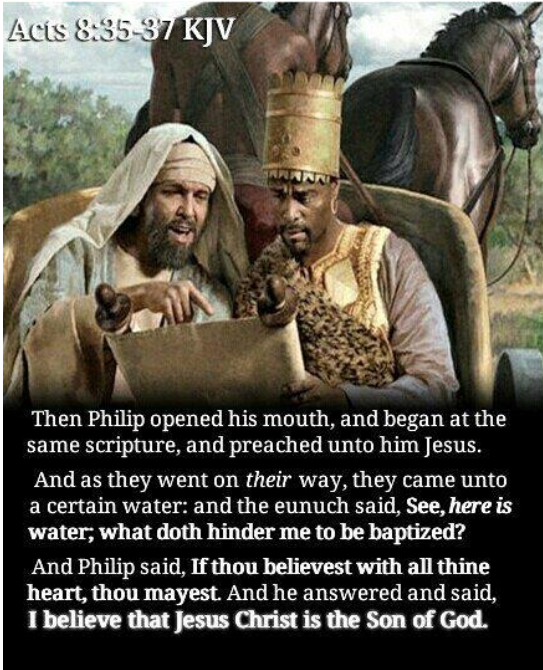


Acts 8:35-37 KJV



Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, **See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?**

And Philip said, **If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.** And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

5th Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

**SERVICE THEME:
God Has a Time and Task for Each of Us**



5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

SERVICE THEME: God Has a Time and Task for Each of Us

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 intimate connection to our risen Lord wrought by the gospel has rich consequences for our life with him even now.

About the paschal candle – *The flame of the paschal candle symbolizes the presence of the resurrected Christ, the light of the world. The word "paschal" comes from the Hebrew word for Passover ("Pesach"). The Apostle Paul identifies Good Friday and Easter as the fulfillment of the Passover: "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7). In many languages, "Passover" is the word used to refer to Easter.*

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At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
 2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,
 3 Now no more can death ap - pall,
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy!
 5 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give,



Praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie.
 Now no more the grave en - thrall;
 This a - lone can sin de - stroy;
 Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing
 You have con - quered in the fight; You have
 You have o - pened par - a - dise, And your
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born
 Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in



from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!
 saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!
 One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th century, abr.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-68, alt.
 Tune: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT (77 77 4) *Kirchengeseng*, Ivanceice, 1566.

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.**

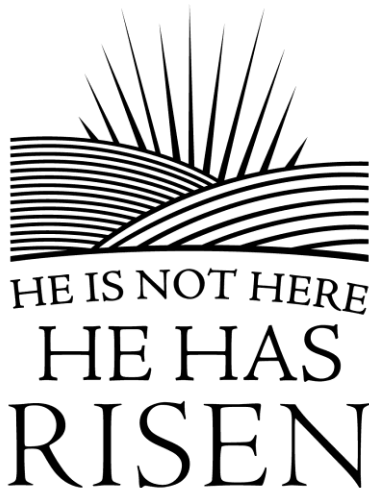
M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

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.



This Is the Feast of Victory

Dignus est Agnus

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to -
5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

Refrain



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Acts 8:26-40 (EHV)

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is an isolated area.) ²⁷So he got up and went. And there was a man, an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, Queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship. ²⁸He was on his way home, sitting in his chariot and reading the prophet Isaiah.

²⁹The Spirit told Philip, “Go over there and stay close to that chariot.” ³⁰Philip ran up to it and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

³¹The man replied, “How can I unless someone explains it to me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³²Now the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading was this:
He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his^a humiliation justice was denied him.
Who will talk about his generation?
For his life is taken from the earth.^b

³⁴The eunuch said to Philip, “I ask you, who is the prophet talking about—himself or someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak. Starting with that very passage of Scripture, he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were traveling along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What is there to prevent me from being baptized?”^c

^a Some witnesses to the text omit *his*.

^b Isaiah 53:7–8

^c A few witnesses to the text add verse 37: *Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” He replied, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”*

³⁸He ordered the chariot to stop. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they stepped up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away. The eunuch did not see him anymore, but went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰Philip, however, found himself at Azotus. And as he went from place to place, he preached the gospel in all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 67 – CW93 p. 91 (text NIV84)

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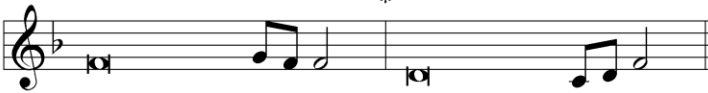


Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



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May God be gracious to us and bless us*
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,*
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth.

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Then the land will yield its harvest,*
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,*
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**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 John 3:18-24 (EHV)

¹⁸Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth.

¹⁹This is how we know that we are of the truth and how we will set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. ²²We also receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. ²³This then is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another just as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps his commands remains in God^a and God^b in him. This is how we know that he remains in us: We know it from the Spirit, whom he has given to us.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia. (*John 14:6*)



GOSPEL – John 15:1-8 (EHV)

^a Literally *him*

^b Literally *he*

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.^d ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit.

³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

⁴Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

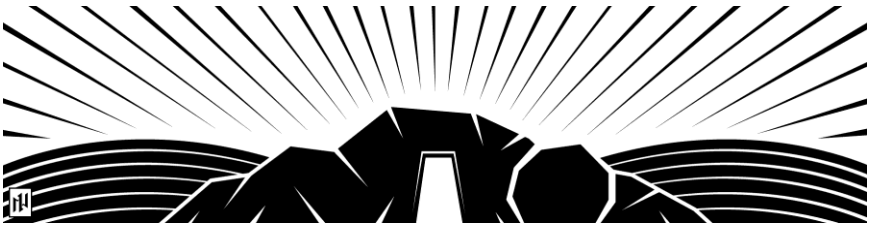
⁵I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be^a my disciples.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY – *With High Delight Let Us Unite* – CW93 #168 –
printed on the following page



^d Or *vinedresser*

^a Some witnesses to the text read *so will prove to be*.

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With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de - light Let us u - nite In songs of sweet
 2 True God, he first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais - es ring; Give thanks and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, Each take your part,
 all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my Shall van - quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us free
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall be
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall his love



For - ev - er, he Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Said he, who
 Give us a - bove, From mis - e - ry And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART (448 448 44 44 8) *Cinquante Pseaumes*, Geneva, 1543, alt.

SERMON – Acts 8:26-40 – God Has a Time and Task for Each of Us

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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 – Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening – CW93 #283 – printed on the following page

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Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
 You give peace and words of par - don.
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

M: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Now may the God of peace—who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood, which established the eternal testament—may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever. (*Hebrews 13:20-21*)



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

CLOSING HYMN – *Christ Is With Me* – CWS #761 – printed on the following page

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Christ Is With Me



1 We were bur - ied with him in - to death,
 2 I have now been graft - ed to the vine,
 3 I have now been cru - ci - fied with Christ.



That as he was raised by God's glo - ry,
 Draw - ing life from roots rich in mer - cy,
 I no long - er live; Christ lives in me.



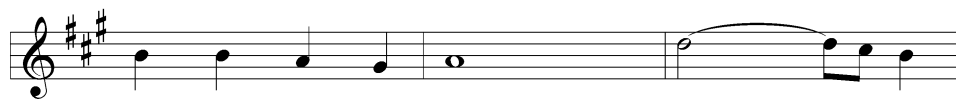
We might walk in life made new by grace.
 Bear - ing fruit as I a - bide in him:
 Now I live by faith in God's own Son,



Hav - ing died with Christ, we shall live with
 Fruit for - ev - er fresh, glo - ri - fy - ing
 One who loved me so— gave him - self for



him.
 God. Christ is with me
 me.



ev - 'ry - where I go. Nev - er to



leave me, this I know.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
April 28 – May 5, 2024

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Voters' Meeting
	11:00 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Sunday (5/5)	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Presentation about Luther Preparatory School, for adults & older kids; Sunday School for younger kids

The paraments are white for the Easter season. White is the color of purity and completeness. This color assists in bearing the message that "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). Christ's purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

WELCOME, GUESTS! – We 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 (see page 2 for contact information). Please join us for worship or Bible study again!

PASTOR GAWEL'S CALL DELIBERATIONS; VOTERS' MEETING TODAY (4/28)

From Pastor Gawel:

On April 7, I received a call to serve as pastor of Apostles Lutheran Church in San Jose, California. As you may know, this does not mean that I have to accept the call and go there, but that I now get to spend some time in prayer and deliberation between these two calls from God -- the one to serve with you here at St. Andrew, the other to go and serve with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Apostles in San Jose. Please pray for God's blessing of wisdom and guidance for me as I

deliberate, and for his blessing on Sherry and our kids, and on all of the members of St. Andrew and all the members of Apostles during this time. I would be happy to talk with you to hear your thoughts as I deliberate. Feel free to arrange a time to get together to talk, or give me a call.

Also, we will have a voters' meeting today (April 28) after the worship service to discuss making a contingent request for a graduate from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to be assigned as pastor in the event that I would accept the call to San Jose. The reason for this is that the deadline for making a request for a graduate is April 30, but I will likely still be deliberating on the call at that point, and so the Assignment Committee allows contingent requests to for a graduate to be made, which can then be cancelled before Assignment Day (May 23) if it turns out that a graduate will not be needed (ie, if I decline the call to San Jose). Note that in keeping with God's instruction to us in his Word regarding the roles of men and women in the church (cf., 1 Timothy 2:12; 1 Corinthians 14:33-35), St. Andrew's constitution and by-laws authorizes male communicant members of this congregation over the age of 18 as voters. Any non-voting member (or nonmember) may speak with a voting member or the pastor in advance of the meeting with any suggestions or concerns. ... Please pray for God's blessing on this meeting and on the gospel ministry of St. Andrew Lutheran Church!

GUEST PASTOR NEXT SUNDAY (5/5); PRESENTATION ABOUT LUTHER PREP

Pastor Gawel and family will be out of town from May 3-8, to attend Pastor Gawel's cousin's wedding in Florida. A pastor who teaches at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wisconsin, a boarding school operated by our church body, will be here next Sunday (May 5) to lead our worship service, and then during the Bible study time after worship he will give a presentation about Luther Preparatory School. All adults and older children are welcome to attend the presentation; Sunday school for younger children will continue as normal. ... If you have need of pastoral assistance during the dates Pastor Gawel will be away, you may contact the church office or Pastor Gawel (see contact info on p. 2), and we can refer you to one of the other WELS pastors in our area if desired/needed.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR EMMONS AT ST. TIMOTHY, LOMBARD – 5/5

Next Sunday, May 5, at 3:00pm, Pastor David Emmons will be installed as pastor of our sister church, St. Timothy, in Lombard, IL (of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod). You are welcome to attend the installation worship service, and the meal to follow. Especially if you plan to attend the meal, please contact Pastor David Locklair, of Grace, Hobart, IN (dhlocklair@gmail.com), so St. Timothy can plan accordingly for the meal. And please pray for God's blessing on Pastor Emmons and our brothers and sisters at St. Timothy – and on all of our sister churches that currently have pastoral vacancies.

ASCENSION OBSERVED ON SUNDAY MAY 12

This year we will again observe the Ascension of Our Lord during our regular worship service (9:30am) on the Sunday (May 12) following the Thursday that is officially Ascension Day. Acts 1:3 tells us that Jesus appeared to his disciples “over a period of forty days” after his resurrection; thus, the Christian Church commemorates the Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord on the sixth Thursday after Easter (the 40th day after Easter). The truth of Jesus' ascension is a great comfort for us, because it assures us that Jesus' work of saving us is complete and has been accepted by God the Father, and that Jesus is now reigning over all things for our eternal good, and is at the right hand of the Father interceding for us. In order to enable more of our members to hear and celebrate these comforting truths, we will observe the Ascension of Our Lord this year in our worship service on the following Sunday (5/12) rather than on Thursday. Please join us on Sunday May 12 to celebrate all that Jesus' ascension means for us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 10:45 / after worship

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!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: “10 Lies About God” – Sundays after worship

On Sundays in adult Bible study, we're going through a series entitled "10 Lies about God," in which we use the Bible to evaluate some popular statements about God and religion that sound good but that actually contain serious errors. Feel free to join us whenever you're able. All are welcome!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS – Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm

Youth confirmation class is open to youth in grades 5 through 8, and to high-schoolers who have not yet been confirmed. If you have a potential student in mind, please speak with Pastor Gawel. All are welcome! The class is currently held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00, but we can adjust the class day or time if needed, to accommodate the schedules of everyone who is interested.

PASTORAL COUNSELING; PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor Gawel is available for confidential pastoral counseling 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

On Saturday evenings at 7:45pm in our ministry center (the house next-door to church), we have Chinese ministry, 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!

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

This class is open to anyone who is interested in learning more – or who would like a review – about what the Bible teaches and what Lutheran Christians believe. 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.

Webinar: “(mis)Understanding Mental Health: A Christian Look at Today’s Epidemic” – May 2 (Thur.), 7-8pm

There’s been a lot of focus on mental health in recent years. Current generations are growing up using vocabulary that expresses this reality,

while older generations aren't used to discussing something they grew up thinking was taboo. This webinar is intended to shine a light on and bring awareness to the subject of mental health. Guided by insight from licensed professional counselors from Christian Family Solutions, we'll get an overview of what is going on, what we can do, and when and where to get help. More info and register here:

<https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/womens-ministry/womens-ministry-webinars/>

“TRAINING CAMP” WELS YOUTH CAMP – JULY 14-19, INGLESIDE, IL

Proverbs 22:6 says, *“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”* The purpose of Training Camp is to provide an opportunity for kids to grow in God's Word and enjoy God's creation. Youth entering grades 3 - 9 in the fall are eligible to be campers. Youth entering grades 11 and 12 in the fall are eligible to be junior counselors. Under the guidance of Christian counselors, your child will be involved in daily devotions and Bible studies, arts and crafts, hiking, boating, tower climbing, swimming, singing, and athletics of all types. The total cost per camper is \$500. This includes lodging, meals, camp T-shirt, and all activities. Training Camp is held at YMCA Camp Duncan, in Ingleside, IL. Pastor Paul Spaude from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Niles, IL, is the head counselor of Training Camp. You may email him with questions at paul.spaude@smniles.org . Register for camp or find more info at <https://smniles.org/overnight-bible-camp> .

2024 WELS International Youth Rally – June 25-28, Fort Collins, CO

The WELS International Youth Rally will be held June 25-28, 2024, at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. Teens from across the country will gather at the foot of the Rocky Mountains to explore the many messages God delivers *“From the Mountaintops”* of Scripture. Find out more at www.welsyouthrally.net St. Andrew's teens (those currently in grades 8-12) have been invited to join with our sister church, Resurrection, in Aurora, IL, which has a group of teens and chaperones going. Please speak to Pastor Gawel or Sherry for more info.

***Reviving Relationships Through Biblical Hospitality* webinar recording**

Want to learn about using hospitality to connect with others at your church and also as an evangelism tool? Watch the recording of the webinar hosted by WELS Women's Ministry on *Reviving Relationships Through Biblical Hospitality*. This webinar will inspire you to rethink your

relationships and get you thinking about your own church culture with new eyes. Learn more and watch here: <https://wels.net/reviving-relationships-through-biblical-hospitality-webinar/> .

WELS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WORSHIP, MUSIC, & THE ARTS

July 30 evening – Aug. 2 noon, at Carthage College, Kenosha, WI

The worship conference offers something for everyone. It's not only for pastors and musicians but also for lay people who love worship and want to encourage worship enrichment in their congregations.

Highlights include: 50+ presentations; Plenary address: "Lutheran Worship: What Now?" by Pastor Jonathan Bauer; Vendors offering music, art, instruments, and professional services to congregations and individuals; Opportunities for relaxation and fellowship; Concerts and recitals; Keyboard and choral reading sessions on new repertoire; 120-voice Festival Choir (with full orchestra); 120-voice high school Honor Choir (with full orchestra); 70-voice children's choir. Register and more info here: <https://welsworshipconference.net/>

WELS WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE – July 28-30, Pewaukee, WI

This conference is for any woman who is passionate about the spread of the Good News of Jesus in our world today, no matter her age and background. New to the faith or seasoned, married or single, the keynotes and wide variety of breakout sessions will encourage, equip, and empower you in your walk of faith. Register and more info:

<https://welswmconference.net/> . * Individuals who register to attend both the WELS Women's Ministry Conference and the WELS National Conference on Worship, Music, and the Arts (see above) will receive a rebate of \$150 after attending both conferences. (Attendees must register for both conferences separately.)

TASTE OF MISSIONS – June 15, Mequon, WI (and online)

This family-friendly event, held at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., and online, will give WELS members a "taste of missions", no matter where you might be around the world. The event kicks off with a special worship service where we will commission new home and world missionaries. Sample ethnic cuisine from some of our mission fields while enjoying fellowship and presentations from home and world missionaries alike. View displays, participate in outdoor family-friendly activities, and ask questions about the ups and downs of mission work during panel discussions. Register at <https://tasteofmissions.com/>

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 complete 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

Sign up today for Marriage Moments

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

WELS 100 in 10

Twenty new home mission starts and enhancements were approved in 2023 toward the goal of starting 100 new home missions in 10 years! WELS does this through district mission boards, which support existing home missions and work with local congregations to identify where to plant new churches throughout their district. This volunteer group of pastors and laymen builds a solid foundation for each new mission, shepherding these churches and their pastors on their path from mission status to self-supporting congregations. Learn more at www.wels100in10.net .

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 March
\$14,517.92	\$8,556.41

Offerings received last week: \$1,328.55

(budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)

Total offerings received so far this month: \$5,245.42

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 42 (35 adults, 7 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 7

Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 7

Adult Bible study attendance: 9 (Sun.: 5; Wed.: 2; Fri.: 2)

Sunday school: 11

Youth confirmation class: 4

God bless you this week as you share the joy of the resurrection!