

He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

John 11:51–52

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

OUR MISSION — The mission of St. Andrew Lutheran Church is to guide people **to know** Jesus as their Savior, **to grow** in their faith, and **to show** Jesus to others.

OUR BELIEF — We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the only source of all Christian doctrine and teaching. We believe that the only true God is the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that we are saved not by anything we do, but only through faith in Jesus Christ, who gave his life for our sins. We will be happy to tell you more about what we believe!

OUR HISTORY — St. Andrew Lutheran Church was established in 1888 and is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a confessional Lutheran church body with over 1,200 congregations in North America and with more than 30 sister church bodies worldwide.

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INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

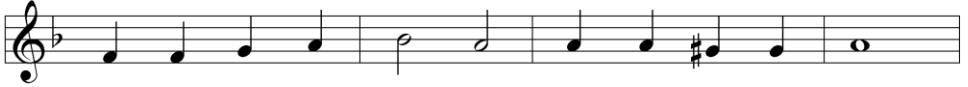
Jesus will raise us from death to life. The crown jewel of the coming kingdom is the resurrection of the dead. One day, Jesus will defeat the last enemy – death (1 Corinthians 15:27) – and life will reign again in our new Eden with God. On our Lenten walk to Calvary, the Church sees the Savior come face to face with death and defeat it completely. During our Lenten walk, the Prayer of the Day asks God to help us remember that Jesus, who is resurrection and life, has made us heirs of eternal life.

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In the Hour of Trial



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me
 2 With for - bid - den plea - sures Should this vain world charm
 3 Should your mer - cy send me Sor - row, toil, and woe,
 4 When my life is end - ing, Though in grief or pain,



Lest by base de - ni - al I un - wor - thy be.
 Or its tempt - ing trea - sures Spread to work me harm,
 Or should pain at - tend me On my path be - low,
 When my bod - y chang - es Back to dust a - gain,



When you see me wa - ver, With a look re - call,
 Bring to my re - mem - brance Sad Geth - sem - a - ne
 Grant that I may nev - er Fail your cross to view;
 On your truth re - ly - ing, Through that mor - tal strife,



Nor for fear or fa - vor Ev - er let me fall.
 Or, in dark - er sem - blance, Cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.
 Grant that I may ev - er Cast my care on you.
 Je - sus, take me, dy - ing, To e - ter - nal life.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: ST. MARY MAGDALENE (65 65 D) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

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 unending 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.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; 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 5: Matthew 27:27-66 (EHV) 耶稣受难的记载, 第五部分: 马太福音 27:27-66

Soldiers Mock Jesus

²⁷Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort¹ of soldiers around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. ²⁹They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand, knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰They spit on him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head.

The Crucifixion

³¹After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they were going out of the city, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon. They forced him to carry Jesus' cross. ³³They came to a place called Golgotha, which means, "The place of the skull." ³⁴They

¹27 A Roman *cohort* was about six hundred soldiers.

offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵After they had crucified him, they divided his clothing among themselves by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and were keeping watch over him there. ³⁷Above his head they posted the written charge against him: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁸At the same time two criminals were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹People who passed by kept insulting him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!"

⁴¹In the same way the chief priests, experts in the law, and elders kept mocking him. They said, ⁴²"He saved others, but he cannot save himself. If he's the King of Israel, let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now, if he wants him, because he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴In the same way even the criminals who were crucified with him kept insulting him.

Jesus' Death

⁴⁵From the sixth hour until the ninth hour,² there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"³

⁴⁷When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "This fellow is calling for Elijah."

⁴⁸Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink. ⁴⁹The rest said, "Leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

⁵⁰After Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. ⁵¹Suddenly, the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and rocks were split. ⁵²Tombs were opened, and many bodies of saints who had fallen asleep were raised to life. ⁵³Those who came out of the tombs went into the holy city after Jesus' resurrection and appeared to many people. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus with him saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they were terrified and said, "Truly this was the Son of God."

²45 From noon to 3 PM

³46 Psalm 22:1

⁵⁵Many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and who had served him were there, watching from a distance. ⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.

Jesus’ Burial

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb that he had cut in the rock. He rolled a large stone over the tomb’s entrance and left. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there sitting opposite the tomb.

The Guard

⁶²On the next day, which was the day after the Preparation Day, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered in the presence of Pilate ⁶³and said, “Sir, we remembered what that deceiver said while he was still alive: ‘After three days I will rise again.’ ⁶⁴So give a command that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise his disciples might steal his body and tell the people, ‘He is risen from the dead.’ And this last deception will be worse than the first.”

⁶⁵Pilate said to them, “You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you know how.” ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and posting a guard.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 116 – CW93 p. 107 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 116

Refrain

I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Psalm tone

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Refrain

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;*
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,*
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;*
when I was in great need, he saved me.

Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD*
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation*
and call on the name of the LORD.

**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 – 2 Kings 4:17-37 (EHV) – 列王纪下 4:17-37

The woman conceived, and she gave birth to a son at that same time of year, just as Elisha said to her.

¹⁸The boy grew up, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. ¹⁹Then he said to his father, “My head! My head!”

His father said to his servant, “Carry him to his mother.” ²⁰So he picked him up and carried him to his mother, and the boy sat on her lap until noon. Then he died.

²¹Then she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God. She shut the door behind her and went out. ²²Then she called to her

husband and said, “Send one of the servants to me with one of the donkeys, so that I can run to the man of God and come back.”

²³He said, “Why are you going to him today? It’s not the new moon, and it’s not the Sabbath.”

But she said, “It’s all right.”

²⁴Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead the way. Don’t slow down for me unless I tell you.”

²⁵So she went to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her from a distance, he said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! That’s the woman from Shunem! ²⁶Now run to meet her and say, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your son all right?’ ”

She answered, “We’re all right.”

²⁷Then she came to the man of God at the mountain, and she grasped his feet. Gehazi stepped forward to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone, for her soul is in distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me. He has not told me.”

²⁸Then she said, “Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn’t I say, ‘Don’t give me false hope?’ ”

²⁹Then Elisha said to Gehazi, “Hike up your garments for travel,^a and take my staff in your hand and go! If you meet someone, do not greet him, and if someone greets you, do not answer. Put my staff on the boy’s face.”

³⁰But the boy’s mother said, “As surely as the LORD lives and your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So he got up and followed her. ³¹Gehazi went ahead of them and put the staff on the boy’s face. But there was no sound, and there was no response. So he went back to Elisha and told him, “The boy did not wake up.”

³²When Elisha came to the house, there the boy was—dead, lying on his bed. ³³So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the LORD. ³⁴He got up and lay down on top of the boy. He put his mouth to the boy’s mouth, his eyes to the boy’s eyes, his palms to the boy’s palms. Then he bent down over him, and the boy’s flesh became warm. ³⁵He went back into the house and paced back and forth. Then he went up and bent down over him, and the boy sneezed seven times. Then the boy opened his eyes.

^a This refers to gathering up one’s flowing robes around the waist to make it easier to move quickly. We might say, “Tighten your belt.”

³⁶Then Elisha called Gehazi and said, “Call the woman of Shunem!” So he called her, and she came in. He said, “Pick up your son.” ³⁷So she came in and fell at Elisha’s feet and bowed down to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

SECOND READING – Romans 8:11-24a (EHV) – 罗马书 8:11-24上

¹¹And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you.

¹²So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. ¹³For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

¹⁴Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom^e we call out, “*Abba, Father!*” ¹⁶The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children.

¹⁷Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope ²¹that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

²²For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time. ²³And not only creation, but also we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,^a groan inwardly while we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. ²⁴Indeed, it was for this hope we were saved.

HYMN – *How Can I Thank You, Lord* – CW93 #460 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

^e Or *the spirit of adoption by which, or the Spirit through whom we are adopted as sons and call out*

^a Or *who have the Spirit as a first fruit*

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How Can I Thank You, Lord



1 How can I thank you, Lord, For all your lov - ing -
 2 It is your work a - lone That I am now con -
 3 Lord, you have raised me up To joy and ex - ul -
 4 Grant that your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways
 5 O Fa - ther, God of love, Now hear my sup - pli -



kind - ness, That you have pa - tient - ly Borne
 vert - ed; O'er Sa - tan's work in me You
 ta - tion And clear - ly shown the way That
 giv - en Lest I should fall a - gain And
 ca - tion; O Sav - ior, Son of God, Ac -



with me in my blind - ness! When dead in man - y
 have your pow'r as - sert - ed. Your mer - cy and your
 leads me to sal - va - tion. My sins are washed a -
 lose the way to heav - en. Grant that he give me
 cept my ad - o - ra - tion; O Ho - ly Spir - it,



sins And tres - pass - es I lay, I kin - dled,
 grace That rise a - fresh each morn Have turned my
 way; For this I thank you, Lord. Now with my
 strength In my in - fir - mi - ty; May he re -
 be My ev - er faith - ful guide That I may



ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
 ston - y heart In - to a heart new - born.
 heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.
 new my heart To serve you will - ing - ly.
 serve you here And there with you a - bide.

Text: attr. David Denicke, 1603–80, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (II) (67 67 66 66) *Neu-verbmerhtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

GOSPEL – John 11:1-45 (EHV) – 约翰福音 11:1-45

Now a certain man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²This Mary, whose brother Lazarus was sick, was the same Mary who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair.

³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, saying, “Lord, the one you love is sick!”

⁴When Jesus heard it, he said, “This sickness is not going to result in death, but it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

⁵Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed in the place where he was two more days.

⁷Then afterwards he said to his disciples, “Let’s go back to Judea.”

⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, recently the Jews were trying to stone you. And you are going back there again?”

⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? If anyone walks around during the day, he does not stumble because he sees this world’s light. ¹⁰But if anyone walks around at night, he stumbles because there is no light on him.”

¹¹He said this and then told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to wake him up.”

¹²Then the disciples said, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will get well.”

¹³Jesus had been speaking about his death, but they thought he was merely talking about ordinary sleep. ¹⁴So Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵And I am glad for your sake that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

¹⁶Then Thomas (called the Twin^a) said to his fellow disciples, “Let’s go too, so that we may die with him.”

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother.

²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house.

^a Greek *Didymus* is the equivalent of *Thomas* in Hebrew/Aramaic, both meaning *Twin*.

²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day.”

²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. ²⁶And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish.^b Do you believe this?”

²⁷“Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I believe^c that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

²⁸After she said this, Martha went back to call her sister Mary. She whispered, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”

²⁹When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet gone into the village, but was still where Martha met him. ³¹The Jews who were with Mary in the house consoling her saw that she got up quickly and left. So they followed her, supposing^d she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and troubled.

³⁴He asked, “Where have you laid him?”

They told him, “Lord, come and see.”

³⁵Jesus wept.

³⁶Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹“Take away the stone,” he said.

Martha, the dead man’s sister, told him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days.”

⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the

^b Literally *not die into eternity*

^c Or *have believed*

^d Some of the witnesses to the text read *saying that*.

crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

⁴⁴The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, “Loose him and let him go.”

⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY – *My Song Is Love Unknown* – CW93 #110 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es
 4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might
 stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for
 sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas
 spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the
 way. A mur - der - er they save; The Prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I That for my
 Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend in -
 to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their
 blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at
 life they slay. Yet cheer - ful he To suff'r - ing



sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
 breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.
 these Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst him rise.
 goes That he his foes From death might free.

6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was his home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing;
 No story so divine,
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

**SERMON – John 11:45-53 – What Should We Do with Jesus? – 讲道：基
于 约翰福音 11:45-53**

⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him. ⁴⁶But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. They asked, “What are we going to do, because this man is doing many miraculous signs? ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him. Then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰You do not even consider that it is better for us^a that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.” ⁵¹He did not say this on his own, but, as high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, ⁵²and not only for that nation, but also in order to gather into one the scattered children of God.

⁵³So from that day on they plotted to kill him. (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.

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

^a Some witnesses to the text read *you*.

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).

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HYMN – *What Wondrous Love Is This* – CW93 #120 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!
 down, When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,
 sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won - drous love is this That caused the Lord of
 When I was sink - ing down Be - neath God's right - eous
 To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for



bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: *A General Selection of . . . Spiritual Songs*, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE (12 9 66 12 9) *Southern Harmony*, New Haven, 1835.

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 the WELS Commission on Discipleship:

Lord of the Church, we ask you to bless the WELS Commission on Discipleship as they assist congregations and called workers by providing resources and services to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus and to equip them for gospel ministry. Be with the director of the Commission on Discipleship, Pastor Donn Dobberstein, and give him joy in his service. Give him wisdom in addressing the needs of our congregations. Bless the work of this

commission, so that your Word is shared with excellence and souls are won for eternity. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

M: 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.

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I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name



1 I know of a sleep in Je - sus' name, A
 2 I know of a morn - ing, bright and fair When
 3 God's Son to our graves then makes his way; His
 4 O Je - sus, draw near my dy - ing bed And



rest from all toil and sor - row; Earth folds in her
 ti - dings of joy shall wake us, When songs from on
 voice hear all tribes and na - tions; The trum - pet of
 take me in - to your keep - ing And say when my



arms my wea - ry frame And shel - ters it till the
 high shall fill the air And God to his glo - ry
 God will sound the day And shake all the earth's foun -
 spir - it hence is fled, "This child is not dead, but



mor - row. My soul is at home with God in
 take us, When Je - sus shall bid us rise from
 da - tions. He calls out a - loud, "O dead, come
 sleep - ing." And leave me not, Sav - ior, till I



heav'n; My sor - rows are past and o - ver.
 sleep— How joy - ous that hour of wak - ing!
 forth!" In glo - ry we rise to meet him.
 rise To praise you in life e - ter - nal.

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnary*, Decorah, 1913, alt.

Tune: DEN SIGNEDE DAG (98 98 98) Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
March 22-29, 2026

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible study & Sunday School
	12:00 PM	Ladies' Lunch
	12:00 PM	Ministry Council Meeting
Sunday (3/29)	9:30 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service
	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!

LADIES' LUNCH TODAY (MAR. 22) AFTER BIBLE STUDY, AT CHURCH

Ladies are invited to a ladies' lunch here at church after Bible study (about 12:00) today (March 22). (The Ministry Council will hold a meeting at the same time.)

GUEST PASTOR NEXT SUNDAY; ON-CALL PASTORS

Pastor Gawel will be out of town this coming week, from Monday through Sunday (March 23-29). Pastor Andrew Bauer will lead the worship service next Sunday (March 29, Palm Sunday). If you have need

of pastoral assistance during the coming week, you may contact our Ministry Council chairman Brian Garcia, our church office, or Pastor Gawel, and we will help you get in touch with another WELS pastor in our area. Or you can look up the next closest WELS church and pastor to you on the WELS website, here: <https://yearbook.wels.net/unitsearch> .

VOTERS' MEETING April 12 (Sun.), 11:00

A voters' meeting will be held on April 12 after the worship service (starting about 11:00) to set the budget for 2026 and to elect officers for ministry council positions. In keeping with God's instruction to us in his Word (cf., 1 Timothy 2:11-13; 1 Corinthians 14:33-35; etc.), St. Andrew's constitution and by-laws designates men over the age of 18 who are current communicant members of this congregation as voters. Any non-voting member 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!

LENT DEVOTIONS: "From the Cross to the Grave"; FiC RESOURCES

This Lenten season, WELS Women's Ministry invites you to join in an in-depth look at some of the events Matthew records in his gospel. Journey 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 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/>

CIVIC ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD BANQUET – April 19 (Sun.), 3:00-6:00pm, Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall

St. Andrew Sunday School teacher, Gail Schoenbeck, will be honored together with other educators from McKinley Park area schools and churches as an Outstanding Educator of the Year by the McKinley Park Civic Association. The award banquet will be held in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall (3745 S. Paulina St.). Banquet tickets are available now through March 28 at \$35/adult, \$20/child age 4-11 (age 3 and under free). From March 29 to April 8, ticket prices increase to \$40/adult and \$25/child age 4-11. Tickets at the door will be \$50/person. Please make check payable to McKinly Park Civic Association and mail to Maribel

Castillo, Treasurer, at 3700 S. Wolcott Ave., Chicago, or turn in to the St. Andrew office and we will mail it for you.

WELS YOUTH RALLY July 14-17; REGISTRATION through May 29

Our sister church, Resurrection, in Aurora, IL, is again inviting our members in 8th through 12th grade to join its group to attend the **WELS Youth Rally on July 14-17** at Bowling Green State University in northwestern Ohio. Come **worship** with thousands of other teens who share the same faith as you, attend **workshops** with a biblical perspective on timely topics, and enjoy professional nightly **entertainment** on big & small stages! Registration runs until May 29: early-bird rate of \$450 until April 30; regular rate of \$475 from May 1 to 29. On-campus housing, all meals, workshops, and activities are included. For more info, visit welsyouthrally.net, or contact Pastor Gawel. Even if you're only slightly interested, please speak with or email Pastor Christian Willick (pastor.willick@relcs.org) **ASAP** so he can save you a spot with the group from Resurrection, Aurora!

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). 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!

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.

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 February
\$15,545.33	\$5,724.62

Offerings received last week: \$1,665.84
(budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)
Total offerings received so far this month: \$4,827.38

Ministry Attendance Last Week

- Worship attendance Sunday in church: 38** (29 adults, 9 children)
- Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 6**
- Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 8**
- Adult Bible study attendance: 8** (Sun.: 4; Tue.: 2; Th.: 2)
- Sunday school: 5**
- Youth confirmation class: n/a**

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