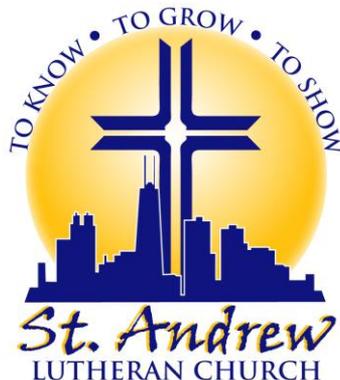


Therefore keep watch,
because you do not
know on what day
your Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42 NIV

**1st Sunday in Advent
November 30, 2025**

**SERVICE THEME:
Living in Hope, Not Fear**



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November 30, 2025 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

SERVICE THEME: Living in Hope, Not Fear

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

Keep watch for the unexpected coming of Christ! Its unexpectedness, however, does not change its certainty (cf. the Verse of the Day) or our prayer (cf. the Prayer of the Day). Rather, the coming of Christ defines our present time because we know that he comes with unexpected judgment on the unbelieving world and with unexpected grace for his believing people. We are filled with hope, with love, and with light. With anticipation in our hearts, we long for the fulfillment: "Come, Lord Jesus!"

OPENING DIALOGUE AND PRAYER



M: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light:

C: On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9:2)

M: Our Savior Jesus said, “You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” (Matthew 24:44)

C: All will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. (1 Peter 4:5)

M: Christ himself has given apostles, prophets, pastors and teachers to make God’s people ready for works of service. (Ephesians 4:11)

C: He will strengthen our hands to do his work and open our lips to declare his praise. (Psalm 51:15)

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you strengthen us that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. With Word and Sacrament, make ready our hearts. Make us ready to receive your Word and live by it daily. Make us ready to live our faith through love and service. And finally, make us ready to meet you face to face on the day your Son comes to judge the living and the dead; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

One Advent candle is lit during the opening hymn.

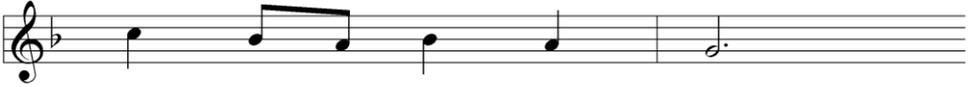
OPENING HYMN – *The Advent of Our King* – CW93 #1 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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The Advent of our King



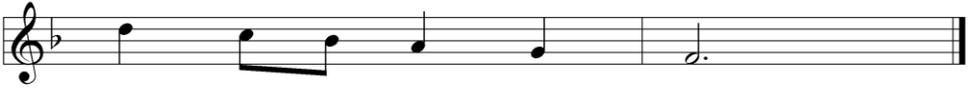
1 The ad - vent of our King Our
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In -
 3 O Zi - on's Daugh - ter, rise To
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He
 5 Be - fore the dawn - ing Day Let



prayers must now em - ploy,
 car - nate deigns to be,
 meet your low - ly King,
 soon will come a - gain,
 sin's dark deeds be gone,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In
 Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To
 Nor let a faith - less heart de - spise The
 And his true mem - bers all u - nite With
 The sin - ful self be put a - way, The



strains of ho - ly joy.
 set his ser - vants free.
 peace he comes to bring.
 him in heav'n to reign.
 new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,
 Who comes to set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever one
 Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.
 Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731-76.

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.

We join to sing Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending – *printed on the following page* (CWS #704) – 圣诗 — 在下一页

This glorious Advent hymn by Charles Wesley is set to its traditional English tune, HELMSLEY.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Tune: HELMSLEY (87 87 12 7) Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799



1 Lo, he comes with clouds de -
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be -
 3 Those dear to - kens of his
 4 Yea, A - men, let all a -



scend - ing, Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner
 hold him Robed in glo - rious maj - es -
 pas - sion Still his daz - zling bod - y
 dore you High on your e - ter - nal



slain. Thou - sand, thou - sand
 ty; Those who ri - di -
 bears, Cause of end - less
 throne. Ev - 'ry knee shall



saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph
 culd and sold him, Pierced and nailed him
 ex - ul - ta - tion To his ran - somed
 bow be - fore you; Come and take your



of his train. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing,
 wor - ship - ers. With what won - der,
 peo - ple home! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Deep - ly wail - ing, Deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what won - der, With what won - der,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
 Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 Gaze we on those glo - rious scars.
 You shall reign and you a - lone!

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 2:1-5 (EHV) – 以赛亚书 2:1-5

This is the message that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²This will take place in the latter days:

The mountain of the LORD's house will be established
as the chief of the mountains.

It will be raised above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it like a river.

³Many peoples will come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob.

Then he will instruct us about his ways,
and we will walk in his paths.”

For from Zion the law^c will go out,
and the LORD's word will go out from Jerusalem.

⁴He will judge between the nations,
and he will mediate for many peoples.
Then they will beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into blades for trimming vines.

Nation will not lift up sword against nation,
nor will they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob, come,
and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 18 – CW93 p. 69 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 18 –
printed on the following page – 在下一页

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^c Here *law* refers to the whole word of God.

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



Refrain

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by deliverer;*
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;*
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.

He brought me out into a spacious place;*
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;*
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble*
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,*
and your right hand sustains me.

**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 13:11-14 (EHV) – 罗马书 13:11-14

¹¹And do this since you understand the present time. It is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because our salvation is nearer

now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is almost over, and the day is drawing near. So let us put away the deeds of darkness and put on the weapons of light. ¹³Let us walk decently as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual sin and wild living, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not give any thought to satisfying the desires of your sinful flesh.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (*Revelation 22:20*)



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

GOSPEL – Matthew 24:36-44 (EHV) – 马太福音 24:36-44

³⁶"No one knows when that day and hour will be, not the angels of heaven, not even the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷Just as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be when the Son of Man returns. ³⁸In fact, in the days before the flood people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the very day that Noah entered the ark. ³⁹And they did not realize what was coming until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man returns.

⁴⁰"At that time two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²So be alert, because you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: If the master of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁴You also need to be ready for this reason: The Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect him.

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



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,"
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing,
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you;



The watch - men on the heights are cry - ing, "A - wake, Je -
 And all her heart with joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she
 Let saints and an - gels sing be - fore you With harp and



ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night hears the
 ris - es from her gloom, For her Lord comes
 cym - bal's clear - est tone. Of one pearl each



wel - come voice - es And at the thrill - ing
 down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 shin - ing por - tal, Where, dwell - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are all you vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round your ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes - a - wake! Your lamps with
 "Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus,
 No vi - sion ev - er brought, No ear has



glad - ness take! Al - le - lu - ia! With bri - dal care
 God's own Son. Hail! Ho - san - na! The joy - ful call
 ev - er caught Such great glo - ry; There - fore will we



Your - selves pre - pare To meet the Bride - groom who is near."
 We an - swer all And fol - low to the wed - ding hall."
 In vic - to - ry Sing hymns of praise e - ter - nal - ly.

**SERMON – Matthew 24:36-44 – Living in Hope, Not Fear – 讲道：基于
马太福音 24:36-44**

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).



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O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide



1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide; Come down, come
 2 O Morn - ing Star, O ra - diant Dawn, When will we
 3 Sin's dread - ful doom up - on us lies; Grim death looms
 4 There shall we all our prais - es bring And sing to



down with might - y stride; Un - lock the gates, the doors break
 sing your morn - ing song? Come, Son of God! With - out your
 fierce be - fore our eyes. Oh, come, lead us with might - y
 you, our Sav - ior - King; There shall we laud you and a -



down; Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
 light We grope in dread and gloom of night.
 hand From ex - ile to our prom - ised land.
 dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

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Tune: O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF (LM) *Rheinfelsissisch Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*, Augsburg, 1666.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

C: **We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: **Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

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

for the development of a new theology curriculum for youth:

Loving Lord God, your Word encourages us to “start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” Guide and bless all who are involved in planning and producing our synod’s new theology curriculum for teaching young people of all ages the timeless truths of the Scriptures. Give the planners wisdom and insight so their efforts will glorify you and strengthen the faith of young people for years to come. We pray in the name of Jesus, who wants all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! 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 – *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* – CW93 #7 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the
 3 You saints, who here in pa - tience Your cross and
 4 A - rise, De - sire of na - tions; O Je - sus,



lights ap - pear; The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing,
 Bride-groom near; Go forth, as he ap - proach - es,
 suf - f'ring bore, Shall live and reign for - ev - er
 now ap - pear, The Hope and Ex - pec - ta - tion



And dark - er night is near. The Bride - groom
 With al - le - lu - ias clear. The mar - riage
 When sor - row is no more. A - round the
 Of ev - 'ry Chris - tian here. With hearts and



is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh. Up,
 feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand. A -
 throne of glo - ry The Lamb you shall be - hold; In
 hands up - lift - ed We plead, O Lord, to see The



pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
 rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
 tri - umph lay be - fore him Your shin - ing crowns of gold.
 day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free.

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722, abr.; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt.

Tune: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG (76 76 D) *Hymnal and Order of Service*, Rock Island, 1901.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
November 30 – December 7, 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)
Sunday (12/7)	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study

The paraments are blue for the season of Advent. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that Christ, who came in history taking on human flesh, will also return on the last day of time from that same blue sky into which he ascended long ago.

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!

MEMORIALS

- In loving memory of my grandson, Angelo Saccameno on his birthday Dec 2, 1983, with love, Barbara Essig.
- In loving memory of my grandson, Angelo Saccameno, who went to his Lord 12/6/2019, with love, by Gramma Barbara Essig.
- In loving memory of Lee Essig, who went to his Lord on 12/6/2013, by Barbara Essig.

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 Ave., 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 .

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.

- 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.

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!

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！

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 (through Wed.): \$1,186.32
(budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)
Total offerings received so far this month: \$6,678.23

Ministry Attendance Last Week

Worship attendance last 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

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