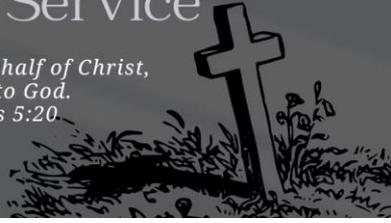


Ash Wednesday Worship Service

*We implore you on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.
2 Corinthians 5:20.*



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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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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).

INTRODUCTION TO LENT, ASH WEDNESDAY, & IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the Christian's 40-day journey with the Lord to the cross and tomb, preparing for the proclamation of Jesus' resurrection on Easter. The 40 days are reminiscent of several biblical events: Jesus' 40-day fast at the

beginning of his ministry, Moses' stay on Mount Sinai at the giving of the Law, and Elijah's fast on his way to the mountain of God.

Ash Wednesday begins the Christian's Lenten journey with a reminder of our mortality and a call to repentance (see Genesis 18:27; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26; Matthew 11:21). The ancient practice of "imposing" (marking) ashes on the foreheads of believers gives Ash Wednesday its name. The church father Tertullian (c. A.D. 160-215) writes of the practice as a public expression of repentance and of our human frailty that stands in need of Christ. The ashes remind us forcefully of our need for God's redeeming grace as they recall words from the rite for Christian burial: "... earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust..." (see Genesis 3:19 and Ecclesiastes 3:20) – words that will someday be spoken over us all.

The imposition of ashes has never been an exclusively Roman Catholic practice, and today it is observed widely by Christians of many traditions, including a number of Lutheran churches in our fellowship (WELS and ELS).

At a designated point in the service, after the confession of sins, those who desire to receive the sign of ashes come forward, and the minister applies ashes to the forehead in the shape of a small cross, saying: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (see Genesis 3:19). The imposition of ashes is not required; any who wish to participate may do so, while others may remain seated during that part of the service. (Children may come forward for the imposition of ashes at their parents' discretion.)

Adapted from *Christian Worship: Occasional Services*, Milwaukee: Northwestern Publishing House, 2004, 149ff.

REMAIN SEATED 坐下

PSALM 51 – 诗篇 51

*Psalms 51 (EHV) is **spoken responsively**: the minister reads the odd-numbered verses, and **the congregation reads the even-numbered verses**.*

¹Be gracious to me, God,
according to your mercy.

Erase my acts of rebellion
according to the greatness of your compassion.

**²Scrub me clean from my guilt.
Purify me from my sin.**

³For I admit my rebellious acts.
My sin is always in front of me.

**⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned,
and I have done this evil in your eyes.
So you are justified when you sentence me.
You are blameless when you judge.**

⁵Certainly, I was guilty when I was born.
I was sinful when my mother conceived me.

**⁶Since you desire truth on the inside,
in my hidden heart you teach me wisdom.**

⁷Remove my sin with hyssop, and I will be clean.
Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

**⁸Let me hear joy and gladness.
Let the bones you have crushed celebrate.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins.
Erase all my guilty deeds.

**¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God.
Renew an unwavering spirit within me.**

¹¹Do not cast me from your presence.
Do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

**¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation.
Sustain me with a willing spirit.**

¹³I will teach rebels your ways,
and sinners will turn to you.

**¹⁴Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
the God who saves me.
My tongue will shout for joy about your righteousness.**

¹⁵Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

**¹⁶For you do not delight in sacrifice,
or I would give it.
You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

¹⁷The sacrifices God wants are a broken spirit.
A broken and crushed heart, O God, you will not despise.

¹⁸**As it pleases you, do good for Zion.**

Build up the walls of Jerusalem.

¹⁹Then you will be pleased with righteous sacrifices,
burnt offerings and whole offerings.

Then bulls will be offered up on your altar.

Silence for meditation 默想

INSTRUCTION FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT 预苦期的解释

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God created us to know joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2), our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. By our sin we grieve our Father (Genesis 6:6-7), who does not desire us to come under his judgment but to turn to him and live (Ezekiel 33:11). Therefore, God in his mercy has sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take our place under the law, to suffer for us, and to die the death we deserve. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).

During the 40 days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God (Hebrews 12:2). The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death (Philippians 3:10). As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle. Let us be silent. Let us be still. Let us pause now for a time of reflection and self-examination.

Silence for reflection and self-examination 默想, 自省

The congregation may kneel. 会众随意可以跪下

CONFESSION OF SINS 认罪文

M: Most holy and merciful Father,

C: **We confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault,
by our own grievous fault
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

M: We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

M: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved the Holy Spirit.

C: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

M: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness.

The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

M: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, our manipulation of other people

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

M: Our anger when our selfish aims are denied and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

M: Our love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily life and work

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

M: Our negligence in worship and prayer and our failure to show the faith that is in us

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

M: Forgive us, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

C: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

M: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward others, and for our prejudice and contempt for those who differ from us,

C: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

- M:** For what we think or say or do that is at variance with your will,
C: Forgive us, O Lord.
M: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.
C: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Those who desire to receive the sign of ashes come forward. Children may come forward at their parents' discretion. 想蒙灰的人可以往前；孩子们凭父母的允许也可以来蒙灰。

IMPOSITION OF ASHES 蒙灰

The minister applies ashes to the forehead of each in the form of a small cross, saying:

- M:** Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

After all who desire have received ashes, we pray responsively:

- M:** Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation
C: That we may show forth your glory in the world.
M: By the cross and suffering of your Son, O Lord,
C: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

ABSOLUTION 赦罪文

- M:** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live.
Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

HYMN – *Savior, When in Dust to You* – CW93 #124 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to you Low we bow in
 2 By your help - less in - fant years, By your life of
 3 By your hour of dire de - spair, By your ag - o -
 4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



hom - age due, When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
 want and tears, By your days of deep dis - tress
 ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
 pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode



Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; Oh, by all your
 In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -
 Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
 Held in vain the ris - ing God, Oh, from earth to



pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing
 te - rious hour Of th' in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, oh,
 veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
 heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from your throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 turn a fav - 'ring eye, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 to our hum - ble sigh, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 from your throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, abr., alt.

Tune: SPANISH CHANT (77 77 D) Spanish melody, 17th century, adapt.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 59:12-20 (EHV) – 以赛亚书 59:12-20

¹²Yes, our rebellious deeds are many before you,
 and our sins testify against us.
 Our rebellious deeds are with us,
 and as for our guilty deeds, we are aware of them.

¹³Those deeds are rebellion and treachery against the LORD.
We turn back from following our God.
We incite oppression and apostasy.
We conceive and mutter deceitful words from our hearts.

¹⁴Justice is turned back,
and righteousness stands far away,
for truth stumbles in the city square,
and honesty cannot enter it.

¹⁵The truth is missing,
and anyone who turns from evil makes himself prey.^b
The LORD looked and saw something evil—
there was no justice.

¹⁶He saw that there was no one.
He was appalled that there was no one who could intervene.
So his own arm worked salvation for him,
and his own righteousness supported him.

¹⁷He clothed himself with righteousness like armor
and wore a helmet of salvation on his head.
He dressed in garments for vengeance,
and he wrapped himself with zeal like a cloak.

¹⁸He will repay in full what they have earned,
namely, wrath to his foes and full payment to his enemies.
He will repay even the distant coastlands.

¹⁹From the west they will fear the LORD's name,
and from the rising of the sun they will fear his glory,
for he will come like a raging river,
driven by the Spirit^a of the LORD.

²⁰Then a redeemer will come for Zion
and for those in Jacob who turn from rebellion.
This is the declaration of the LORD.

GOSPEL – Matthew 6:1-21 (EHV) – 马太福音 6:1-21

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

^b Or *pays the price*

^a Or *wind or breath*

“Be careful that you do not do your righteous works^a in front of people, so that they will notice. If you do, you have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ²So whenever you perform acts of mercy, do not sound a trumpet for yourself, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets to be praised by people. Amen I tell you: They have received their reward. ³Instead, when you perform acts of mercy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. ⁴Then your acts of mercy will be in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.^b

⁵“Whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites. They love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by people. Amen I tell you: They have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your private room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what others cannot see, will reward you.^c

⁷“And when you pray, do not babble like the heathen, since they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸However do not be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Therefore pray like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us today our daily bread. ¹²Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. ¹³Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’^d

¹⁴“Indeed if you forgive people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive people their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

¹⁶“Whenever you fast, do not make yourself look sad like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces to show everyone that they are fasting. Amen I tell you: They have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that it is not apparent to people that you are fasting, but only to your Father who sees what is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up

^a Some witnesses to the text read *charitable giving*.

^b Some witnesses to the text add *publicly*.

^c Some witnesses to the text add *publicly*.

^d *Or the Evil One*. Some witnesses to the text add *For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen*. See Daniel 7:14; 1 Chronicles 29:11.



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!
 2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,
 3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,
 4 De - lay not! De - lay not! The hour is at hand;
 5 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.
 For mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.
 Long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight
 The earth will dis - solve, and the heav - ens will fade.
 The love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed; the Sav - ior is here.
 Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
 And leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,
 The dead, small and great, in the Judg - ment must stand—
 A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



Re - demp - tion is pur - chased; God's prom - ise is true.
 Its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.
 To sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.
 What pow'r, then, O sin - ner, can lend you its aid?
 Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

Text: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, alt.
 Tune: MALDWYN (11 11 11 11) Welsh melody, 17th century.

SERMON – 2 Corinthians 5:17 – 6:2 – Reconciled to God through Jesus –
 讲道：基于 哥林多后书 5:17 – 6:2

¹⁷So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. The new has come!^b ¹⁸And all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. ¹⁹That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are

^b Some witnesses to the text read *All things have become new!*

ambassadors for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

6 As fellow workers we also urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ²For he says:

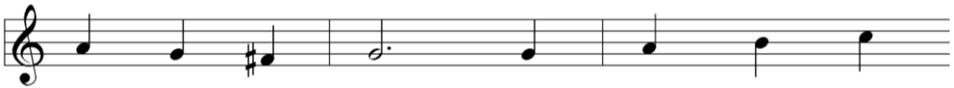
At a favorable time I listened to you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you. [Isaiah 49:8]

Look, now is the favorable time! See, now is the day of salvation! (EHV)

After the sermon, the congregation sings Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ (CW93 #401) – 讲道后，会众齐唱：



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -
2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal
3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne
4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid
5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone



ness to this heart. They tell me all
my sin - ful soul; Your wounds, not mine,
the dread - ful load; Of sins that none
the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths
can cov - er me; No oth - er right -



is done; They bid my fear de - part.
con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
could bear But the in - car - nate God.
like mine Would have been all too few.
eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

Refrain



To whom but you, who can a - lone For



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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. 24).



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

M: Holy and righteous God, as we begin again the solemn spiritual journey of Lent, we come before you in deep humility. We confess that we are sinners, both by the nature we inherit and by the sinful thoughts and desires, words and actions that our sinful nature produces. Because of our sins, we deserve only your wrath and punishment. Yet you reveal yourself, not only as a God of holiness and justice but also as a God of mercy and love. Despairing of our own merits and worthiness, and in response to your gracious invitation, we come pleading for your forgiveness.

C: Lord, have mercy on us for your holy name's sake.

M: You have revealed your love and mercy for us sinners in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. You sent him into our world to be the atoning sacrifice for the sins of all people. Help us grasp by faith the great truth that the pain and suffering, the mockery and ridicule, and the death and punishment he endured should have been ours. Help us understand that in incomprehensible love he suffered and died for us.

C: Lord, have mercy on us for Jesus' sake.

M: In silent meditation let us reflect on our sins, praise our Savior for the forgiveness he has won for us, and ask for God's continued grace to remove any doubt that we are forgiven.

Silent meditation 默想

M: God of grace and mercy, may your Spirit continue to be with us as we follow the way of the cross. As we contemplate the story of our Savior's passion, build us up in our faith. Renew in us the zeal to serve you by reflecting your love in our lives. Give us the desire and the ability to boldly proclaim the grace in which we stand, so that all for whom you lived and died may join us in fellowship now and in your presence forever.

C: We offer our humble thanks and praise, our prayers and petitions, and ourselves in body and spirit to you, Lord God. Hear us, according to your promise, for Jesus' sake. 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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. 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.

JUSTIFICATION

376 Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day— Who can a
 3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -
 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in
 word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -
 ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for
 on the o - cean shore, You have for all a
 man - sion in the skies, E'en then this shall be



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 sin - ners plead, For me— e'en for my soul— was shed.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.
 all my plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
 Your boundless mercy has for me,
 For me and all your hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.
 Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

SCHEDULE OF ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY
February 18-22, 2026

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

The paraments are black for Ash Wednesday. Black is the color of death and mourning, and calls for sober reflection on the cost of our redemption.

WELCOME, GUESTS! – We are glad to have you worship with us today! Please sign the guest register 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!

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 3rd 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/>; or contact John Hughes or Pastor Gawel.

LENT DEVOTIONS: “From the Cross to the Grave”; FiC RESOURCES

The events of Jesus’ crucifixion are familiar to many, and we often focus on the entire story of his death and resurrection. But at times, it’s also good to consider various events associated with the crucifixion individually. This Lenten season, WELS Women’s Ministry invites you to join us in an in-depth look at some of the events Matthew records in his gospel. Journey with us from Calvary’s hill to the temple, from the tombs of holy people to Jesus’ own tomb, and all the way to the depths of hell. Travel with us from the cross to the grave as we consider the significance of these events for our lives today. Subscribe here: <https://wels.net/womens-ministry-devotions-subscription/> More Lent devotional resources (articles, videos, & podcasts) are available from *Forward in Christ* here: <https://forwardinchrist.net/lent/>

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 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!

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.

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 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 so far this week: \$2,283.66
(budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)
Total offerings received so far this month: \$4,728.39

Ministry Attendance This Week

Worship attendance Sunday in church: 42 (36 adults, 6 children)

Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 7

Saturday Chinese ministry: 6

Adult Bible study attendance: 8 (Sun.: 6; Tue.: 2)

Sunday school: 5