

*But God chose the  
foolish things of the  
world to shame the wise;  
God chose the weak  
things of the world to  
shame the strong.*

*- 1 Corinthians 1:27 -*

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 1, 2026**

**SERVICE THEME:  
Your Life in Christ**



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## February 1, 2026 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### SERVICE THEME: Your Life in Christ

**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

*Trust in God's strength! The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) are hard for us to accept. Jesus seems to be espousing fatalism or defeatism. Look closer, however, and see what he says. The weaker you are, the stronger God is in your life, the more ready you are to trust in a future reward. Look at the acts of God's grace and you will find many reasons to trust his strength in the face of adversity, persecution, or sorrow.*

**Communicant members** are encouraged to prepare for the Lord's Supper using the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on p. 156 in the front part of the hymnal (the red book in the pew rack).

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## Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may To find a way  
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay;  
 3 Seek him a - lone, Who did a - tone,  
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright,



That leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is  
 None can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers  
 Who did your souls de - liv - er; Oh, seek him  
 Je - sus, you are for - ev - er. Not wealth or



stilled; On Christ I build— He is the  
 failed; This man pre - vailed, The God - Man,  
 first, All you who thirst For grace that  
 pride Or aught be - side Our bond of



one foun - da - tion. His Word is sure; His  
 and none oth - er. The Ser - vant - Lord Our  
 fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry need Seek  
 love shall sev - er. You are my Lord; Your



works en - dure. He will o'er - throw My  
 life re - stored. We're jus - ti - fied, For  
 him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart He  
 pre - cious Word Shall be my guide What -



ev - 'ry foe; Through him I more than con - quer.  
 he has died, The guilt - less for the guilt - y.  
 will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.  
 e'er be - tide. Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust you!

**INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** 召唤，认罪及赦罪

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

**C: Amen.**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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



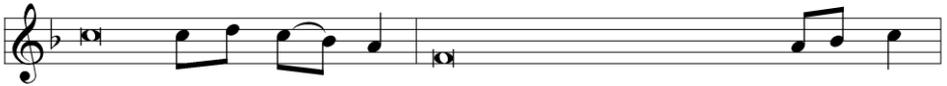
**C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the  
sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** 本日共祷文

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING** – Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11-13 (EHV) – 西番雅书 2:3; 3:11-13

<sup>2:3</sup>Seek the LORD, all you humble people of the earth who have carried out his commands. Seek righteousness. Seek humility. Maybe then you will be sheltered in the day of the LORD's anger.

<sup>3:11</sup>In that day you will no longer bear the shame of your rebellions against me. Then I will remove the proud boasters from among you, and you will never again be arrogant on my holy hill. <sup>12</sup>But I will leave among you the people who are humble and weak. They will seek refuge in the name of the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The Israelites who remain will no longer act unjustly. They will not lie, and a deceitful tongue

will not be found in their mouth. Instead, they will graze peacefully like sheep and lie down. No one will terrify them.

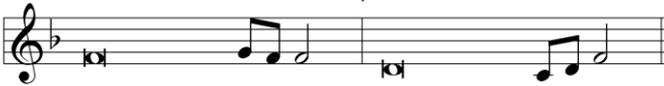
**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 1 – CW93 p. 64 (NIV84) – 诗篇 1

*Refrain*



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

*Psalm tone*



**Refrain**

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked\*  
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,\*  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in  
season\*  
and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

**Refrain**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,\*  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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** – 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (EHV) – 哥林多前书 1:26-31

Consider your call, brothers. Not many of you were wise from a human point of view, not many were powerful, and not many were born with high status. <sup>27</sup>But God chose the foolish things of the world to put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are strong, <sup>28</sup>and God chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things, and<sup>b</sup> the things that are not, to do away with the things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one may boast before God. <sup>30</sup>But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us the wisdom from God, namely, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>God did this so that, just as it is written, “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”<sup>c</sup>

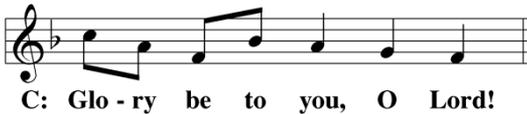
**VERSE OF THE DAY** 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia. (*Luke 4:18*)



**GOSPEL** – Matthew 5:1-12 (EHV) – 马太福音 5:1-12

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



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things:

<sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn,

<sup>b</sup> Some witnesses to the text omit *and*.

<sup>c</sup> Jeremiah 9:24

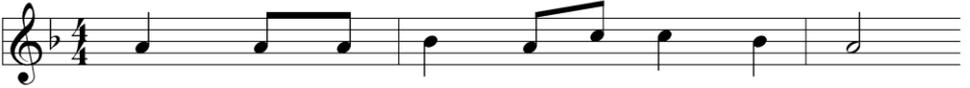


prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be



1 Je - sus! and shall it ev - er be  
 2 A - shamed of Je - sus? Just as soon  
 3 A - shamed of Je - sus, that dear friend  
 4 A - shamed of Je - sus? Yes, I may  
 5 Till then— nor is my boast - ing vain—



A mor - tal man a - shamed of thee?  
 Let mid - night be a - shamed of noon.  
 On whom my hopes of heav'n de - pend?  
 When I've no guilt to wash a - way,  
 Till then I boast a Sav - ior slain;



A - shamed of thee, whom an - gels praise,  
 'Tis mid - night with my soul till he,  
 No; when I blush, be this my shame,  
 No tear to wipe, no good to crave,  
 And oh, may this my glo - ry be:



Whose glo - ries shine through end - less days?  
 Bright Morn - ing Star, bids dark - ness flee.  
 That I no more re - vere his name.  
 No fear to quell, no soul to save.  
 That Christ is not a - shamed of me.

Text: Joseph Grigg, c. 1722–68, abr.; altered by Benjamin Francis, 1734–99.  
 Tune: FEDERAL STREET (LM) Henry K. Oliver, 1800–85.

**SERMON** – 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 – Your Life in Christ – 讲道：基于哥林多前书 1:26-31

After the sermon, the congregation sings: – 讲道后，会众齐唱：

TRUST

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# I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust -  
2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; At -  
3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing In  
4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; You  
5 I am trust - ing you for pow - er; You



ing on - ly you, Trust - ing you for  
your feet I bow, For your grace and  
the crim - son flood, Trust - ing you who  
a - lone shall lead, Ev - 'ry day and  
can nev - er fail. Words which you your -



full sal - va - tion, Free and true.  
ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
made me ho - ly By your blood.  
hour sup - ply - ing All my need.  
self shall give me Must pre - vail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever  
And for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.  
Tune: STEPHANOS (85 83) Henry W. Baker, 1821–77.

**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. 23).*



## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** 教会公祷

- M:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.
- C:** **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**
- M:** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:
- C:** **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**
- M:** Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:
- C:** **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**
- M:** Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:
- C:** **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

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

*for the Martin Luther College Congregational Partner Grant Program:*

Jesus, Lord of the Church, as members of your body, we each have a role in your kingdom. Move us to encourage people to study for public ministry and to support them through our words and gifts. May the offerings of our synod's congregations and the matching gifts from Martin Luther College remove obstacles for those studying to become pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and missionaries. Help us toward the goal of eliminating much of the financial debt for newly graduated called workers, so they can better focus on serving you and others in ministry. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**C: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** 主祷文

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**THE SACRAMENT** 圣餐礼

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy Supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this Supper, we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

*Following the teaching of the Bible (1 Corinthians 10:17; 11:27-29; etc.), our church practices closed communion. We ask that only those who are current communicant members of this church or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) partake of the sacrament today. If you are not a current member of this church or one of our sister churches, our pastor would be happy to speak with you about receiving the Lord's Supper with us in the future. Please mention it to him after the service.*

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** 耶稣设立圣餐的话

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

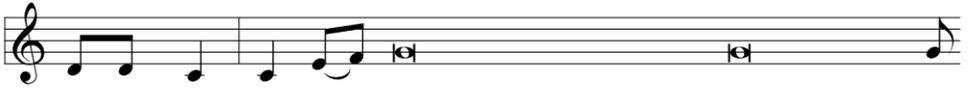
C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - men.

**DISTRIBUTION** 分发圣餐 – 只邀请已经受坚信礼的本会成员来领受  
*At the direction of the usher, current communicant members of St. Andrew and our sister churches in the WELS and ELS may come forward down the center aisle, then wait until directed by an usher to go to the communion rail. Communicants may kneel or stay standing. Please hold out your hand to receive the bread. If you wish to partake of the common cup, do not take an individual cup when the assistant comes by with the tray. Those who need to receive grape juice instead of wine may take the purple individual cups in the center of the tray. The minister and assistant will use hand sanitizer before and/or wear sterile gloves during communion setup and distribution. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak with the pastor or an usher to receive one.*

*After the distribution, the congregation sings: – 分发圣餐后，会众齐唱：*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-



pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

### PRAYER and BLESSING 祷告及祝福

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C:** **And his mercy endures forever.**

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



**C:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN – Be Still, My Soul – CW93 #415 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页**



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul, though dear - est friends de - part  
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;  
 To guide the fu - ture as he has the past.  
 And all is dark - ened in the vale of tears;  
 When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



Leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;  
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence, let noth - ing shake;  
 Then you will bet - ter know his love, his heart,  
 When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.  
 All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your fears.  
 Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend  
 Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
 Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay  
 Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 His voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.  
 From his own full - ness all he takes a - way.  
 All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**February 1-8, 2026**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Adult Bible study &amp; Sunday School</b>
Thursday	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (2/8)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Adult Bible study &amp; Sunday School</b>

*The paraments are green for the Sundays after the Epiphany. Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles, along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through the proclamation of God's Word, calls for the use of green, the symbolic color of growth.*

**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!

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

It's so important for our faith-lives to read and learn 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:

<https://www.bible.com/app> , or scan this QR code. ...

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.

### **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 175<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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。如果你了解更多, 请联系高乐仁牧师: 手机: 773-217-8132。欢迎!

**WELS 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 WOMEN’S MINISTRY WEBINAR – Feb. 19 (Thur.), 7-8pm – “You Are an Influencer: Discover how God designed you to make an impact – right where you are”**

We tend to think of influencers as people on social media whose goal is to convince you that you either need something or need to believe something. God has called us to be influencers too, but of a different kind! God uniquely equips his people to shape hearts, support the mission of the church, and reflect Christ in everyday moments. Our goal isn’t monetary profit but a gain for God’s kingdom by pointing others to Christ! ... To equip and encourage women around this topic, WELS Women’s Ministry is hosting a webinar on February 19 from 7-8 p.m. (Central) entitled “You are an influencer!” This webinar is for anyone who wants to use their God-given influence with purpose, intentionally and positively, to make a tremendous impact through service, relationships, and everyday faithfulness. More information and link to register here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/womens-ministry/womens-ministry-webinars/>. (Note: even if you can’t attend but you’re interested, you can still register, and you can watch the recording of the webinar afterward.)

**CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST – resources supporting purity online**

Conquerors Through Christ is a WELS ministry that exists to help people reject, resist, and recover from the wreckage of porn, with gospel motivation and practical encouragement. A number of resources are available at <https://conquerorsthroughchrist.net/>. ... Pastor Gawel is also available for confidential, Bible-based conversation and prayer at any time, about this or any other matter.

## **“TABOO QUESTIONS” PODCAST/VIDEOS WITH PASTOR MIKE NOVOTNY**

Have you ever had questions you wanted to ask a pastor but felt silly or embarrassed to ask them? Questions about “taboo” topics (that is, topics that feel “off-limits”), like: sex, politics, porn, IVF, and mental illness? Well, there's a podcast for that! Hear how Pastor Mike Novotny from Time of Grace answers some real questions from people just like you, giving thoughtful, Bible-based answers that point people back to Jesus. Find links to Apple and Spotify podcasts and YouTube videos at [www.timeofgrace.org/tabooquestions](http://www.timeofgrace.org/tabooquestions) . You can also order Pastor Mike's book, *Taboo: Topics Christians Should Be Talking About but Don't*, at <https://www.tabobook.org/> . Pastor Gawel is also available for confidential, Bible-based conversation and prayer at any time, about these or any other matters.

## **“made. known.” WELS WEBSITE ON IDENTITY, GENDER, & SEXUALITY**

Identity and human sexuality have become key spiritual concerns with numerous cultural pivots over time. Many people have questions about sexuality and gender in connection with their faith. This new WELS website, <https://madeknown.net/> , exists to walk with you in faith through identity, gender, and sexuality, so that together we can all see how wide and high and deep is the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:18). Pastor Gawel is also available for confidential, Bible-based conversation and prayer at any time, about these or any other matters.

## **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](http://www.wels.net/family-devotions)

## **Sign up today for Marriage Moments**

Every marriage has its “moments.” That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Watch a video introduction and subscribe to receive the videos directly to your e-mail at [www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments](http://www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments)

## ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

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



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\$15,545.33	\$4,150.19

Offerings received last week: \$585.83

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

### Ministry Attendance Last Week

**Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 11** (10 adults, 1 child)

**Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices (Sunday): 17**

**Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 5**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 2** (Tue.: 2)

**Sunday school: n/a**

**Youth confirmation class: 7**

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