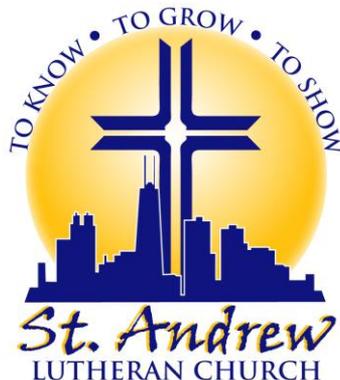


**BE PATIENT
AND STAND FIRM,
BECAUSE THE LORD'S
COMING IS NEAR.**

JAMES 5 : 8

**3rd Sunday in Advent
December 14, 2025**

**SERVICE THEME:
Waiting for the Lord**



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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

In the Messiah's kingdom things are not always what they seem. Appearances can be deceiving and lead to doubt. In the Prayer of the Day, the Church asks Christ to drive the darkness of doubt from our hearts and fill us with the light of the knowledge of Christ. Faith in Christ leads us to patiently hope in the Lord's caring plan, despite any appearances to the contrary.

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: You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;

C: they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest. (Isaiah 9:3)

M: Christ himself has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, shattering the yoke of sin that burdened us. (Isaiah 53:4)

C: He restores to us the joy of salvation and grants us willing spirits. By his wounds our weary souls are healed. (Psalm 51:12, Isaiah 53:5)

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you give strength to the weary and pronounce blessings on those who mourn. You have sent us a Savior. You have made us your people. Fill our hearts with joy that flows from the forgiveness of our sins, joy powered by the resurrection of our living Savior, that we may shine like the stars of the heavens, bringing glory to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Three Advent candles are lit during the OPENING HYMN.

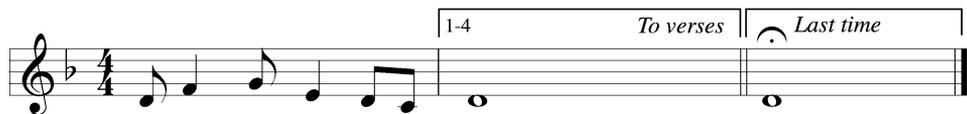
OPENING HYMN – *My Soul in Stillness Waits* – CWS #703 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

703

My Soul in Stillness Waits



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits,



tru-ly my hope is in you. you.



1 O Lord of Light, our on-ly hope of
 2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up-on our
 3 O Root of Life, im-plant your seed with-
 4 O Key of Knowl-edge, guide us in our



glo-ry, Your ra-diance shines in all who look to
 spir-its. Our thirs-ty hearts are yearn-ing for your
 in us, And in your ad-vent draw us all to
 pil-grim-age, We ev-er seek, yet un-ful-filled re-



you. Come, light the hearts of all in dark and sha-dow.
 Word. Come, make us whole, be com-fort to our hearts.
 you, Our hope re-born in dy-ing and in ris-ing.
 main. O-pen to us the path-way of your peace.

This Advent hymn, based on the ancient "O" antiphons, calls to mind the Old Testament titles of our Savior and the longing of God's people for the Savior to come.

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Tune: MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS (11 10 11 and Refrain) Martyr Haugen, b. 1950 © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召喚，認罪及赦罪

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.

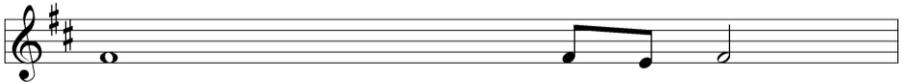
C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

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.

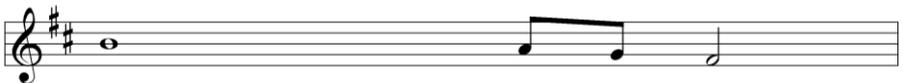
We join to sing Praise Be to the Lord (Benedictus – Song of Zechariah) – CW93 #276 – below and on the next page; note carefully the numbering of the verses; or, for easier-to-follow layout, sing from the hymnal: #276



1 Praise be to the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el;
3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our en - e - mies,



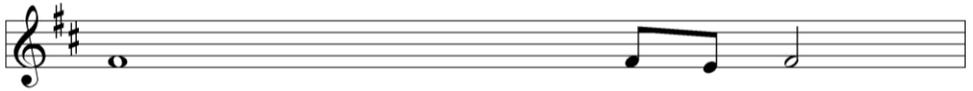
he has come to his people and set them free.
from the hands of all who hate us,



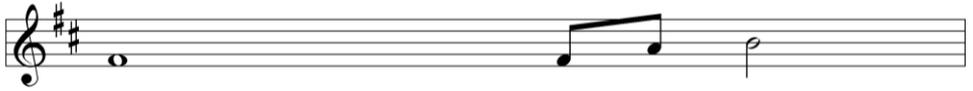
2 He has raised up for us a mighty Sav - ior,
4 He promised to show mercy to our fa - thers



born of the house of his servant Da - vid.
and to remember his holy cov - e - nant.



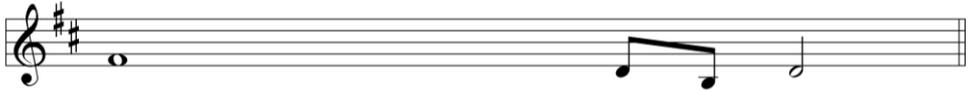
5 This was the oath he swore to our father A - bra - ham:



to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,



6 free to worship him with - out fear,



holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.



7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
9 In the tender compassion of our God,



for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare his way,
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,



8 to give his people knowledge of sal - va - tion
10 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shad - ow of death,



by the forgiveness of their sins.
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Text: International Consultation on English Texts, alt.

Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer, b. 1949. © 1993 Kermit G. Moldenhauer. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Job 1:6-22 (EHV) – 约伯记 1:6-22

⁶There came a day when the sons of God^d came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan^e also came into their midst. ⁷The LORD said to Satan, “Where have you come from?”

Satan answered the LORD, “From roaming the earth and walking around on it.”

⁸Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a man who is blameless and upright, who fears God and turns away from evil.”

⁹Satan answered the LORD, “Is it without cause that Job fears God? ¹⁰You have put a protective hedge around him and his household and everything that belongs to him, haven’t you? You have blessed the work of his hands. His livestock has spread throughout the land. ¹¹But just stretch out your hand and strike everything that is his, and he will certainly curse you to your face!”

¹²So the LORD said to Satan, “Very well, then. Everything that he has is in your hand. But you may not stretch out your hand against the man himself.” So Satan left the presence of the LORD.

¹³One day when Job’s sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their oldest brother, ¹⁴a messenger came to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the female donkeys were grazing nearby, ¹⁵when the Sabeans^a swooped down and took them away. They put the servants to death with the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁶While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, “The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the flocks and the servants

^d The term *sons of God* often refers to believers. Here it refers to angels.

^e The Hebrew word *satan* is a common noun that means *adversary* or *accuser*. In the book of Job this title still is written as a common noun with the article, *the satan*, that is, *the Accuser*. In later books, as it becomes established as a proper name for the leader of the evil angels, the article is dropped and it is simply *Satan*.

^a People from Arabia, south of Uz

and consumed them, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁷While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, “The Chaldeans^b formed three raiding parties and plundered the camels and took them away. They put the servants to death with the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁸While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and were drinking wine in the house of their oldest brother. ¹⁹Suddenly a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it collapsed on the young people, and they died, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

²⁰Then Job stood up, tore his robe, and shaved his head. He fell to the ground and worshipped. ²¹Then he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will return. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. May the name of the LORD be blessed.”

²²In all this, Job did not sin or blame God.^c

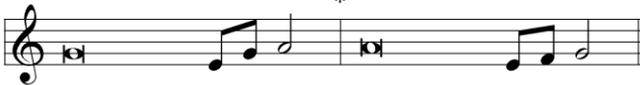
PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 146 – CW93 p. 120 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 146

Refrain



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

Psalm tone



Refrain

Praise the LORD, O my soul.*

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

Do not put your trust in princes,*

in mortal men, who cannot save.

^b People from Syria, north of Uz

^c Or *attribute any impropriety to God*

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

Refrain

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

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

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

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

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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SECOND READING – James 5:7-11 (EHV) – 雅各书 5:7-11

⁷Therefore, brothers, be patient until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the valuable harvest from the ground, patiently waiting for it, until it receives the early and late rain. ⁸You be patient too. Strengthen your hearts because the coming of the Lord is near.

⁹Do not complain about one another, brothers, so that you will not be judged. Look! The Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰Brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord as an example of suffering with patient endurance. ¹¹See, we consider those who endured to be blessed. You have heard of the patient endurance of Job and have seen what the Lord did in the end, because the Lord is especially compassionate and merciful.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (*Matthew 11:10, NIV*)



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

GOSPEL – Matthew 11:2-11 (EHV) – 马太福音 11:2-11

²While John was in prison, he heard about the things Christ was doing. He sent two of his disciples ³to ask him, “Are you the Coming One or should we wait for someone else?”

⁴Jesus answered them, “Go, report to John what you hear and see: ⁵The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the gospel is preached to the poor. ⁶Blessed is the one who does not take offense at me.”

⁷As these two were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the crowds about John. “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? No, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹So what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you! And he is much more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, ‘Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’^a ¹¹Amen I tell you: Among those born of women there has not appeared anyone greater than John the Baptist. Yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

^a Malachi 3:1

13 There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, A
 2 O Chris - tians, you bring good ti - dings; Get
 3 But the Word of our God is e - ter - nal; The



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong. He stands in the midst of the



high - way, A high - way for our God! The
 peo - ple The com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, And he shall right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, The lof - ty
 flow'rs of the field they per - ish; Like grass their
 feed his flock like a shep - herd, The lambs shall



hills brought low; Make straight all the crook - ed
 works de - cay. The pow'r and the pomp of
 gent - ly hold, To pas - tures of peace shall



pla - ces Where the Lord our God may go!
 na - tions Shall pass like a dream a - way;
 lead them, And bring them safe to his fold.

Text: James L. Milligan, 1876–1961, alt.

Tune: ASCENSION (Irregular) Henry H. Bancroft, b. 1904–1988.

SERMON – James 5:7-11 – Waiting for the Lord – 讲道：基于雅各书
5:7-11

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

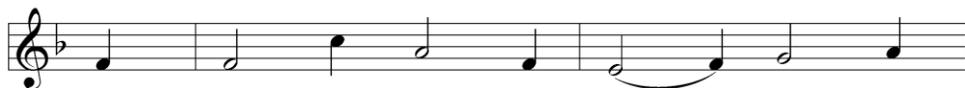
Members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church use this time to respond to God's goodness with gifts of thanks and love. Our giving is guided by God's Word: "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits from your entire harvest" (Proverbs 3:9); "Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, 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. 20).

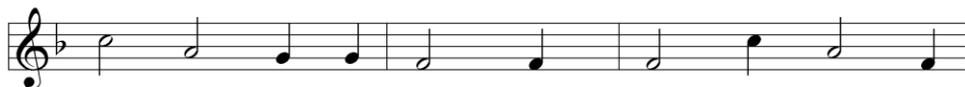


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Arise, O Christian People



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre -
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore him; Pre -
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn



pare your - selves to - day. Pre - pare to greet the
 pare for him the best. Cast out what would of -
 rais - es up on high; Be - neath his feet in -
 not from me a - side, And help me to re -



Sav - ior, Who takes your sins a - way. To
 fend him, This great, this heav'n - ly guest. Make
 ter - ror The haugh - ty soul shall lie. The
 ceive you This bless - ed Ad - vent - tide. From



us by grace a - lone The truth and
 straight, make plain the way: The low - ly
 heart sin - cere and right, That heeds God's
 stall and man - ger low Come now to



light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
 val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -
 in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -
 dwell with - in me; I'll sing your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.
 bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.
 ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.
 glad - ly And forth your glo - ry show.

Text: Valentin Thilo, 1607–62, alt.; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, st. 1-3, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 4, alt.

Tune: AUS MEINES HERZENS GRUNDE (76 76 67 76) *New Catechismus Gesangbüchlein*, Hamburg, 1598, alt.

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 new world mission fields:

Lord Jesus, thank you for the resolve of WELS World Missions and our synod to "pioneer missions in high-risk and unreached areas." Guide, protect, and bless Missionary Dan Kroll as he begins work in Senegal, Africa, among the Wolof tribe, which is 99 percent Muslim. We ask you to also go with Rev. John Hildebrant, who has accepted the call to serve on the Asia-Oceania Team, focusing on outreach to the Hindi, one of the largest unreached populations in the world. He will begin his ministry with a one-year immersion experience in India. According to your will, Lord, work through us to reach the ends of the earth with the good news of your redemption. 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 – *Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes* – CW93 #12 –
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12 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the cap - tives to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 pris - on held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51, abr., alt.

Tune: CHESTERFIELD (CM) Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820, alt.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
December 14-21, 2025

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study
Thursday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (12/21)	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible study
	1:00-5:00 PM	Christmas Party & Meal @ Mama Luigi's

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!

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!

PRAETORIUS CONCERT – Mon., Dec. 15, 7:00pm, Winnetka

The classical (Baroque) music ensemble Apollo's Fire is performing a concert of the work of Lutheran composer Michael Praetorius, presented as a Christmas Vespers service, including his settings of the familiar carols *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* and *In Dulci Jubilo (Now Sing We, Now Rejoice)*, tomorrow (Dec. 15) 7:00pm in Winnetka:

<https://apollosfire.org/event/praetorius-christmas-vespers-chicago/> .

Tickets for attendees under age 30 are only \$10.

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. 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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

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

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), highlighting 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 pictorial 175th anniversary history book is 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 – Thursdays 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 Thursday 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 deLaurentis.sam@gmail.com with any questions.



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\$15,545.33	\$9,279.23

Offerings received 12/1—12/10: \$1,328.69
 (budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)

Ministry Attendance Last Week

- Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 19** (17 adults, 2 children)
- Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 11**
- Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 8**
- Adult Bible study attendance: 9** (Sun.: 5; Tue.: 2, 2)
- Sunday school: n/a Youth confirmation class: n/a**