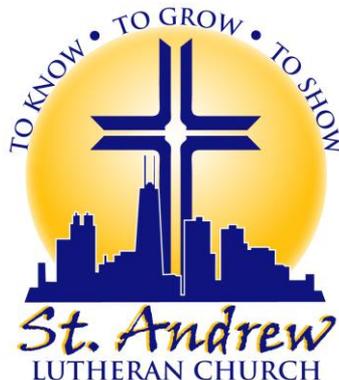


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**WELCOME** — We're so glad that you've joined us for this worship service! Please let us know if you need any assistance while you're here.

**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 in glory as the Son of God. The Epiphany season is bookended by the voice of God the Father proclaiming Jesus his Son. Before Jesus suffered as our substitute, he gave us a glimpse of the glory that he set aside to be our Savior. See how much he loves us! The God of Mt. Sinai, the Majestic Glory, became a man to suffer and die for us, just as Moses and the Prophets had foretold. It is good that we are here.*

**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).

TRANSFIGURATION

# 96 Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair



1 Oh, won - drous type! Oh, vi - sion fair  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high  
 5 O Fa - ther, with th' e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,  
 Th' in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high,  
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One  
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise  
 We pray you, bring us by your grace



Where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.  
 Who trust in his a - ton - ing love.  
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 To see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, 15th century; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.  
 Tune: DEO GRACIAS (LM) English melody, 15th century.

**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.



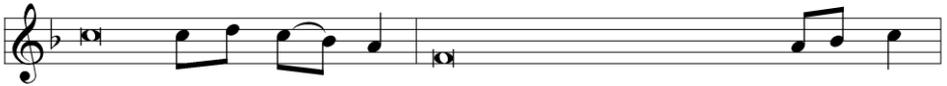
**C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship 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, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING** – Exodus 24:9-18 (EHV) – 出埃及记 24:9-18

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. <sup>10</sup>They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet they saw what looked like a pavement of sapphire<sup>a</sup> as clear as the sky. <sup>11</sup>The LORD did not lay his hand on the dignitaries of the people of Israel. They gazed at God, and they ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain. Wait

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<sup>a</sup> Or *lapis lazuli*. The Hebrew word is *sappir* (sapphire), but the stones used by Israel do not necessarily correspond to the present-day gems with the same name.



lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his  bidding,  
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all  cedars,  
wild animals and all  cattle, small creatures and  flying birds,  
kings of the earth and all  rulers on earth,  
young men and maidens, old men and  children.

**Refrain**

Let them praise the name  of the LORD,  
for his splendor is above the earth and the  heavens.

**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**

Music: © 2005 Ronald Shilling.

**SECOND READING – 2 Peter 1:16-21 (EHV) – 彼得后书 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”<sup>a</sup> <sup>18</sup>We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God<sup>b</sup> as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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<sup>a</sup> Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35

<sup>b</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *holy men of God spoke*.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Alleluia. (*Mark 9:7b*)



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

**GOSPEL** – Matthew 17:1-9 (EHV) – 马太福音 17:1-9

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



**C:** Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup>Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup>Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.”

<sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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



**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ!

**NICENE CREED** 尼西亚信经

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the 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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *Down from the Mount of Glory* – CW93 #97 –  
printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

## 97 Down from the Mount of Glory



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus  
 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - dian  
 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the  
 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that  
 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus



Christ, our Lord. Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,  
 in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,  
 mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,  
 is his fame Our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed  
 Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry



Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will  
 For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from  
 His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -  
 A mount—the hill of shame. Up - on the cross he  
 Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -



view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er  
 heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words “my  
 a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer  
 prof - fered Him - self to ag - o - ny; His ho - ly  
 claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -



hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.  
 Son” were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.  
 deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know.  
 soul he of - fered To set the guilt - y free.  
 ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

**SERMON** – Exodus 24:9-18 – The Glory of the Lord Brings Judgment and Salvation – 讲道：基于 出埃及记 24:9-18

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

**COMMITMENT**

# 458 May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



1 May we your pre-cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on  
2 So may we join your name to bless, Your grace a -  
3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, U - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove,  
dore, your pow'r con - fess, To flee from sin and strife.  
hearts, our joy in - crease, Your gra - cious help sup - ply.



Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all your  
One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of  
To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian



chil - dren, and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.  
all our hopes the same: A glo - rious crown of life.  
fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

Text: Edward Osler, 1798–1863, alt.  
Tune: MERIBAH (886 886) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

## **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 home mission in Buffalo, New York:*

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for missionaries who travel to all parts of the world fortified with your Word. Give the Buffalo, New York, home mission core group the courage to stand strong for you in their neighborhoods. Help them to overcome any hesitancy so that they may boldly proclaim your saving message, and bless their efforts in your mission field. We pray in Jesus' name. 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.

## FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord." Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter, when we gather to sing our praise to the risen Lord.

### ALLELUIA, SONG OF TRIUMPH (tune of CW93 #122)



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that  
2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while  
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,  
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions  
Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a - dorned in  
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, And with all his  
make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn  
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.  
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.  
time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.  
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**February 15-22, 2026**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Adult Bible study &amp; Sunday School</b>
Wednesday	7:00 PM	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
Thursday	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (2/22)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service (Lent 1)</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Adult Bible study &amp; Sunday School</b>

*The paraments are white for the Festival of the Transfiguration 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!

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – Feb. 18 (Wed.), 7:00pm**

Please join us for worship on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7:00pm. This year again we will offer the imposition of ashes for those who desire to receive it, during the Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00pm or at another time by appointment with Pastor Gawel.

**HELP NEEDED FOR "CHICAGO'S BIRTHDAY PARTY" – March 4 (Wed.)**

In cooperation with a number of community organizations, St. Andrew will be helping to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Chicago's Birthday Party" on

March 4 (Wed.) from 6:00 to 8:00pm (with set-up before and tear-down after). Some area businesses have donated funds to rent large canopy-tents and provide some food and beverages. We are providing use of our tables and chairs for the event, and access to our bathrooms. We will need a number of our members to volunteer to direct people to the bathrooms and to help keep an eye on our premises during the event, as well as to help set up and take down tables and chairs before and after the event (volunteers from other community organizations will help with that as well, but it would be nice to have a number of our members to help too and to mingle with the other attendees). For more information, and to invite others to the event, go to <https://mckinleypark.org/>. Speak with John Hughes or Pastor Gawel about volunteering.

### **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.)

### **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. 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 in the list. To listen: once you've opened a Bible version that has audio, press the triangular play button near the bottom of the screen. You can also find WELS-affiliated ministry Time of Grace devotions and videos 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!

### **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!

**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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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in January
\$15,545.33	\$4,150.19

Offerings received last week: \$938.31

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$2,444.73

**Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 37 (35 adults, 2 children)**

**Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 7**

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

**Adult Bible study attendance: 4 (Tue.: 2, 2)**

**Sunday school: n/a**

**Youth confirmation class: 6**

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