

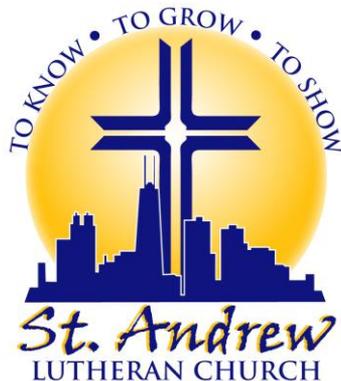


They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22:4-5 (NIV)

Saints Triumphant Sunday November 16, 2025

**SERVICE THEME:
Returning to Paradise**



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

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

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

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

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INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

The relationship between God and his saints (those whom he has called to faith in Jesus as Savior) will last into eternity.

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 – *For All the Saints* – CW93 #551 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 For all the saints who from their
 2 You were their rock, their for - tress,
 3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful,
 4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low -
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the



la - bors rest, All who their faith be -
 and their might; You, Lord, their cap - tain
 true, and bold Fight as the saints who
 ship di - vine! We fee - bly strug - gle;
 war - fare long, Steals on the ear the



fore the world con - fessed, Your name, O
 in the well - fought fight And in the
 no - bly fought of old And win with
 they in glo - ry shine, Yet all are
 dis - tant tri - umph - song, And hearts are



Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 dark - ness drear their one true light.
 them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 one with - in your grand de - sign.
 brave a - gain and arms are strong.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
 Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–97. abr., alt.
Tune: SINE NOMINE (10 10 10 with Alleluias) Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958. © Oxford University Press.
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INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召喚，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.

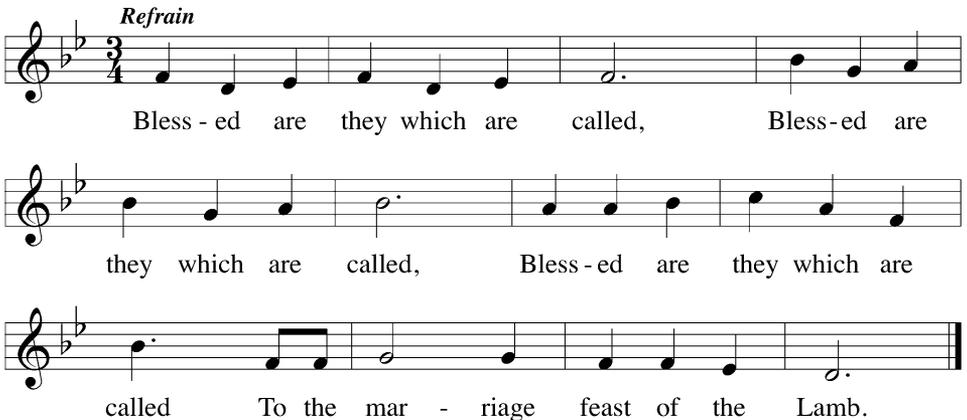
C: Amen.

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

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Blessed Are They

Refrain

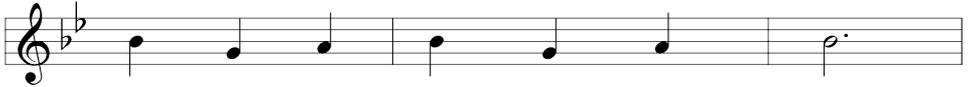


Bless - ed are they which are called, Bless - ed are
they which are called, Bless - ed are they which are
called To the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.

Verses



1 Mul - ti - tudes, clothed in white robes,
 2 They'll nei - ther hun - ger nor thirst,
 3 Bless - ing and hon - or, they cry,
 4 Ser - vant, saint, mar - tyr at rest,
 5 Wor - thy are you, Lamb of God,



From ev - 'ry na - tion and tongue,
 Death, sor - row, pain van - quished now,
 Un - to the Lamb that was slain,
 Sanc - ti - fied, ran - somed, re - stored,
 To re - ceive glo - ry and praise.



Stood be - fore God and the Lamb At the
 God wipes all tears from their eyes By the
 Re - deem - ing us with his blood In the
 Thun - d'rous - ly sing a new song Of the
 Al - le - lu - ia and a - men! For the



mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Verse 2*
 mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Refrain*
 mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Verse 4*
 mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Refrain*
 mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Refrain*

This hymn echoes the song of victory sung by the saints both now and in eternity.

Text: Luke 23:42; texts from Revelation adapted Larry L. Fleming, 1936–2003, alt.

Tune: BLESSED ARE THEY (77 78)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour
 when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death.

Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 65:17-25 (EHV) – 以赛亚书 65:17-25

¹⁷Watch this! I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered.

They will not come to mind.

¹⁸Instead, rejoice and celebrate forever, because of what I am creating.

Watch this! I am about to create Jerusalem to be a source of gladness, and her people will be a source of joy.

¹⁹I also will be glad because of Jerusalem,

and I will rejoice over my people.

The sound of weeping will not be heard in her again,

nor will the sound of crying.

²⁰There will never again be an infant there who lives for only a few days,

or an elderly man who does not fill out all his days,

for one who dies at a hundred will be considered a young man,

and one who fails to attain the age of one hundred will be regarded as cursed.

²¹Then they will build houses and live in them.

They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They will not build a house and have another person live in it.

They will not plant and have another person eat the crop,

for the days of my people will be like the days of a tree,

and my chosen ones will enjoy all the work of their hands.

²³They will not labor only to receive nothing,

and they will not give birth to children doomed to disaster,

for they will be offspring who are blessed by the LORD,

and their descendants will be with them.

²⁴Then even before they call, I will answer.

While they are still speaking, I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb will graze together,

and lions will eat straw like cattle,

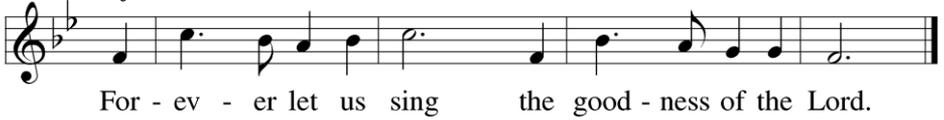
but the serpent will eat dust as its food.

They will not harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain,

says the LORD.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 148 – CW93 p. 121 (NIV84) – 诗篇 148

Refrain



Psalm tone



Refrain

Praise the LORD from the heavens,*
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,*
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,*
praise him, all you shining stars.

Refrain

Praise the LORD from the earth,*
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,*
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,*
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**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 – Revelation 22:1-5 (EHV) – 启示录 22:1-5

The angel showed me the^c river of the water of life, which was as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb. ²In the middle of the city’s street and on each side of the river was a tree of life that yielded twelve kinds of fruit. The tree yields its fruit every month, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.

³There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. His servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face. His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will no longer be any night or any need for lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia. (*Revelation 7:15a*)



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

GOSPEL – Luke 20:27-38 (EHV) – 路加福音 20:27-38

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

²⁷Some of the Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to him. ²⁸They asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, his brother should take the wife and raise up children for his brother.^a ²⁹So there were seven brothers. The first took a wife and died childless. ³⁰The second took her as a wife,^b ³¹and so did the third, and in the same way the

^c Some witnesses to the text add *pure*.

^a Deuteronomy 25:5

^b Some witnesses to the text add *and this one died childless*.

seven died and left no children. ³²Finally the woman died too. ³³So in the resurrection, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as a wife.”

³⁴Jesus said to them, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵But those who are considered worthy to experience that age and the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶In fact, they cannot die any more, for they are like the angels. They are sons of God, because they are sons of the resurrection.

³⁷“Even Moses showed in the account about the burning bush that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord: ‘The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’” ³⁸He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all are alive to him.”

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.

^c Exodus 3:6

10 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us



1 The Bride-groom soon will call us; Shake off your drow-sy sleep!
 2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er's face;
 3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,
 4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu-sic's voice;



Lest care - less-ness be - fall us, A watch - ful vig - il keep!
 The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:
 From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,
 With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more
 The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;
 From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,
 While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!
 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.
 And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.
 A might - y hymn for prais - ing The giv - er of the feast.

Text: Johann Walter, 1496–1570, abr.; tr. composite, 1989.

Tune: ACH GOTT VOM HIMMELREICHE (76 76 D) *Musae Sioniae*, VII, Wolfenbüttel, 1609.

SERMON – Revelation 22:1-5 – Returning to Paradise – 讲道：基于 启示录 22:1-5

- 1) What it was like
- 2) What it is like
- 3) Who is there

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Blessed Are the Saints of God



1 Bless - ed are the saints of God; They are bought with
 2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace; They en - joy the
 3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a



Christ's own blood. They are ran - somed from the grave;
 Sav - ior's peace. All their sins are washed a - way;
 heav'n - ly birth. One with God, with Je - sus one,



Life e - ter - nal they shall have. With them num - bered
 They shall stand in God's great day. With them num - bered
 Glo - ry is in them be - gun. With them num - bered



may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.
 may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.
 may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Joseph Humphreys, b. 1720, alt.

Tune: VOLLER WUNDER (77 77 77) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-76.

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: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: We too join them to praise your majesty.

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

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

for early-childhood ministry:

Lord, you took the little children into your arms and blessed them. You continue to bless little children with your Word through the early childhood ministries in our church body. Be with the teachers and staff members of these ministries and enable them to teach and model your love not only to the children in their care but also to their families. Bless the work of our early childhood ministries coordinator, Mrs. Jamie Walta, as she serves and encourages schools throughout our synod.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to 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 – *Around the Throne, a Glorious Band* – CW93 #549 –
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549 **Around the Throne, a Glorious Band**

1 A - round the throne, a glo - rious band, The
 2 Through trib - u - la - tion great they came; They
 3 They see their Sav - ior face to face And
 4 "Wor - thy the Lamb, for sin - ners slain, Through
 5 Oh, may we tread the sa - cred road That



saints in count - less num - bers stand, Of
 bore the cross, de - spised the shame. From
 sing the tri - umphs of his grace. Each
 end - less years to live and reign; You
 saints and ho - ly mar - tyrs trod, Wage



ev - 'ry tongue, re - deemed to God, Ar -
 all their la - bors now they rest In
 day and night they sing his praise, To
 have re - deemed us by your blood And
 to the end the glo - rious strife, And



rayed in gar - ments washed in blood.
 God's e - ter - nal glo - ry blest.
 him the loud thanks - giv - ing raise:
 made us kings and priests to God."
 win, like them, a crown of life.

Text: Rowland Hill, 1744–1833, abr., alt.

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

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
November 16-23, 2025

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	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)
Sunday (11/23)	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

The paraments are white for Saints Triumphant and Christ the King Sundays. White is the color of purity and completeness. This color assists in bearing the message that "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). Christ's purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

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

MEMORIAL — In loving memory of Mrs. Vivian Thompson on her birthday which falls on Nov. 8th and Mr. Robert Petzel on his birthday which falls on Nov. 10th, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

THANK OFFERING — In thankfulness for Eleanor Lorraine's 1st birthday on 11/15/25 from Grandma & Grandpa Dobkowski.

GUEST PASTOR TODAY

Pastor Andy Bauer is our guest pastor today, leading worship and Bible study. Pastor Bauer is the father of our former member, Audrey Talbot

(her husband Luke serves in the Navy, and they currently live in South Carolina). ... Pastor Gawel is returning to Chicago this evening. If you have need of pastoral assistance during this time, please contact Pastor Gawel, and he will get you in touch with a WELS pastor in our area.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE – Nov. 27 (Thur.), 9:30am

Please join us for worship on Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 27, Thursday) at 9:30am, to worship and give thanks to God for all of his many blessings to us, especially the blessing of his Son Jesus our Savior and the gifts of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life through him.

CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNED FOR DEC. 14 AT MAMA LUIGI’S; SIGN UP

On December 14 (Sunday) 1:00-5:00, a Christmas party and fellowship lunch is planned at Mama Luigi’s Restaurant, 7500 S. Harlem, Bridgeview. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bible study table in the back of the worship space, and mark your calendar, to enjoy this time of fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ!

WOMEN’S ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST – Dec. 6 (Sat.), 9:00am, at Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Morton Grove

The women of Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Morton Grove (6218 Capulina Ave.) will be hosting an Advent Prayer Breakfast for area WELS congregations on Saturday, December 6 at 9:00am. The women of St. Andrew’s are warmly invited to attend, for a morning of food and fellowship along with a program filled with worship, songs, and prayer to ready our hearts for our Savior’s birth. RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/AdventBreakfast2025 .

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR WELS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP – Jan. 19-21 (Mon-Wed), Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan)

Registration is now open for the WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership, held at the Chicago Hilton on Jan. 19-21. **Deadline to register is Nov. 30.** <https://lutheranleadership.com/2026-registration/> **Lutheran leadership is for everyone!** When people hear “leadership conference,” they might think this conference is only for pastors or church council members. But it’s so much more than that. When you look at the descriptions of the 70 different presentation options, you will see there are presentations about how everyone can use their gifts to serve the church. We encourage women, men, young adults, and teens to attend!

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 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 recording available

The recording of the lecture on the Shroud of Turin is available here:

<https://apologeticscenter.org/events/2025-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.

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

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

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 October
\$15,545.33	\$5,307.68

Offerings received last week: \$2,182.31
(budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)
Total offerings received so far this month: \$3,446.15

Ministry Attendance Last Week

Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 29 (23 adults, 6 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 12

Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 8

Adult Bible study attendance: 9 (Sun.: 5; Tue.: 2; Th.: 2)

Sunday school: 4

Youth confirmation class: 4

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