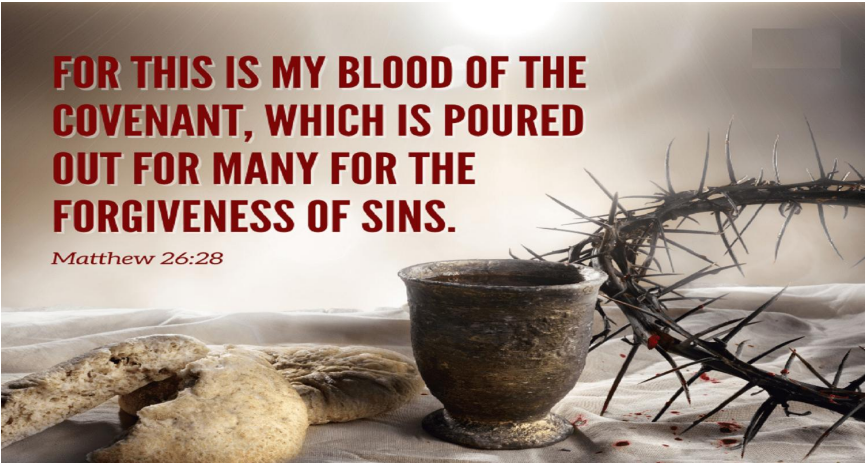


**FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE
COVENANT, WHICH IS Poured
OUT FOR MANY FOR THE
FORGIVENESS OF SINS.**

Matthew 26:28



**Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2026**

**SERVICE THEME:
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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 shows us the full extent of God's love for us. The Church calls this day "Maundy" because of Jesus' "new command" (in Latin: "novum mandatum") in John 13:34-35, that his followers ought to "love one another" as he has loved us. The Gospel readings for this day in two years of the three-year lectionary cycle focus on Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper, while in the third lectionary-year focusing on Jesus' command for humility and love. Jesus shows the full extent of his love in both service and sacrifice. He loves us more than life itself, and feeds us his flesh and blood in the Lord's Supper to prove it. Having been

reconciled to God through the flesh and blood of Christ, we now follow his command to love each other as he has loved us – with selfless, self-sacrificing love.

The action of ceremonially stripping the altar at the end of the service prepares the chancel and the congregation for the solemn worship of Good Friday. The service concludes today without a blessing, since conceptually this service continues through the Good Friday service tomorrow and to its conclusion in the service on Easter Sunday.

Regarding the Lord’s Supper and “Closed Communion”

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy Supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this Supper, we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

Following the teaching of the Bible (1 Corinthians 10:17; 11:27-29; etc.), our church practices closed communion. We ask that only those who are current communicant members of this church or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) partake of the sacrament today. If you are not a current member of this church or one of our sister churches, our pastor would be happy to speak with you about receiving the Lord’s Supper with us in the future. Please mention it to him after the service.

Communicant members are encouraged to prepare for the Lord’s Supper using the “Personal Preparation for Holy Communion” on p. 156 in the front part of the hymnal (the red book in the pew rack).

OPENING HYMN – ‘Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night – CW93 #136
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136 'Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night



1 'Twas on that dark, that dole - ful night
 2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan,
 3 "This is my bod - y, slain for sin;
 4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end,
 5 Je - sus, your feast we cel - e - brate;



When pow'rs of earth and hell a - rose
 He took the bread and blessed and broke.
 Re - ceive and eat the liv - ing food."
 In mem - 'ry of your dy - ing friend;
 We show your death; we sing your name



A - gainst the Son, our God's de - light,
 What love through all his ac - tions - ran!
 Then took the cup and blessed the wine:
 Meet at my ta - ble and re - cord
 Till you re - turn and we shall eat



And friends be - trayed him to his foes.
 What won - drous words of grace he spoke!
 "'Tis the new cov - 'nant in my blood."
 The love of your de - part - ed Lord."
 The mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
 Tune: ST. CROSS (LM) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death

on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Exodus 12:1-14 (EHV) – 出埃及记 12:1-14

The LORD told Moses and Aaron this in the land of Egypt:

²This month is to be the beginning of your calendar. It is to be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the entire Israelite community that on the tenth day of this month, they are to take a lamb or a young goat^c for themselves, according to their fathers' households, one lamb per household. ⁴But if the household is too small for a whole lamb, then that person and his neighbor next door to him must select one, based on the number of people. Determine what size lamb is needed according to how much each person will eat.

⁵Your lamb must be unblemished, a year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or the goats. ⁶You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month. Then the whole assembly of the Israelite community is to slaughter the lambs at sunset.^d ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat the lamb. ⁸That night they shall eat the meat that has been roasted over a fire, along with unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over a fire—with its head, its legs, and its internal organs. ¹⁰You shall not leave any of it until the morning. Whatever remains until the morning, you shall burn in the fire. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt ready for travel,^e your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.

¹²For on that night I will pass through the land of Egypt. I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on

^c One Hebrew word means both *lamb* and *kid goat*.

^d Literally *between the evenings*, very likely between sunset and darkness

^e Literally *with your hips girded*

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

Music: © 2005 Kenneth Kosche.

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 11:23-28 (EHV) – 哥林多前书 11:23-28

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ^a“This is my body, which is^b for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way, after the meal, he also took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new testament^c in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

²⁷Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Lord’s body and blood. ²⁸Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

GOSPEL – John 13:1-15, 34-35 (EHV) – 约翰福音 13:1-15, 34-35

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

^a Some witnesses to the text add “Take, eat.”

^b Some witnesses to the text add *broken*.

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

Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.^a

²By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

³Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. ⁴He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

⁸Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹"Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"

¹⁰Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you^b are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³"You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. ¹⁴Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you.

³⁴"A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

^a Or to the fullest extent

^b You is plural.

NICENE CREED 尼西亚信经

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

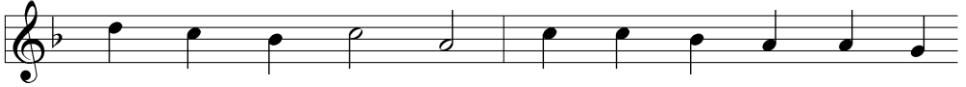
HYMN OF THE DAY – *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior* – CW93 #313 –
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Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre -
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; Take heed how
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion If sal - va -
 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive



God's wrath for - ev - er; By his bit - ter grief and
 cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives his bod - y with the
 you are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be -
 tion you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup -
 my grace and fa - vor; Those who feel no pain or



woe He saved us from the e - vil foe.
 bread And with the wine the blood he shed.
 lieve, Judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.
 pose You need not him who died and rose.
 ill Need no phy - si - cian's help or skill."

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| <p>6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
 That this food is to be taken
 By the souls who are distressed,
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.</p> | <p>7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
 Unto us such food has given
 And, to mend what we have done,
 Gave into death his only Son.</p> |
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8 If your heart this truth professes
 And your mouth your sin confesses,
 Surely you will be his guest
 And at his banquet ever blest.

Text: John Hus, 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, DER VON UNS (88 78) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*,
 Wittenberg, 1535, alt.

SERMON – Exodus 12:1-14 – Salvation through the Blood of Christ – 讲
 道：基于 出埃及记 12:1-14



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with his own blood The judg - ment
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this
 5 A pre - cious food is this in - deed— It nev - er



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; He full a - tone - ment
 sol - emn guar - an - tee; In this his ho - ly
 sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,
 fails us in our need— A heav'n - ly man - na



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 for us made, And all our debt he ful - ly paid.
 sup - per here We taste his love, so sweet, so near.
 as he said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.
 for our soul Un - til we safe - ly reach our goal.

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. 24).



INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT 预苦期末的教导

M: In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism. God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion, the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 认罪及赦罪

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

KNEEL OR STAND

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father,
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.
In what I have done and left undone,
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.**

**I am truly sorry for my sins.
I repent of them.
I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

Silence for meditation

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

C: **Cleanse me from my sins.
Release me from my guilt.
Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

The minister pronounces a corporate absolution with these words:

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Those kneeling stand.

EXHORTATION 劝告

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

M/C: **Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

C: **We gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.**

M: For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,

C: **We give you humble and hearty thanks.**

M: As our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to you when he broke the bread, as he gave thanks to you when he took the cup,

C: **We also give you thanks.**

M: Precious Savior, both Priest and offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, broken for us, and your blood, shed for us.

C: We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we would still be in our sins,

C: But through your sacrament of the New Testament, we are assured that our iniquities are forgiven and our sins are no longer remembered.

M: O Holy Spirit, dwell within us as we remember our Lord's death in this sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.

C: Move us to encourage one another to love and to do good works.

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

Silent prayer.

M: As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.

C: Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. 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.

HYMN – *The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord* – stz. 6-9 – CW93 #135 – 圣诗

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| 6 Oh, blest is each believing guest
Who in this promise finds his rest,
For Jesus will in love abide
With those who do in him confide. | 8 They who his Word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind! |
| 7 The guest that comes with true intent
To turn to God and to repent,
To live for Christ, to die to sin,
Will thus a holy life begin. | 9 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your supper and in you find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest. |

THE SACRAMENT 圣餐礼

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy Supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this Supper, we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

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M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 耶稣设立圣餐的话

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION 分发圣餐 – 只邀请已经受坚信礼的本会成员来领受
At the direction of the usher, current communicant members of St. Andrew and our sister churches in the WELS and ELS may come forward down the center aisle, then wait until directed by an usher to go to the communion rail. Communicants may kneel or stay standing. Please hold out your hand to receive the bread. If you wish to partake of the common cup, do not take an individual cup when the assistant comes by with the tray. If you take an individual cup, you may wait to drink it until the minister comes by and speaks the words of distribution. Those who need to receive grape juice instead of wine may take the purple individual cups in the center of the tray. The minister and assistant will use hand sanitizer before and/or wear sterile gloves during communion setup and distribution. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak with the pastor or an usher to receive one.

After the distribution, the congregation sings: – 分发圣餐后，会众齐唱：

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

PRAYER 祷告

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR 移走祭坛的装饰

Psalm 88 is read. During the reading of the psalm, the altar is solemnly stripped, recalling Jesus' abandonment by his disciples, and in preparation for the Good Friday worship service.

PSALM 88 (EHV) – 诗篇 88

¹O LORD, the God who saves me, by day I cry out.

At night I cry before you.

²May my prayer come before you.

Turn your ear to my cry.

³Indeed, my soul has had its fill of troubles,
and my life has arrived at the grave.

⁴I am treated like those who go down to the pit.

I am like someone without strength.

⁵I am turned loose with the dead.

I am like the slain who lie in the grave,
like the ones you do not remember anymore,
like those who are cut off from your hand.

⁶You have put me in the lowest pit,
in dark places, in the depths.

⁷Your wrath presses against me.

You have battered me with all your breakers.

Interlude

⁸You have distanced my acquaintances from me.

You have made me repulsive to them.

I am shut in and I cannot get out.

⁹My eyesight grows dim from affliction.

I call to you, O LORD, every day.

I spread out my hands to you.

¹⁰Is it for the dead that you do a miracle?

Do the spirits of the dead rise up and praise you?

Interlude

¹¹Is your mercy declared in the tomb,
your faithfulness in decay?

¹²Is your wonderful work known in the darkness?

Is your righteousness known in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³But I cry to you, O LORD,

and in the morning my prayer comes before you.

¹⁴Why, O LORD, do you reject my soul?

Why do you hide your face from me?

¹⁵I have been afflicted

and I have been close to death since my youth.

I have endured your terrors.

I am in despair.

¹⁶Your rage has swept over me.

Your terrors have destroyed me.

¹⁷All day long they surround me like water.

They have battered me completely.

¹⁸You have distanced my loved one and friend from me.

My only friend is darkness.

After the stripping of the altar, the minister exits the chancel in silence.

The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before

*dispersing quietly. 移走祭坛的装饰以后，牧师安静地离开教堂。会众
可以留下来祷告、默想，然后也安静地离开。*

Our Holy Week worship continues tomorrow (April 3) at 7:00pm with our Good Friday worship service, and then on Easter Sunday (April 5) at 9:30am. All are welcome!

我们圣周敬拜明天（受难日）继续：4月3日晚上7:00；然后复活节（周日：4月5日）上午9:30有敬拜。这些都是英文的敬拜。周六晚上7:45在我们教会的事工中心（教堂旁边的房子：3650 S. Honore St.）有中文圣经学习。欢迎大家！

SCHEDULE OF ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY
April 2-9, 2026

Today	7:00 PM	Maunder Thursday Worship Service
Friday	7:00 PM	Good Friday Worship Service
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (4/5)	9:30 AM	Easter Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
Thursday (4/9)	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class

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!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Our Holy Week worship continues tomorrow with our **Good Friday worship service, April 3 at 7:00pm**, commemorating the death of Jesus on the cross, by which he broke the devil's power over us by paying for the sins of the whole world. On **April 5, Easter Sunday, at 9:30am**, we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, which proves that Jesus really is who he says he is – the Son of God and our Savior – and that all of our sins really have been forgiven, death has been conquered, and, as a result, we have the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our own bodies from the dead for a perfect eternal future with him in heaven. ... Please join us to celebrate these high holy days of the Christian year! Please invite your friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors to join us as well! All are welcome – for Holy Week and every week!

HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS FROM MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

This Holy Week, walk with us through one of the Christian church's earliest creeds ever written, 1 Corinthians 15:3-11. Through eight devotions, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, we will meditate on the historical foundation and testimony of Christ's death and resurrection. Each step of the creed reveals both the humility of Christ's cross and the certainty of his empty tomb. Join us as we explore the truths that anchor our faith, truths that comfort our consciences, truths that prepare our hearts for the cross and empty tomb, truths of first importance. Read online, download, or subscribe to receive by email: <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/>

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/>

VOTERS' MEETING next Sunday (April 12), 11:00

A voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, 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!

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 April 8 for \$40/adult and \$25/child age 4-11 (age 3 and under free). Tickets at the door will be \$50/person. Please make check payable to McKinley 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.

LWMS CHICAGO AREA CIRCUIT RALLY – April 18 (Sat.), Crystal Lake, IL

The Chicago Area Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will hold its spring rally on April 18 (Saturday), at Lord and Savior Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake, IL (9300 Ridgefield Rd.), with registration starting at 9:00am. The featured mission speaker will be Pastor Jake Borgwardt from our sister church, Crossroads, on the north side of Chicago, who will give an update on Crossroads' mission restart. For more information, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoLWMS>

WELS YOUTH RALLY July 14-17; REGISTRATION now 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!

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!

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.)

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.

SATURDAY EVENING CHINESE MINISTRY 周六晚上7:45中文圣经学习
Chinese ministry is held on Saturday evenings at 7:45pm in our ministry center (the house next-door to church), which includes elements of a worship service, Bible study, and prayer, all in Mandarin Chinese. New

friends are always welcome to join! Please invite any Chinese friends or neighbors. You may share with them the following invitation:
 每周六晚上 7:45, 圣安得烈基督教路德宗教会成人中文圣经学习。欢迎您参加! 我们在教会的事工中心(教堂旁边的房子)现场聚会; 地址是 3650 S. Honore St., Chicago。如果你了解更多, 请联系高乐仁牧师: 手机: 773-217-8132。欢迎!

ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

There are a number of ways to give to St. Andrew online: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/>, then click on the “Giving” tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our church’s invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address. You can download the Vanco Mobile app from the [Apple App Store](#) for iOS devices or the [Google Play Store](#) for Android devices. Please contact St. Andrew’s elder for stewardship, Sam DeLaurentis deLaurentis.sam@gmail.com with any questions.



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\$15,545.33	\$6,796.52

Offerings received last week: \$831.45
 (budgeted need each week: \$3,587.38)

Ministry Attendance This Week

- Worship attendance Palm Sunday in church: 35** (29 adults, 6 children)
- Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 11**
- Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: n/a**
- Adult Bible study attendance: n/a**
- Sunday school: n/a**
- Youth confirmation class: n/a**

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