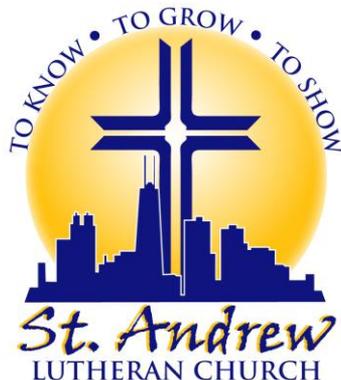




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WELCOME — We’re so glad that you’ve joined us for this worship service! Please let us know if you need any assistance while you’re here.

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

Jesus appears as the Christ, the Anointed One. The titles “Christ” and “Messiah” both mean “The Anointed One,” and they describe how God prepared Jesus for his mission. Since the days of Othniel (Judges 3:10), the Spirit of the Lord empowered leaders of God’s people to do his saving work. At Jesus’ baptism, God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power, and declared that Jesus is the Son of God—the one anointed to be the Savior of mankind.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

After a musical introduction, the congregation sings: (CW93 #294)



Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your



Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

(John 3:5-6)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

(Psalm 51:5)

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

(1 Corinthians 6:11)



My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of



forth your child and heir.
all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort



me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

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.**



My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise
Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and



sure - ly will en - dure.
deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -



filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). 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.**



All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it
Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me



all, O Lord, from me.
your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or



own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

91 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here



1	The	star	pro -	claims	the	King	is	here;	But,	Her -	od,
2	The	wis -	er	Ma -	gi	saw	from	far	And	fol -	lowed
3	With -	in	the	Jor -	dan	Riv -	er	stood	The	pure	and
4	At	Ca -	na—	mir -	a -	cle	di -	vine—	When	wa -	ter
5	All	glo -	ry	un -	to	Je -	sus	be	And	praise	for



why	this	sense-less	fear?	For	he	who	came	from	heav -	en's
on	his	guid -	ing	star,	And,	led	by	light,	to	Light
ho -	ly	Lamb	of	God;	The	Fa -	ther's	voice,	the	Spir -
red -	dened	in -	to	wine,	The	faith -	ful	saw	his	glo -
his	e -	piph -	a -	ny,	Whom	with	the	Fa -	ther	we



throne	Does	not	de -	sire	an	earth -	ly	crown.
pressed	And	by	their	gifts	their	God	con -	fessed.
dove,	Con -	firmed	the	Sav -	ior	from	a -	bove.
shown	And	put	their	trust	in	him	a -	lone.
dore	And	Ho -	ly	Spir -	it	ev -	er -	more.

Text: Coelius Sedulius, 5th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF (LM) *Rheinfeilssisch Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*, Augsburg, 1666.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 42:1-7 (EHV) – 以赛亚书 42:1-7

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight.

I am placing my Spirit on him.

He will announce a just verdict^b for the nations.

²He will not cry out.

He will not raise his voice.

He will not make his voice heard in the street.

³A bent reed he will not break,

and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out.

He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict.

⁴He will not burn out, and he will not be broken
until he establishes justice on the earth.

The coastlands will wait for his law.^c

⁵This is what the true God says,

the LORD who creates the heavens and stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth

and everything that it produces,

who gives breath to the people on it

and life to those who walk on it.

⁶I am the LORD.

I have called you in righteousness.

I will hold on to your hand,

and I will guard you.

I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people,

to be a light for the nations,

⁷to open the eyes of the blind,

to bring the prisoners out from the dungeon,

and to bring those who sit in darkness out of prison.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 45 – CW93 p. 83 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 45

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^b Or *bring forth justice*

^c Or *teaching*. *Law* here refers to the whole Word of God.

Refrain



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-



lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone



Refrain

My heart is stirred by a noble theme*
as I recite my verses for the King.

You are the most excellent of men,*
and your lips have been anointed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;*
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

In your majesty ride forth victoriously;*
let your right hand display awesome deeds.

Refrain

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;*
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness;*
therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;*
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

**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 – Acts 10:34-38 (EHV) – 使徒行传 10:34-38

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: “Now I really am beginning to understand that God does not show favoritism, ³⁵but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶He sent his word to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

³⁷“You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached. ³⁸God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (*Mark 1:11b*)



GOSPEL – Matthew 3:13-17 (EHV) – 马太福音 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John at the Jordan. ¹⁴But John tried to stop him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?”

¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, because it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John let him. ¹⁶After Jesus was baptized, he immediately went up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened for him! He saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove and landing on him, ¹⁷and a voice out of the heavens said, “This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him.”

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE 对儿童的讲道

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came
 5 The Fa - ther's word, the Spir - it's flight A -



Christ, whom heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The
 Son of God in flesh dis - guised— To
 John bap - tized the Lamb of God, The
 God's own voice with words pro - found: "This
 noint - ed Christ in glo - rious sight As



God from God, the Light from Light, The
 stand be - neath the Fa - ther's will And
 Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, De -
 is my Son," was his de - cree, "The
 God's own choice, from A - dam's fall To



Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
 scend - ed on him from a - bove.
 one I love, who pleas - es me."
 save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
 This man in Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

SERMON – Matthew 3:13-17 – God's New-Year Resolution – 讲道：基
 于 马太福音 3:13-17

82 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and
 4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be; Stars shall fall, the
 5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star
 King su - preme, And at Ca - na, Wed - ding Guest,
 faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,
 heav'ns shall flee. Christ will then like light - ning shine;
 ho - ly Word. May our lives and all we do



To the Ma - gi from a - far, Branch of roy - al
 In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in
 Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in
 All will see his glo - rious sign. All will then the
 Im - i - tate and hon - or you That we all like



Da - vid's stem, In your birth at Beth - le - hem.
 pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine.
 gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill.
 trum - pet hear; All will see the judge ap - pear.
 you may be At your great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 You by all will be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 And may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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).



REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM & APOSTLES' CREED 纪念洗礼及使徒信经

M: Holy Baptism is the precious means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. The apostle Paul says: "Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:3-11).

In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives new life in Christ our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

M: I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

C: **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

M: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

C: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C: **Yes, 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.

M: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: **Yes, 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.**

M: Do you intend to continue in this faith, to be diligent in the use of Word and Sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

C: **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

M: Lord Jesus, at your baptism you revealed yourself as the obedient Son of Man, fulfilling all righteousness. Your heavenly Father revealed you as his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased. The Holy Spirit revealed you as the Christ, anointed and armed to destroy the work of the devil.

C: **We thank you, beloved Son of God, that you took on yourself the nature of a servant, became like us, and were obedient to the will of your heavenly Father.**

M: Lord Jesus, eternal Word of God, you have connected your mighty Word and gracious promises to the water of Holy Baptism. In Baptism you cleansed us from sin, redeemed us from death, and clothed us in your perfect righteousness. We praise you for the promise and treasure of Baptism.

C: **Encourage us to remember our baptisms daily as we die to sin and rise to new life with you.**

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

for the new home mission in San Tan Valley, Arizona:

Holy Spirit, you are the source of all life. Pour out your goodness in the community of San Tan Valley, Arizona, and let the gospel of Christ that your people proclaim there bear fruit. We thank you for the good exploratory work that Pastor Bublitz and the members of Heritage Lutheran Church in Gilbert, Arizona, have done to present this new mission start for our church body to embrace and support. We ask that you not only provide the mission with a new pastor but also bless the core group of members with an extra measure of your love and kindness that it may overflow from them to their neighbors as they proclaim the good news of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we claim a place, though weak and lowly, among your saints, your chosen host, buried with Christ and dead to sin. Your Spirit now shall live within.

C: **All that I am and love most dearly—receive it all, O Lord, from me. Let me confess my faith sincerely, and help me your own child to be! Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but yours alone. 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 – Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert – CWS

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709 Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert



1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert Led to
 2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons As by
 3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan Led at
 4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us One with



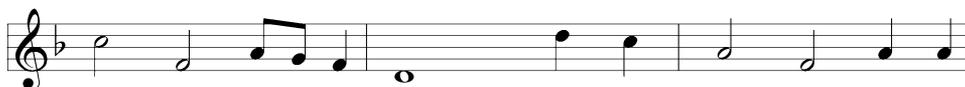
Jor - dan's flow - ing stream. There you heard the
 Jor - dan's bank you stood; Bathed, though sin - less,
 last to Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the
 Christ, our ris - en Lord; Freed us, claimed us,



her - ald cry - ing Is - rael's old pro - phet - ic
 with your peo - ple In the riv - er's cleans - ing
 cross for - sak - en, You ful - filled the Fa - ther's
 cleansed, for - giv - en Through the wa - ter and the



dream: "He is com - ing! He is com - ing! He will
 flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens o - pened; Came the
 will. Lamb of God, we see you dy - ing, Sin - less,
 Word. Help us hear your ur - gent sum - mons, Call - ing



cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the
 Spir - it as a dove; Spoke a voice be - yond all
 yet for sin - ners slain. But where death rose up to
 us to serve you now. Send us forth, your sons and



wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"
 hear - ing: "See my Son, the one I love!"
 tri - umph, You be - gan your glo - rious reign!
 daugh - ters, With the cross up - on our brow.

This hymn not only underscores the significance of our Lord's baptism in his work of salvation but also demonstrates the intimate connection between his baptism and our own.

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 Tune: BEACH SPRING (87 87 D) *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
January 11-18, 2026

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible study & Sunday School
Thursday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (1/18)	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible study & Sunday School

The paraments are white for the Baptism of Our Lord. 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 Eleanor Petzel, who was called to her eternal home on 1/23/2012, by Tom & Sharon Dobkowski.

THANK OFFERING— A thank offering for blessings received from God during the past year, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

FREE BIBLE APP "YouVersion" INCLUDES AUDIO BIBLE RECORDINGS & TIME OF GRACE DEVOTIONS AND VIDEOS

In the new year, why not resolve to read or listen to more of God's Word – the Bible? One great way to do that even when you're on the go is to

listen to audio Bible recordings. The free YouVersion Bible app includes dozens of English Bible versions (I recommend the NIV, CSB, or EHV), many of which have audio recordings available – and many other languages (Spanish, Chinese, etc). Download the YouVersion Bible app from your phone’s app store (eg: Google Play), or click this link:

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When you open the app, tap the “Bible” icon at the bottom of the screen to read or listen to the Bible. Then select version (eg, NIV) and Bible-book, chapter, and verse at the top. Bible versions that have audio available will appear with a volume icon next to the name. Some versions have multiple audio options (different narrators). Once you’ve opened a Bible version that has audio, there will be a triangular play button near the bottom of the screen that you can press to start the audio playing. You can switch narrators (if available) by pressing the volume icon at the top of the screen. You can also find Time of Grace (a WELS-affiliated ministry) devotions and videos from Pastor Mike Novotny and others by searching “Time of Grace” in the “Plans” or “Discover” tabs at the bottom of the screen. Ask Pastor Gawel if you need any help. God bless you as you read/hear & meditate on his Word!

WELS DAILY DEVOTIONS – VIA WELS APP, EMAIL, ONLINE

Read or listen to WELS Daily Devotions on the WELS App (download here: <https://m.wels.net/>), or subscribe to receive them by email: <https://wels.net/daily-devotions-subscription/> , or read them online. These devotions are for a general adult audience. Family devotions, teen devotions, and devotions for military service members are also available, on the app or here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/> , to subscribe to receive by email or read online.

DISCOVERY DAY AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS – Jan. 19 (MLK Day)

High school students and parents are invited to attend Discovery Day at Wisconsin Lutheran College on Monday, January 19. By attending our special visit event, you'll have a great opportunity to tour campus and talk with professors, current students, coaches, your admissions counselor, and have lunch on us. Reserve your place today! Register today: <https://wlc.news/discovery-day>, call 414.443.8811, email admissions@wlc.edu, or snap the QR code.



WELS WOMEN’S MINISTRY ONLINE BIBLE STUDY STARTING Jan. 17/19

WELS Women’s Ministry is offering the online course “Heirs Together,” a study of what the Bible says about men and women and God’s design for them. This course lasts 11 weeks with the option to attend on Saturday mornings or Monday evenings, starting January 17/19. Register here: <https://gf.wels.net/heirs-together/> . Purchase of a study guide for the class is required (\$12): <https://online.nph.net/heirs-together-of-gods-gracious-gift-student.html>

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://welshistoricalinstitute.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 on Sundays

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. 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!

TEEN ONLINE BIBLE STUDY – Feb. 15 (Sun.), 6:00pm

“Strength Made Perfect in Weakness” (Gideon – Judges 6-7) -- The account of Gideon convinces us that we need to alter our stereotypes of what a servant of Christ is like. We are duped into thinking that a real servant of Christ is dynamic, assured, confident, fearless, witty, glamorous, fit for the Christian TV network – you get the idea! Don't think you are unusable because you don't have that air about you. ... Rev. Dave Scharf, professor of theology at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN, will lead this online interactive Bible study via Zoom. Register here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/discipleship/national-teen-bible-study/>

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 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

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	\$16,495.13

Additional offerings received in December: \$1,975.00

Offerings received 1/1 – 1/8: \$1,198.30

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

Ministry Attendance Last Week

Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 22 (20 adults, 2 children)

Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices (Sunday): 5

Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 9

Adult Bible study attendance: 7 (Sun.: 5; Tue.: 2)

Sunday school: n/a Youth confirmation class: 5

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