

*"For you were once  
darkness, but now you  
are light in the Lord.  
Live as children  
of light."*

EPHESIANS 5:8



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 2026**

**SERVICE THEME:**

**The Cross of Christ Calls Us to Remembrance and Action**



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## March 8, 2026 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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

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

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

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

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### **INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

*The light of the world brings sight to the blind and judgment to the blinded. Faith means seeing Jesus as Savior. We were born in the blindness of sin, and without the light of Christ we could not find a way to safety. Christ comes to shine his light into our darkened eyes that we may see him and live. Yet for those who refuse to see their Savior in Christ, the blindness of unbelief remains. He gives gracious sight to the blind who trust in him; he gives blinding judgment on those who reject him; finally, he displays the work of God in the lives of those who now walk in the light of Christ.*

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Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea  
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not  
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout  
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind;  
 5 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,



But that thy blood was shed for me  
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
 With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,  
 Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,  
 Wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;



And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
 Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
 Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down.  
 Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871.

Tune: WOODWORTH (LM) William B. Bradbury, 1816–68.

## **INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** 召唤，认罪及赦罪

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

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

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

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

**C:** **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** 本日共祷文

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **PASSION HISTORY READING, PART 3: Matthew 26:57-75** (EHV) 耶稣受难的记载，第三部分：马太福音 26:57-75

### *Jesus' First Trial in the Sanhedrin*

<sup>57</sup>Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the experts in the law and the elders were assembled.

<sup>58</sup>Peter was following him at a distance and went as far as the courtyard of the high priest. He went inside and sat down with the guards to see how it would turn out.

<sup>59</sup>The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup>They

found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

<sup>62</sup>The high priest stood up and said to him, “Have you no answer? What is this that these men are testifying against you?” <sup>63</sup>But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I place you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!”

<sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, “It is as you have said. But I tell you, soon you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

<sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, you have just heard the blasphemy! <sup>66</sup>What do you think?”

They answered, “He is deserving of death!” <sup>67</sup>Then they spit in his face and punched him. Some slapped him <sup>68</sup>and said, “Prophecy to us, Christ! Who hit you?”

### *Peter Denies Jesus*

<sup>69</sup>Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came to him and said, “You were also with Jesus the Galilean.”

<sup>70</sup>But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, “I don’t know what you’re talking about.”

<sup>71</sup>When Peter went out to the entryway, someone else saw him and said to those who were there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

<sup>72</sup>Again Peter denied it with an oath and said, “I do not know the man.”

<sup>73</sup>After a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, “Surely you are also one of them because even your accent gives you away.”

<sup>74</sup>Then he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know the man!” Just then the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>And Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 143 – CW93 p. 118 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 143

*Refrain*



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

*Psalm tone*



***Refrain***

O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;\*  
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,\*  
for no one living is before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;\*  
my heart within me is dismayed.

***Refrain***

Answer me quickly, O LORD;\*  
do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,\*  
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;\*  
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

**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** – Isaiah 42:14-21 (EHV) – 以赛亚书 42:14-21

<sup>14</sup>I have been silent for a long time.  
I have kept still. I have restrained myself.  
But now, like a woman giving birth, I will scream.  
I will gasp and pant.

<sup>15</sup>I will dry up mountains and hills.  
I will make all their grass wither.  
I will turn rivers into islands.  
I will dry up pools.

<sup>16</sup>I will lead the blind on a way they do not know.  
Along paths they do not know I will direct them.  
Ahead of them I will turn darkness into light  
and rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I will accomplish for them.  
I will not abandon them.

<sup>17</sup>They will be turned back and completely disgraced—  
those who trust in an idol,  
those who say to molten images, “You are our gods.”

<sup>18</sup>You deaf ones, listen!  
You blind ones, watch carefully so that you can see!

<sup>19</sup>Who is as blind as my servant?  
Who is as deaf as my messenger whom I sent?  
Who is as blind as my associate,<sup>a</sup>  
as blind as the servant of the LORD?

<sup>20</sup>You, Israel, see many things, but you do not observe.  
Israel opens his ears, but he does not hear.

<sup>21</sup>Because of his own righteousness,  
the LORD was pleased to make his law<sup>b</sup> great and glorious.

**GOSPEL** – John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 (EHV) – 约翰福音 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

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<sup>a</sup> Or *my dedicated one* or *the one at peace with me*. The meaning of this word is uncertain.

<sup>b</sup> Or *teaching*

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that God's works might be revealed in connection with him. <sup>4</sup><sup>b</sup> must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the World."

<sup>6</sup>After saying this, Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and spread the mud on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup>"Go," Jesus told him, "wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means "Sent"). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

<sup>13</sup>They brought this man who had been blind to the Pharisees.

<sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight.

"He put mud on my eyes," the man told them. "I washed, and now I see."

<sup>16</sup>Then some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath." Others were saying, "How can a sinful man work such miraculous signs?"

There was division among them, <sup>17</sup>so they said to the blind man again, "What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?"

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

<sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were entirely born in sinfulness! Yet you presume to teach us?" And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. When he found him, he asked, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"<sup>a</sup>

<sup>36</sup>"Who is he, sir," the man replied, "that I may believe in him?"

<sup>37</sup>Jesus answered, "You have seen him, and he is the very one who is speaking with you."

<sup>38</sup>Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" and he knelt down and worshipped him.

<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, in order that those who do not see will see, and those who do see will become blind."

*After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

<sup>b</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *We*.

<sup>a</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *Son of Man*.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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Christ Is the World's Light



1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;  
 2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;  
 3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;  
 4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.  
 No one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.  
 Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.  
 Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the  
 Who else u - nites us, one with God the  
 He who re - deemed us reigns with God the  
 Give God the glo - ry, God with us, my



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
 Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!  
 Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
 broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

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Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (10 11 11 6) *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681.

**SERMON** – Ephesians 5:8-14 – The Cross of Christ Calls Us to  
Remembrance and Action – 讲道：基于 以弗所书 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:

“Wake up, O sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.” (NIV84)

**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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In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry,  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me,  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure



Tow - 'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the  
 Hopes de - ceive and fears an - noy, Nev - er  
 Light and love up - on my way, From the  
 By the cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is



light of sa - cred sto - ry  
 shall the cross for - sake me;  
 cross the ra - dianc - e stream - ing  
 there that knows no mea - sure,



Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 Joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872.  
 Tune: RATHBUN (87 87) Ithamar Conkey, 1815-67.

## 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 ministerial education:*

Gracious Savior, we thank you for the ministerial education system with which you have blessed our synod. We are grateful for how these schools equip students to lead our churches and schools with your Word of salvation. We ask you to bless the leadership of the new Ministerial Education Administrator, Pastor Charles Vannieuwenhoven. Give him wisdom as he confronts the challenge of a called worker shortage. May his work with each ministerial education school and his oversight of

new ministry recruitment counselors result in increased enrollment of students preparing to serve as pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and missionaries. 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.



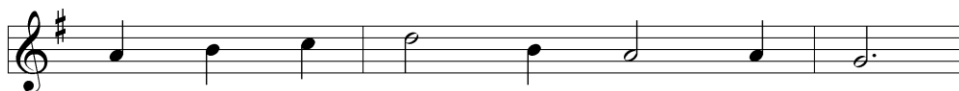
**C: A - men. A - men. A - men.**

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## O Christ, Our True and Only Light



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light,  
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace  
 3 Oh, gent - ly call those gone a - stray  
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold;  
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more



En - light - en those who sit in night;  
 The souls now lost in er - ror's maze  
 That they may find the sav - ing way!  
 Re - call the wan - d'ers to your fold.  
 Such grace with won - d'ring thanks a - dore



Let those a - far now hear your voice  
 And all whom in their se - cret minds  
 Let ev - 'ry con - science sore op - pressed  
 U - nite all those who walk a - part;  
 And end - less praise to you be giv'n



And in your fold with us re - jice.  
 Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
 In you find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
 Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart  
 By all your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: O JESU CHRIST, WAHRES LICHT (LM) *Andächtige Haus-Kirche*, Nürnberg, 1676, alt.

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

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Adult Bible study &amp; Sunday School</b>
Thursday	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (3/15)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Adult Bible study &amp; Sunday School</b>

*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.*

**MEMORIALS**

- In loving memory of Charles Alan Thompson, on his birthday which falls on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.
- In loving memory of my dad, Joseph Czarny, on his birthday, 3/11/1911 with love, by Barbara Essig.
- In loving memory of Irene M. Woods, who went to her Lord on January 31, 2026, from Mike & Betty Starr.

**THANK OFFERING** — Thanking God for all our Christian friends, for your thoughts and prayers. Love, George & Eloise Lawson.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH “CHICAGO’S BIRTHDAY PARTY”!**

Thanks to everyone who helped with Chicago’s Birthday Party, which we hosted out in front of church last Wednesday (March 4)! We estimate that there were over 300 people who attended. A number of people

came inside to take a look at our church. We pray that God will give us opportunity to follow up with some who attended, so we can share with them more about the good news of God's love through Jesus. For a writeup about the event, go to <https://mckinleypark.news/news/7964-citys-geographic-center-again-hosts-chicagos-birthday-party> .

### **LADIES' LUNCH MARCH 22 (SUN.) AFTER BIBLE STUDY, AT CHURCH**

Ladies are invited to a ladies' lunch here at church after Bible study (about 12:00) on March 22 (Sunday). If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bible study table, or speak with Christine Young.

### **BACH'S "ST. MATTHEW PASSION" CONCERT: APOLLO CHORUS – 3/14&15**

The Apollo Chorus will perform Johann Sebastian Bach's *Saint Matthew Passion* with the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra on March 14 (Sat.) at 4:00pm in Elmhurst, and March 15 (Sun.) at 3:00pm in Chicago (at the Church of the Holy Family, 1080 W. Roosevelt Rd.). "Widely regarded as one of the highest masterpieces of Baroque sacred music, and scored for double choir and double orchestra, this is a performance that guarantees to be as powerful as it is unforgettable." Lutherans especially will recognize a number of Lutheran hymns (chorales) that Bach incorporated into this work that focuses on the suffering and death of Jesus for the salvation of the world. Tickets & more info here: <https://www.apollochorus.org/event-calendar/> .

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

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

## **WELS YOUTH RALLY July 14-17; REGISTRATION March 9 – May 29**

Our sister church Resurrection in Aurora, IL, is again inviting our members in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade to join their group to attend the **WELS Youth Rally on July 14-17 at Bowling Green State University in 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 from March 9 to 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](http://welsyouthrally.net), or contact Pastor Gawel. If you're greatly interested or even only slightly interested, please speak with or email Pastor Christian Willick ([pastor.willick@relcs.org](mailto:pastor.willick@relcs.org)) **ASAP** so he can save you a spot with the group from Resurrection, Aurora!

## **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:

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When you open the app, tap the “Bible” icon at the bottom of the screen to read or listen to the Bible.

Then select version (eg, NIV) and Bible-book, chapter, and verse at the top. Bible versions that have audio

available will appear with a volume icon next to the name in the list. To listen: once you've opened a Bible version that has audio, press the triangular play button near the bottom of the screen. You can also find WELS-affiliated ministry Time of Grace devotions and videos, by searching “Time of Grace” in the “Plans” or “Discover” tabs at the bottom of the screen. Ask Pastor Gawel if you need any help. God bless you as you read/hear & meditate on his Word!



## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY: “Christ Through Us” – Sundays 11:00**

This study gives an overview of the 175-year history of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), highlighting the blessings God has

poured out on the WELS as it carries out its mission across the nation and the world, and the theological and cultural challenges that refined WELS into a distinctly Christ-centered, confessional Lutheran church body. Join us for this study to learn more about the history of our church body and give thanks to God for all his blessings through it! All are welcome! If you're interested but aren't able to join us, you can find the PowerPoints and study guides here: <https://welshistoricalinstitute.org/175th-resources/#congregational> , and the pictorial 175<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **WELS DAILY DEVOTIONS – VIA WELS APP, EMAIL, ONLINE**

Read or listen to WELS Daily Devotions on the WELS App (download here: <https://m.wels.net/>), or subscribe to receive them by email: <https://wels.net/daily-devotions-subscription/>, or read them online. These devotions are for a general adult audience. Family devotions, teen devotions, and devotions for military service members are also available, on the app or here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/>, to subscribe to receive by email or read online.

## **WELS Family Devotions**

Get your family into God's Word during the week! WELS has developed short devotions for the entire family to use. Each devotion comes 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](http://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.welscongregationalervices.net/marriagemoments](http://www.welscongregationalervices.net/marriagemoments)

### 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 [deLaurentis.sam@gmail.com](mailto:deLaurentis.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: \$2,090.22  
(budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)

### **Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**Worship attendance Sunday in church: 51** (42 adults, 9 children)

**Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 4**

**Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 9**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 6** (Sun.: 6)

**Sunday school: 5**

**Youth confirmation class: 5**

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