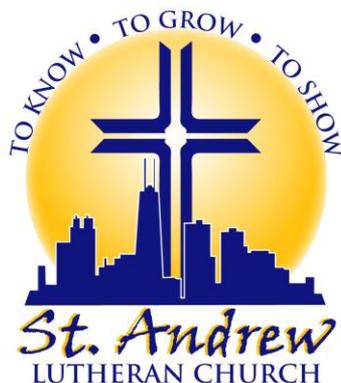


"My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power."

1 Cor. 2:4-5

**5th Sunday after the Epiphany
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**SERVICE THEME:
True Wisdom Is from God**



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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

Let your light shine! Jesus tells us: You are...so be. You are the light of the world, so be light for the earth. You are the salt of the earth, so be salt for it. Our calling as children of God means our lives will reflect our new status, and the world around us will be blessed by us. The Church prays that God would help us believe and then do the things that are pleasing in his sight (Prayer of the Day).

OPENING HYMN – *Speak, O Lord* – CWS #735 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos - es for your
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
 un - be - lief.
 glo - ry.

Last time

Tune: SPEAK, O LORD (8 10 8 10 10 8 10)
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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.**

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

We join to sing All Praise to God Who Reigns Above (CW93 #236), printed on the following page:



1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, The
 2 I cried to him in time of need: Lord
 3 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, His
 4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, To
 5 Then come be - fore his pres - ence now And



God of all cre - a - tion, The God of
 God, oh, hear my call - ing! For death he
 cho - sen gen - er - a - tion; He is their
 God give praise and glo - ry! All who the
 ban - ish fear and sad - ness; To your Re -



won - ders, pow'r, and love, The God of
 gave me life in - deed And kept my
 ref - uge and their rock, Their peace and
 Fa - ther's pow'r pro - claim, To God give
 deem - er pay your vow And sing with



our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing balm my
 feet from fall - ing. For this my thanks shall
 their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
 praise and glo - ry! All i - dols un - der
 joy and glad - ness. Though great dis - tress my



soul he fills, The God who ev - 'ry sor - row
 end - less be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with
 ten - der hand He leads his own, his cho - sen
 foot be trod; The Lord is God! The Lord is
 soul be - fell, The Lord my God did all things



stills— To God all praise and glo - ry!
 me— To God all praise and glo - ry!
 band— To God all praise and glo - ry!
 God! To God all praise and glo - ry!
 well— To God all praise and glo - ry!

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–90, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR HEIDEN ALL (87 87 887) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Exodus 19:1-8a (EHV) – 出埃及记 19:1-8上

In the third month after the Israelites had left the land of Egypt, on that same day of the month, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim and came to the Wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

³Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, “This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and to tell the people of Israel: ⁴‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my special treasure out of all the nations, although the entire earth is mine. ⁶You will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.’ These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites.”

⁷Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, and he set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together, “Everything that the LORD has said, we will do.”

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 111 – CW93 p. 106 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 111

Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song, for



he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Psalm tone



Refrain

Great are the works of the LORD;*
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,*
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;*
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

Refrain

The works of his hands are faithful and just;*
all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his people;*
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;*
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

**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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SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (EHV) – 哥林多前书 2:1-5

As for me, brothers, when I came to you, I did not come with superior speech or wisdom in order to proclaim to you the testimony^d of God. ²For I had no intention of knowing anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³I came to you^e in weakness, in fear, and with much trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not marked by persuasive words of human^f wisdom, but by a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith would not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Alleluia. (*John 8:12*)



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

GOSPEL – Matthew 5:13-20 (EHV) – 马太福音 5:13-20

¹³"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶In the same way let your light shine in people's presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸Amen^a I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is

^d A few witnesses to the text read *mystery*.

^e Or *I was with you*

^f A few witnesses to the text omit *human*.

^a 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*.

fulfilled. ¹⁹So whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



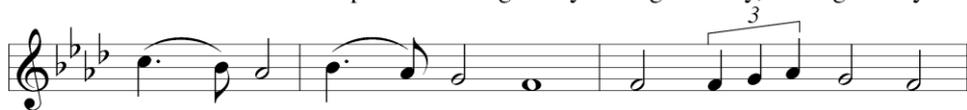
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 对儿童的讲道

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Thy Strong Word* – CW93 #280 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; Bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth
 5 Give us lips to sing thy glo - ry, Tongues thy



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -
 mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats to shout the



light we thank thee While thine or - dered sea -
 thy sal - va - tion, Breathed thine own life - giv -
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes
 ev - er beam - eth All thy bright re - deem -
 hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy ho -



sons run. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 ing breath. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 con - fess. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 ing light. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! May



to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the light which thou dost send Fill our songs with



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
To thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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Tune: EBENEZER (87 87 D) Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944.

SERMON – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 – True Wisdom Is from God – 讲道：基
于哥林多前书 2:1-5

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.

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. 20).



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We Have a Sure Prophetic Word



1 We have a sure pro - phet - ic Word
 2 By pow'rs of em - pire banned and burned,
 3 What - e'er the Word in times of old
 4 A - bid - ing, stead - fast, firm, and sure,



By in - spi - ra - tion of the Lord,
 By pa - gan pride re - ject - ed, spurned,
 Of fu - ture days and deeds fore - told
 The teach - ings of the Word en - dure.



And, though as - sailed on ev - 'ry hand,
 The Word still stands, the Chris - tian's trust,
 Is all ful - filled while a - ges roll,
 Blest all who trust this stead - fast Word;



Je - ho - vah's Word shall ev - er stand.
 While haugh - ty em - pires lie in dust.
 As traced on the pro - phet - ic scroll.
 Their an - chor holds in Christ, the Lord.

Text: Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.

Tune: WO GOTT ZUM HAUS (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

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 mission work in Liberia, Africa:

Holy Spirit, you have given us the Scriptures to make us wise for salvation through faith in Jesus. Continue to bless Pastor Barnard and the flock of Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Buchanan, Liberia, Africa. As Missionary Dan Kroll continues to work with this group of believers, may the instruction they receive be firmly rooted in the truth of your Word. According to your will, may we someday establish fellowship with this group that strives to uphold the teaching of your Word. 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.

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 – O Word of God Incarnate – CW93 #279 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom
 2 The Church from you, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the
 3 Oh, make your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of



from on high, O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O
 gift di - vine, And still that light is lift - ed O'er
 bur - nished gold To bear be - fore the na - tions Your



Light of our dark sky, We praise you for the
 all the earth to shine. It is the chart and
 true light, as of old. Oh, teach your wan - d'ring



ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page, A lan - tern
 com - pass That, all life's jour - ney through, Mid mists and
 pil - grims By this their path to trace Till, clouds and



to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
 rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to you.
 dark - ness end - ed, They see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, adapt., alt.

Tune: MUNICH (76 76 D) *Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
February 8-15, 2026

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible study & Sunday School
Thursday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (2/15)	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible study & Sunday School

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

WELCOME, GUESTS! – We're glad to have you worship with us today! Please sign the guest book in the center church entryway so that we have a record of your visit. Our pastor, Adam Gawel, would be happy to speak with you if you would like; please contact him (773-217-8132 / pastor@standrewchicago.org). Please join us again soon!

MEMORIALS

- In loving memory of my dad, Joseph Czarny, who went to his Lord 2-11-1954, by Barbara Essig.
- In loving memory of Mr. Richard Paluch, who passed away December 14, 2025, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

THANK OFFERING — In honor of our 58th wedding anniversary on February 10th, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

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 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/>. 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://welshhistoricalinstitute.org/175th-resources/#congregational> , and the pictorial 175th anniversary history book is available for purchase here: <https://online.nph.net/175annivbook>

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 11:00 / after worship on Sundays

Sunday school is held after the worship service, either in the church basement or in the ministry center (next-door to church). Sunday school is open to children from age 3 through 8th grade. (High-schoolers are welcome to join adult Bible study in church during the same time.) All are welcome!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS – Thursdays 6:30pm

Youth confirmation class is open to youth starting from grade 5 or 6 (depending on individual readiness) and above. (Young adults nearing the end of high school and beyond who have not yet been confirmed in the WELS or ELS can arrange for adult confirmation class with Pastor Gawel.) The class is currently held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00. If you have a potential student in mind who would be ready to start class, please speak with Pastor Gawel. All are welcome!

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

This class is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about what the Bible teaches and what our church believes – and for those who would like a review. At the conclusion of the class, those who are in agreement in faith are invited to join our church, though this is not a requirement for taking the class. Pastor Gawel is able to teach the class in English and Mandarin Chinese, and we have class materials in Spanish available as well. If you or someone you know are interested in starting Bible information class, please contact Pastor Gawel, and we can schedule the class at a time and place that's convenient for you.

PASTORAL COUNSELING; PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor Gawel is available for confidential pastoral counseling on the basis of God's Word, and for private confession and absolution. Please feel free to make an appointment to see him. (You may call or text Pastor Gawel on his cell phone: 773-217-8132.)

SATURDAY EVENING CHINESE MINISTRY 周六晚上7:45中文圣经学习
 Chinese ministry is held on Saturday evenings at 7:45pm in our ministry center (the house next-door to church), which includes elements of a worship service, Bible study, and prayer, all in Mandarin Chinese. New friends are always welcome to join! Please invite any Chinese friends or neighbors. You may share with them the following invitation:
 每周六晚上 7:45, 圣安得烈基督教路德宗教会有成人中文圣经学习。欢迎您参加! 我们在教会的事工中心(教堂旁边的房子)现场聚会; 地址是 3650 S. Honore St., Chicago。如果你想了解更多, 请联系高乐仁牧师: 手机: 773-217-8132。欢迎!

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: \$1,506.42
 (budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)

Ministry Attendance Last Week

- Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 30** (22 adults, 8 children)
- Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 10**
- Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 10**
- Adult Bible study attendance: 13** (Sun.: 5; Tue.: 2, 2; Wed.: 2; Th.: 2)
- Sunday school: 5 Youth confirmation class: 7**