

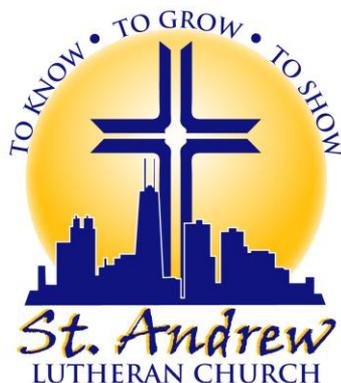
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healed, turned back, and with a loud voice  
glorified God, And fell down on his face at his  
feet, giving him thanks.

- Luke 17:15-16



## **Thanksgiving Day November 27, 2025**

**SERVICE THEME:  
Giving God Thanks**



# Thanksgiving Day

## November 27, 2025 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### SERVICE THEME: Giving God Thanks

**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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## GATHERING RITE FOR THANKSGIVING

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**Sing: We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

[CW'93 #609, st. 1]

M: I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;

**C: I will tell of all your wonders.**

M: I will be glad and rejoice in you;

**C: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.** [Psalm 9:1-2]

M: You are my God, and I will give you thanks;

**C: you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

M: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**C: his love endures forever.** [Psalm 118:28-29]

**Sing: We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.  
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.**

[CW'93 #609, st. 2]

M: Rejoice in the Lord always.

**C: I will say it again: Rejoice!**

M: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

**C: The Lord is near.**

M: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, pray in the name of Jesus.

**C: With thanksgiving we present our requests to God.**

[Philippians 4:4-7]

M: Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor

**C: power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

[Revelation 7:12]

**Sing:** With voices united our praises we offer;  
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

[CW'93 #609, st. 3]

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** 本日共禱文

**M:** Let us pray.  
Almighty God and Father, your generous goodness comes to us  
new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to  
acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your blessings, and  
serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

**OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD** (*Venite* – Psalm 95:1-7)



**C:** Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



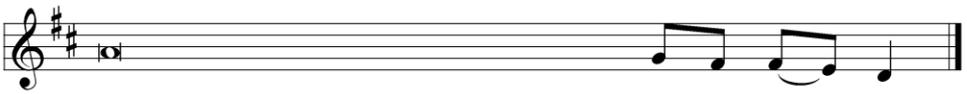
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 8:10-18 (EHV) – 申命记 8:10-18**

<sup>10</sup>Then you will eat, and you will be filled, and you will praise the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. <sup>11</sup>Be very careful so that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and ordinances and his statutes that I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup>When you eat and are satisfied, and you build nice houses and move into them, <sup>13</sup>and your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold increase, and everything that you have prospers, <sup>14</sup>watch out so that your heart does not become arrogant and forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, where you were slaves. <sup>15</sup>Do not forget the LORD, who led you in the great and terrifying wilderness, where there were venomous snakes and scorpions, where the thirsty ground had no water, but the LORD made water come out of a flint rock for you. <sup>16</sup>Do not forget the LORD, who in the wilderness fed you manna, which your fathers had not known before, to humble you and to test you so that it would be good for you later on.

<sup>17</sup>You might say in your heart, “My ability and the power of my hand have earned this wealth for me.” <sup>18</sup>But then you are to remember that the LORD your God is the one who gives you the ability to produce wealth, to confirm his covenant that he promised to your fathers with an oath, as he does to this day.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 100 – CW93 p. 104 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 100

*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



**Refrain**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.\*

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.\*

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;\*

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**Refrain**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;\*  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;\*  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**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** – Philippians 4:10-20 (EHV) – 腓利比书 4:10-20

<sup>10</sup>I rejoice greatly in the Lord now that you have revived your concern for me once again. Actually, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup>I am not saying this because I lack anything; in fact, I have learned to be content in any circumstances in which I find myself. <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, you did well by becoming partners with me in my affliction.

<sup>15</sup>You Philippians know that in the beginning of your experience with the gospel, when I left Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. <sup>16</sup>Even while I was in Thessalonica, you sent help more than once for my needs. <sup>17</sup>Not that I am seeking a gift, but I am seeking the fruit that adds to your account. <sup>18</sup>I have been paid in full, and I have more than enough. I am fully supplied since I've received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, a sweet-smelling fragrance, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will fully supply your every need, according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever! Amen.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Alleluia. (*Psalms 136:1, NIV*)



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

**GOSPEL** – Luke 17:11-19 (EHV) – 路加福音 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup>On another occasion, as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>When he entered a certain village, ten men with leprosy met him. Standing at a distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out loudly, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

<sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” As they went away they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup>One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He fell on his face at Jesus’ feet,

thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Jesus responded, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Get up and go your way. Your faith has saved you.”

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



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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**Now Thank We All Our God**



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and  
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our  
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther



hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,  
 life be near us, With ev - er - joy - ful hearts  
 now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns



In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our  
 And bless - ed peace to cheer us And keep us  
 With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -



moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With  
 in his grace And guide us when per - plexed And  
 ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For



count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
 free us from all ills In this world and the next.  
 thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT (67 67 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

**SERMON** – Luke 17:11-19 sermon – Giving God Thanks – 讲道：基于 路加福音 17:11-19

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** – the explanation to the First Article of the Apostle’s Creed, from Luther’s *Small Catechism* – 信仰告白：马丁路德小问答对使徒信经第一段的解释

**I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.**

**And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.**

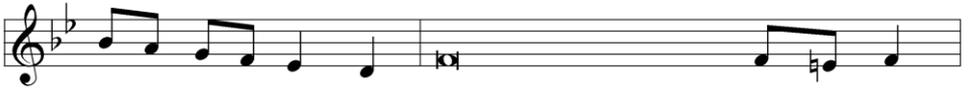
**All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it.**

**For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.  
This is most certainly true.**

**WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD** (*Te Deum*) – CW93 p. 48-49 – printed on the following pages



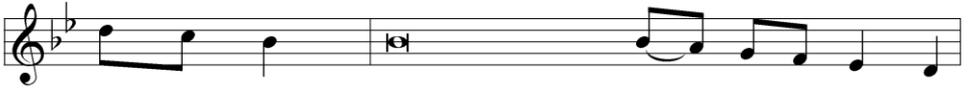
**C:** We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



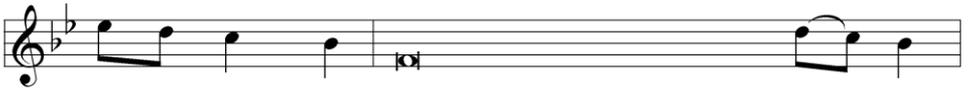
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



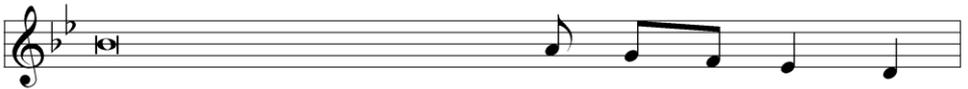
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

## 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).*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

O give thanks to the Lord, **for His mercy endures forever.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for all the bounty of your good creation, and we pray for your guidance that we may not squander nor waste what you have so lovingly preserved for our use and supplied in such abundance. O give thanks to the Lord, **for his mercy endures forever.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the rich harvest of food and water, minerals and material resources. Give us wisdom that we may use well and for your glory all these resources to provide for our homes and families, for the places where we learn and work, for the agencies that provide for those in want or need, and for protection and defense of all people. O give thanks to the Lord, **for his mercy endures forever.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, that you have established your Church and endowed her with your Word and your Sacraments, that your kingdom may come and your Spirit deliver all who will be saved. Keep your Church in the true doctrine of your Word, and by your Spirit grant us all needful graces to be faithful to Christ, now and forever. O give thanks to the Lord, **for his mercy endures forever.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, that we are defended by members of the



**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 FOR GRACE and BLESSING** 祷告及祝福

**M:** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**



**M:** Let us praise the Lord.



**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



**M:** The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C:** A - men.

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## Praise to God, Immortal Praise



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, For the love that  
 2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours, Au - tumn's rich, o'er -  
 3 Peace, pros - per - i - ty, and health, Pri - vate bliss and  
 4 As your pros-p'ring hand has blest, May we give you



crowns our days. Boun - teous Source of ev - 'ry joy,  
 flow - ing stores, Flocks that whit - en all the plain,  
 pub - lic wealth, Knowl - edge with its glad-d'ning streams,  
 of our best And by deeds of kind - ly love



Let your praise our tongues em - ploy. All to you, our  
 Yel - low sheaves of rip - ened grain— Lord, for these our  
 True re - li - gion's ho - lier beams— Lord, for these our  
 For your mer - cies grate - ful prove, Sing - ing thus through



God, we owe, Source whence all our bless - ings flow.  
 souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.  
 souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.  
 all our days: "Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise."

Text: Anna L. Barbauld, 1743–1825, abr., alt.

Tune: DIX (77 77 77) Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872, alt.

**ST. ANDREW'S UPCOMING MINISTRY**  
**November 27 – December 2, 2025**

|                |              |                                              |
|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Today          | 9:30 AM      | <b>Thanksgiving Worship Service</b>          |
| Saturday       | 7:45 PM      | 中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)                      |
| Sunday (11/30) | 9:30 AM      | <b>Worship Service – Advent 1</b>            |
|                | 11:00 AM     | <b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible study</b> |
| Tuesday        | 6:30-8:00 PM | <b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>              |

*The paraments are white for Thanksgiving. 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!

**SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY & MEAL DEC. 14 AT MAMA LUIGI'S**

A Christmas party and fellowship meal is planned for our St. Andrew church family on December 14 (Sunday) 1:00-5:00 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!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS IN PRINT & ONLINE**

This year again, our church-body's college of ministry, Martin Luther College, in New Ulm, MN, has prepared a devotion booklet for Advent. We have some hard copies left, and it is available online to download or read online as well: <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal->

[devotions/](#) . WELS Women's Ministry has also produced daily devotions for Advent that you can subscribe to receive by email here: <https://wels.net/womens-ministry-devotions-subscription/> . And, the quarterly *Meditations* booklets contain daily devotions for Advent as well. May God bless your meditation on his Word this Advent!

### **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](http://www.tinyurl.com/AdventBreakfast2025) .

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

The registration window has been extended for the WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership, held at the Chicago Hilton on Jan. 19-21. **Deadline for early bird registration is Nov. 30. Final deadline is Dec. 7.** <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!

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

If you're interested in Christmas caroling in our neighborhood sometime this Advent / Christmas season, contact Pastor Gawel, and we'll discuss with all who are interested about a date and time.

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERTS BY WELS HIGHER ED & HIGH SCHOOLS**

Celebrate the birth of your Savior with our WELS ministerial education schools and area Lutheran high schools. Watch their Christmas concerts in December via the schools' livestreams. Concerts are in Central Time,

unless noted. Find more information as well as links to the livestreams at [wels.net/events](http://wels.net/events).

- Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn.—Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 14, 4 p.m.
- Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis.—Dec. 14, 3 and 7 p.m.
- Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis.—Dec. 14, 3 p.m.; Dec. 18, 10 a.m.
- Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Mich.—Dec. 19, 7 p.m. ET
- Area Lutheran high schools—Info & links at [wels.net/events](http://wels.net/events).

### **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!

### **BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS**

This class is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about what the Bible teaches and what our church believes – and for those who would like a review. At the conclusion of the class, those who are in agreement in faith are invited to join our church, though this is not a requirement for taking the class. Pastor Gawel is able to teach the class in English and Mandarin Chinese, and we have class materials in Spanish available as well. If you or someone you know are interested in starting Bible information class, please contact Pastor Gawel, and we can schedule the class at a time and place that's convenient for you.

### **PASTORAL COUNSELING; PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

Pastor Gawel is available for confidential pastoral counseling on the basis of God's Word, and for private confession and absolution. Please feel free to make an appointment to see him. (You may call or text Pastor Gawel on his cell phone: 773-217-8132.)

### **SATURDAY EVENING CHINESE MINISTRY 周六晚上7:45中文圣经学习**

Chinese ministry is held on Saturday evenings at 7:45pm in our ministry center (the house next-door to church), which includes elements of a worship service, Bible study, and prayer, all in Mandarin Chinese. New friends are always welcome to join! Please invite any Chinese friends or neighbors. You may share with them the following invitation:

每周六晚上 7:45, 圣安得烈基督教路德宗教会 有成人中文圣经学习。欢迎您参加! 我们在教会的事工中心(教堂旁边的房子)现场聚会; 地址是 3650 S. Honore St., Chicago。如果你想了解更多, 请联系高乐仁牧师: 手机: 773-217-8132。欢迎!

**ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION**

There are a number of ways to give to St. Andrew online: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/>, then click on the “Giving” tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our church’s invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address. You can download the Vanco Mobile app from the [Apple App Store](#) for iOS devices or the [Google Play Store](#) for Android devices. Please contact St. Andrew’s elder for stewardship, Sam DeLaurentis [del Laurentis.sam@gmail.com](mailto:del Laurentis.sam@gmail.com) with any questions.



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| Budgeted need each month | Total offerings received in October |
| \$15,545.33              | \$5,307.68                          |

Offerings received this week: \$1,186.32

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$6,678.23

**Ministry Attendance This Week**

**Worship attendance Sunday in church: 34** (24 adults, 10 children)

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

**Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 8**

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

**Sunday school: 5      Youth confirmation class: 7**