharing your saving good news with every nation, so that on that Last Day there will be a multitude from every tribe, people, and language in your heavenly kingdom. We give thanks for those who have answered the call to serve in faraway places and in cultures that are vastly different from the one in which they were raised. We especially give thanks for the missionaries and administrators who serve in Thailand, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Australia. Open their eyes to see people who need the gospel where they live, and strengthen their willingness to do the work that is before them. Also, give our synod the vision and resources it needs to continue sharing the gospel in Asia/Oceania. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER 主祷文

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

PRAYER and BLESSING 祷告及祝福

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

C: Amen.

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



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

CLOSING HYMN – *I Hear the Savior Calling* – CW93 #560 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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I Hear the Savior Calling



1 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! The gos - pel comes to
 2 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He leads a soul to
 3 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He gives this charge to
 4 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He chang - es hearts for
 5 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! His call has ur - gen -



me. My eyes once closed in blind - ness Are o - pened
 me, A soul in bit - ter an - guish, One need - ing
 me: To serve the best I'm a - ble, What - e'er the
 me. From door to door I wit - ness To share my
 cy! Each mo - ment souls are dy - ing; Soon comes e -



now to see That I my - self was help - less To
 to be free. The gift I have to of - fer Is
 call may be. Thus hand in hand with oth - ers Who
 Sav - ior's plea; Yet noth - ing can be add - ed, No
 ter - ni - ty. And so, my pre - cious Sav - ior, This



live e - ter - nal - ly, But, dy - ing, Christ did
 Christ, my Lord's de - cree That all have been for -
 share the gos - pel key We spread the gos - pel
 word on bend - ed knee, Be - yond the sim - ple
 is my hum - ble plea: Pre - pare me for my



save me, And now he calls for me!
 giv - en— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 tid - ings— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 gos - pel— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 mis - sion For you are call - ing me!

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
October 26 – November 2, 2025

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study
Tuesday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
	9:00 PM	Change clocks back one hour
Sunday (11/2)	9:30 AM	Reformation (observed) Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study

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

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

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://welshhistoricalinstitute.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 8th 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/

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

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 September
\$15,545.33	\$6,800.66

Offerings received last week: \$1,599.22

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$4,564.37

Ministry Attendance Last Week

Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 38 (32 adults, 6 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 6

Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 10

Adult Bible study attendance: 10 (Sun.: 6; Tue.: 2, 2)

Sunday school: n/a

Youth confirmation class: 6

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