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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

*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Sinners should fear God; sinners ought to die for their wickedness; the grave should be the place of ultimate defeat for mankind; yet on this day, the Second Adam (Jesus) did all that the first had left undone. Bearing our guilt and suffering our verdict, the Son of Man died, but three days later he rose in glory. As a result, fear is gone, mankind is redeemed, and Christ calls us his own brothers. Jesus came from death to life, and through baptism he brings us with him.*

**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).

**About the paschal candle** – The flame of the paschal candle symbolizes the presence of the resurrected Christ, the light of the world. Besides its use during the Easter season, the paschal candle is lit for baptisms and funerals, signifying the hope of the resurrection into which Christians are baptized. The word "paschal" comes from the Hebrew word for Passover ("Pesach"). Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament festival of Passover. Jesus is called "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). The Apostle Paul identifies Good Friday and Easter as the fulfillment of the Passover: "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7). In many languages, "Passover" is the word also used to refer to Easter (such as Spanish: "Pascua").

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# Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,  
Praise e - ter - nal as his love,



Who did once up - on the cross,  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century, st. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-88, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, st. 1-3, alt.  
Tune: EASTER HYMN (77 77 with Alleluias) *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, alt.

## INVOCATION and RESURRECTION DIALOGUE 召唤及复活节交替读经

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: This is the day the Lord has made.

**C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.** *Psalm 118:24*

M: I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. *Exodus 15:1-2*

**C: Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.** *Psalm 95:2*

M: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. *Psalm 118:17*

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

M: The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy. In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him. *Exodus 15:6-7*

**C: Death has been swallowed up in victory.** *1 Corinthians 15:54*

M: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**C: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** *1 Corinthians 15:55, 57*

M: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. *Job 19:25*

**C: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.** *Revelation 11:15*

M: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. *Revelation 7:10*

**C: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!** *Revelation 5:12*

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
 C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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This Is the Feast of Victory

*Dignus est Agnus*

*Refrain*

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

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

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

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

*Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

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

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

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST READING – Jonah 2:1-9 (EHV) – 约拿书 2:1-9

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish. <sup>2</sup>He said the following:

In my distress I called to the LORD,  
and he answered me.

From the belly of the grave I cried out,  
and you heard my voice.

<sup>3</sup>You threw me into the depths,  
into the heart of the seas.

The currents swept around<sup>b</sup> me.

All your breakers and your waves swept over me.

<sup>4</sup>I said, "I have been driven away from your sight.

Nevertheless, I will once again look toward your holy temple."

<sup>5</sup>Waters engulfed me so that I was near death.

The deep surrounded me.

Seaweed was wrapped around my head.

<sup>6</sup>To the roots of the mountains I sank down.

The earth locked me behind its bars forever.

But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God.

<sup>7</sup>When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD.

My prayer came to you, to your holy temple.

<sup>8</sup>Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that is theirs.

<sup>9</sup>But I, with a shout of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed, I will certainly pay in full.

Salvation belongs to the LORD!

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<sup>b</sup> The Hebrew word can mean *surround with protection*, but the context seems to refer to something threatening.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 118 – CWS p. 57 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 118

*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Give thanks to God. He



gives us the vic - to-ry through Je - sus Christ our Lord. Al - le -



lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Give thanks to God. Give thanks to God.

*Psalm Tone*



**Refrain**

The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

“The LORD’s right hand is lifted high;  
the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”

I will not die but live,  
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

**Refrain**

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;  
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Refrain***

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**SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (EHV) – 哥林多前书 15:1-11**

Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. <sup>2</sup>You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,  
<sup>4</sup>that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the  
Scriptures,

<sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas,<sup>a</sup> then to the Twelve.

<sup>6</sup>After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn't my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it). <sup>11</sup>So whether it is I or they, that is what we preach, and that is what you believed.

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<sup>a</sup> *Cephas* is the Aramaic name for Peter. Both Cephas and Peter mean rock.

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## The Day of Resurrection



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil That we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful; Let earth her song be - gin.



The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.  
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,  
 And, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en; Our joy shall have no end.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.  
 Tune: LANCASHIRE (76 76 D) Henry T. Smart, 1813-79.

## VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. Alleluia. (1 Cor. 15:22)



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

**GOSPEL** – Matthew 28:1-10 (EHV) – 马太福音 28:1-10

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



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

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. <sup>7</sup>Go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.’ See, I have told you!”

<sup>8</sup>They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly<sup>a</sup> Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

<sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

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



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

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<sup>a</sup> Some witnesses to the text add *As they were on their way to report to the disciples, suddenly...*

**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** – *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness* – CW93 #156 –  
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## Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness! See what to -  
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay  
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens— What peace it  
 4 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my  
 5 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to



day is done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes  
 in the tomb; But lo, he now is rout - ed; His  
 does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The  
 Sav - ior true; My Lord will leave me nev - er, What -  
 bliss un - told, Where-on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was  
 boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is  
 joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er  
 e'er he pass - es through. He rends death's i - ron  
 found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid Where our bed must be made When to the  
 free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry He who is  
 shake, No foe shall ev - er take The hope which  
 chain; He breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters  
 shared Finds here a crown pre - pared; Who there with



realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.  
 strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
 God's own Son In love for me has won.  
 hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.  
 me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

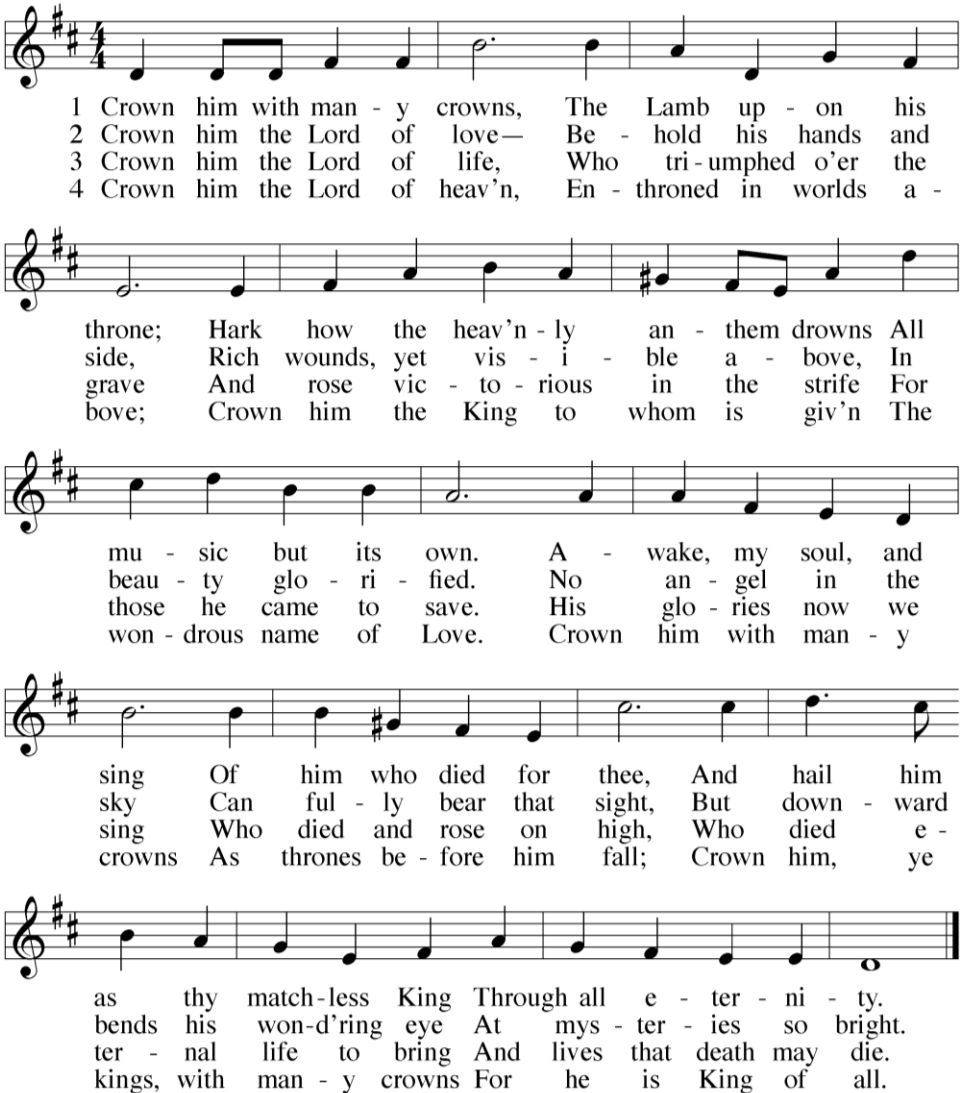
Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.

Tune: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ (76 76 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

**SERMON** – Matthew 28:1-10 – Celebrating an Empty Tomb – 讲道：基  
于 马太福音 28:1-10

*After the sermon, the congregation sings: – 讲道后，会众齐唱：*

**341** **Crown Him with Many Crowns**



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his  
2 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the  
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -

throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All  
side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In  
grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For  
bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The

mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and  
beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the  
those he came to save. His glo - ries now we  
won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y

sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him  
sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward  
sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -  
crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye

as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
bends his won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3.  
Tune: DIADEMATA (SM D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

## 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).*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

**M:** Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

**C: Christ is risen!**

**M:** For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

**C: He is risen indeed!**

**M:** He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

**C: Alleluia!**

**M:** We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

**C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

**M:** Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

**C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

**M:** With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

**C: You are risen!**

**M:** Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no

condemnation for us.

**C: You are risen indeed!**

**M:** Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

**C: Alleluia!**

**M:** Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

**C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

**M:** Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

**C: He is risen!**

**M:** As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

**C: He is risen indeed!**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow, including the following special prayer:*

*for mission work in Africa:*

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for working through our synod in new and exciting ways. Bless Missionary Jake Vilhauer as he leads ministry efforts with French-speaking people in Africa. Guide our synod's process of working toward possible fellowship with the Lutheran church body in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We thank you for blessing our work with them so that they have been able to discover more great truths in your Word and combat false doctrine. May our French language outreach connect with many more people in the 29 French-speaking countries of Africa, so that even more may come to know the salvation you have earned for us. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before

the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

**C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! 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.**

### **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.*

*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.*

**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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. 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 and BLESSING** 祷告及祝福

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CLOSING HYMN** – *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* – CW93 #152 – 圣诗

## I Know that My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives;      What com-fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave;      He lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with his love;      He lives to  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply;      He lives to  
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears;      He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives!      He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save.      He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove.      He lives, my hun - gry  
 guide me with his eye.      He lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears.      He lives to calm my



once was dead;      He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
 in the sky;      He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed;      He lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint;      He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart;      He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;      7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives and loves me to the end.      He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
 He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;      He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.      He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
 "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.

Tune: DUKE STREET (LM) attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**April 5-12, 2026**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Easter Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
Thursday	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (4/12)	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Adult Bible study &amp; Sunday School</b>

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

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

**MEMORIALS** – Please pick up a copy of the booklet of the memorials that have been given for Easter lilies, on the podium in the center entryway. Thank you to all who donated to beautify our worship space for Easter!

**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 or listen to audio recordings here: <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/2026-holy-week/>

**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 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

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



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in March
\$15,545.33	\$6,796.52

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

### **Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 35** (29 adults, 6 children)  
**Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 11**

**God bless you this week as you share resurrection joy with others!**