

For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:17

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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

The Son of God goes forth to war and defeats the devil for us. The Prayer of the Day sets the tone for the Sunday: the ancient foe (the devil) warred on mankind in the Garden of Eden, but God promised to send a champion to battle on our behalf. The Second Adam(Jesus) came to do what the first could not, and in the desert the battle was joined. “But for us fights the valiant one whom God himself elected... He holds the field forever” (Hymn of the Day).

OPENING HYMN – *Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing* – CW93 #121 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In your
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci -
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By your
 5 O my God, my Rock and Tow - er, Grant that



ho - ly wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that
 nate my sin - ful mind, Let me think a -
 broad and eas - y road, With se - duc - tive,
 wounds, Lord, is made whole; When I'm weak, your
 in your death I trust, Know - ing death has



I am feel - ing Pains of bod - y and of mind.
 bout your pas - sion, And new cour - age I shall find.
 sin - ful vic - es, Let me think a - bout the load
 cross re - vives me, Grant - ing new life to my soul.
 lost his pow - er Since you crushed him in the dust.



Should some e - vil thought with - in Tempt my treach - 'rous
 Or should Sa - tan press me hard, Let me then be
 You were will - ing to en - dure; Then I'll flee all
 Yes, your com - fort ren - ders sweet Ev - 'ry bit - ter
 Sav - ior, let your ag - o - ny Ev - er help and



heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from sin - ning
 on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was wound - ed,"
 thoughts im - pure, Mas - ter - ing each wild temp - ta - tion,
 cup I meet; For your all - a - ton - ing pas - sion
 com - fort me; When I die be my pro - tec - tion,



Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
 That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
 Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
 Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
 Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召唤，认罪及赦罪

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

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

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

PASSION HISTORY READING, PART 1: Matthew 26:1-35 (EHV) 耶稣受难的记载，第一部分：马太福音 26:1-35

The Plot to Kill Jesus

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, ²“You know that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas. ⁴They plotted

together how to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, “Not during the Festival, or else there might be a riot among the people.”

Mary Anoints Jesus

⁶When Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman approached him holding an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume. She poured it on his head as he was reclining at the table. ⁸But when his disciples saw this, they were upset and said, “Why this waste? ⁹This perfume could have been sold for a lot of money and given to the poor.”

¹⁰Jesus was aware of this and said to them, “Why are you causing trouble for this woman? She has done a beautiful thing for me. ¹¹You are always going to have the poor with you, but you are not always going to have me. ¹²When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³Amen¹ I tell you: Wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told in memory of her.”

Judas Plans to Betray Jesus

¹⁴Then one of the Twelve, the one named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶From that time on Judas was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

Jesus Celebrates the Passover

¹⁷On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him the Teacher says, ‘My time is near. I will observe the Passover with my disciples at your house.’”

¹⁹The disciples did as Jesus commanded them and prepared the Passover. ²⁰When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.²

¹ Usually people say *Amen* at the end of a prayer, but Jesus used this Hebrew word at the beginning of a statement, which was unique. The inspired writer simply transliterated the Hebrew word that Jesus spoke, instead of using a Greek term. This translation does the same in English. The basic meaning is *I solemnly tell you the truth*. See FAQ #1 at wartburgproject.org/faqs/

²20 Some witnesses to the text add *disciples*.

One Will Betray Jesus

²¹As they were eating, he said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me.”

²²They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I, Lord?”

²³He replied, “The one who dipped his hand in the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man is going just as it is written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born.”

²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, replied, “Surely, not I, Rabbi?”

He said to him, “Yes, you are the one.”³

The Lord’s Supper

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, “Take, eat, this is my body.” ²⁷Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the new⁴ testament,⁵ which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you that I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” ³⁰After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial

³¹Then Jesus said to them, “This night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’⁶ ³²But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

³³Peter answered him, “Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”

³⁴Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Tonight before the rooster crows you will deny me three times.”

³⁵Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And all the disciples said the same.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 3 – CWS p. 39 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 3

³²⁵ Or *It is what you yourself said, or You have said it yourself.*

⁴²⁸ A few early witnesses to the text omit *new*.

⁵²⁸ As in *last will and testament*. See Galatians 3:15.

⁶³¹ Zechariah 13:7

Refrain



From the Lord comes de - liv - er - ance,



there - fore we will not fear.

Psalm Tone



Refrain

O LORD, how many are my foes!
How many rise up against me!
Many are saying of me,
"God will not deliver him."

But you are a shield around me, O LORD;
you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.
To the LORD I cry aloud,
and he answers me from his holy hill.

Refrain

I lie down and sleep;
I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.
I will not fear the tens of thousands
drawn up against me on ev'ry side.

Arise, O LORD!

Deliver me, O my God!
From the LORD comes deliverance.
May your blessing be on your people.

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

Refrain

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FIRST READING – Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17; 3:1-15 (EHV) – 创世记 2:7-9, 15-17; 3:1-15

⁷The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground^b and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸The LORD God planted a garden^c in Eden in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God made every kind of tree grow—trees that are pleasant to look at and good for food, including the Tree of Life in the middle of the garden and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it. ¹⁶The LORD God gave a command to the man. He said, “You may freely eat from every tree in the garden, ¹⁷but you shall not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for on the day that you eat from it, you will certainly die.”

3 Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.’”

⁴The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. ⁵In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists.^a ⁸They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the

^b Literally *as dust from the ground*. This means man is still dust and will return to dust.

^c In Hebrew, the term *garden* includes groves of trees.

^a The Hebrew word often means *belt*, but here it apparently is an apron or a loincloth.

cooler part^b of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

¹⁰The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

¹¹God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

¹²The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than all the livestock,
and more than every wild animal.

You shall crawl on your belly,
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.^c

He will crush your head,
and you will crush his heel.

GOSPEL – Matthew 4:1-11 (EHV) – 马太福音 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. ²After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The Tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.”

⁴But Jesus answered, “It is written:

Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.”^b

^b Literally *the wind or breeze* of the day, that is, late afternoon or evening

^c In the promises of Genesis and their fulfillment, the translation retains the literal expression *seed* rather than *offspring* or *descendants* to keep the imagery of the Messiah as the Seed of the Woman.

^b Deuteronomy 8:3

⁵Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and he said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you.
And they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”^c

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written:

You shall not test the Lord your God.”^d

⁸Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹He said to him, “I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written:

Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”^e

¹¹Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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^c Psalm 91:11–12

^d Deuteronomy 6:16

^e Deuteronomy 6:13

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.
 He holds the field for - ev - er.
 One lit - tle word can fell him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

SERMON – Romans 5:12-19 – God’s Solution for Our Spiritual Struggle –
讲道：基于 罗马书 5:12-19

¹²So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death ¹³spread to all people because all sinned. ¹³For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one’s account if there is no law, ¹⁴and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern^a of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the gracious gift is not like Adam’s trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God’s grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many!

¹⁶And the gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification.

¹⁷Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ!

¹⁸So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification^b for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous. (EHV)

APOSTLES’ CREED 使徒信经

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

^a Or *type*

^b Or *justification of life*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING 奉献

Members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church use this time to respond to God's goodness with gifts of thanks and love. Our giving is guided by God's Word: "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits from your entire harvest" (Proverbs 3:9); "Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8, EHV).

Feel free also to make use of online giving options: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/>, then click on the "Giving" tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address (links to the app & more info on p. 22).



HYMN – In Adam We Have All Been One – CW93 #396 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One
 2 We fled our God, and los - ing him, We
 3 But your strong love, it sought us still And
 4 O Sav - ior, when we loved you not, You
 5 Send us your Spir - it; teach us truth To



huge re - bel - lious man; We all have fled that
 lost our broth - er too. Each sin - gly sought and
 sent your on - ly Son That we might hear his
 loved and saved us all; O great good Shep - herd
 purge our van - i - ty. From fan - cied wis - dom,



eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.
 claimed his own; Each man his broth - er slew.
 shep - herd - voice And, hear - ing him, be one.
 of man - kind, Oh, hear us when we call.
 self - sought ways, O Sav - ior, set us free.

6 Then shall our song united rise
 To your eternal throne,
 Where with the Father evermore
 And Spirit you are one.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

- M:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.
- C:** **We confess that without your love we are lost.**
- M:** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
- C:** **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**
- M:** Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom:

missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

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

for mission work in Mexico:

Heavenly Father, use your holy angels to protect Missionary Luis Acosta as he travels to and from Monterrey, Mexico. As our synod continues to partner with the seven congregations of *Iglesia Evangelica Luterana Confesional*, may the use of the *Academia Cristo* app increase and present more opportunities for people to know Jesus, their Savior from sin. Bless the training of the members in Mexico so they may continue to let Christ's light shine as they use their time, talents, and treasures. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

PRAYER and BLESSING 祷告及祝福

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



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

CLOSING HYMN – *If God Himself Be for Me* – CW93 #419 – printed on the following pages – 圣诗 — 在下两页

1 If God him - self be for me, I may a
 2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, Of this I
 3 I build on this foun - da - tion: That Je - sus
 4 He can - celed my of - fen - ses, De - liv - ered
 5 No sin can now con - demn me Or set my

host de - fy; For when I pray, be - fore
 make my boast, That God is my dear Fa -
 and his blood, A - lone are my sal - va -
 me from death; He is the Lord who clean -
 hope a - side. Now hell no more can claim

me My foes, con - found - ed, fly. If Christ,
 ther, My friend who loves me most, And that,
 tion, My true, e - ter - nal good. With - out
 ses My soul from sin through faith. In him
 me; Its fu - ry I de - ride. No sen -

my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from
 what - e'er be - tide - me, My Sav - ior is
 him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less
 I can be cheer - ful, Cou - ra - geous on
 tence now re - proves me; No guilt de - stroys

a - bove, What foe or what dis - as -
 at hand Through storm - y seas to guide
 on earth; The gifts I have from Je -
 my way; In him I am not fear -
 my peace, For Christ, my Sav - ior, loves

ter Can drive me from his love?
 me And bring me safe to land.
 sus A - lone have price - less worth.
 ful Of God's great Judg - ment Day.
 me And shields me with his grace.

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6 No danger, thirst, or hunger,
 No pain or poverty,
 No earthly tyrant's anger
 Shall ever vanquish me.
 Though earth should break assunder,
 You are my Savior true;
 No fire or sword or thunder
 Shall sever me from you.

7 My heart for joy is springing
 And can no more be sad.
 'Tis full of joy and singing,
 Sees only sunshine glad.
 The sun that cheers my spirit
 Is Jesus Christ, my King;
 The heav'n I shall inherit
 Makes me rejoice and sing.

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ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
February 22 – March 1, 2026

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible study & Sunday School
Wednesday	4:00-8:00 PM	Visitation, Funeral for Irene Woods
Thursday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (3/1)	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible study & Sunday School

The paraments are purple for the season of Lent. Purple, like black, is a penitential color. Purple dye was also very expensive in the ancient world and was therefore worn mostly by royalty; the Bible records that, as the Roman soldiers mocked and tortured Jesus on Good Friday, they put a purple robe on him to ridicule him and belittle the claim that he was a king. Therefore, purple is used during this penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn Jesus endured, and the sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation.

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/>

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 delarentis.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: \$2,585.66

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$5,030.39

Ministry Attendance Last Week

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

Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices (Sunday): 7

Ash Wed. worship attendance in church: 18 (17 adults, 1 child)

Ash Wed. live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices : 9

Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 6

Adult Bible study attendance: 10 (Sun.: 6; Tue.: 2; Th.: 2)

Sunday school: 5

Youth confirmation class: 8

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