

I will not leave  
you as orphans;  
**I WILL COME TO YOU.**  
*I will come to you*  
- John 14:18

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 2026**

**SERVICE THEME:  
When God Seems Far Away**



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## May 10, 2026 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### SERVICE THEME: When God Seems Far Away

**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 love of God who lives in us leads to a life of obedience. Jesus' promise of another Counselor is a loaded one: the Holy Spirit gives us the ability to do what Jesus asks. This Sunday's Bible readings teach that love for our risen Lord means obedience to his commands. Only Jesus' promises make that possible. The Prayer of the Day sets the tone: "Put your Spirit in us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good..."*

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## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on  
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the  
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has  
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O  
 5 Soar we now where Christ has led, Foll'w - ing



earth and an - gels say; Raise your joys and  
 fight, the bat - tle won; Lo, our sun's e -  
 burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -  
 death, is now your sting? Once he died our  
 our ex - alt - ed head. Made like him, like



tri - umphs high; Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.  
 clipse is o'er; Lo, he sets in blood no more.  
 bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
 souls to save; Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?  
 him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
 Praise to you by both be giv'n!  
 God has now fulfilled his Word;  
 Praise the resurrected Lord!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, abr., alt.

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS (77 77) Pierre de Corbeille, d. 1221, adapt.

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

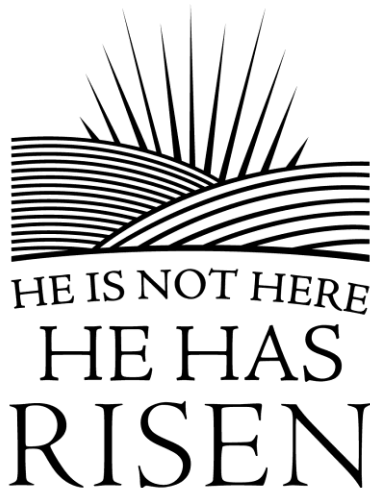
**Minister:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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

**C:** And also with you.

- M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C:** **Amen.**
- M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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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 -

*Refrain*



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

*Final Refrain*



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



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

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

**M:** Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST READING – Acts 17:22-31 (EHV) – 使徒行传 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way.

<sup>23</sup>For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup>“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands.

<sup>25</sup>Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have.

<sup>26</sup>From one man,<sup>a</sup> he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. <sup>27</sup>He did this so they would seek God<sup>b</sup> and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>“For in him we live and move and have our being.”<sup>c</sup> As some of your own poets have said, ‘Indeed, we are also his offspring.’<sup>d</sup>

<sup>29</sup>“Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. <sup>30</sup>Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

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<sup>a</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *blood*.

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

<sup>c</sup> This might be a quotation from Epimenides, who lived around 600 BC.

<sup>d</sup> This seems to be a quotation from Aratus, who wrote approximately 270 BC.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 66 – CW93 p. 90 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 66

*Refrain*

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I  
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

*Psalm tone*

\*

***Refrain***

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!\*  
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Praise our God, O peoples,\*  
let the sound of his praise be heard.

He has preserved our lives\*  
and kept our feet from slipping.

***Refrain***

Come and listen, all you who fear God;\*  
let me tell you what he has done for me.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,\*  
the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened\*  
and heard my voice in prayer.

**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 Peter 3:13-22 (EHV) – 彼得前书 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do<sup>e</sup> what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should happen to suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not be afraid of what they fear,<sup>f</sup> and do not be troubled. <sup>15</sup>But regard the Lord, the Christ,<sup>g</sup> as holy in your hearts.<sup>h</sup> Always be prepared to give an answer<sup>i</sup> to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you. <sup>16</sup>But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers.<sup>j</sup>

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, <sup>18</sup>because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place,<sup>a</sup> the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you<sup>b</sup> to God. He was put to death in flesh<sup>c</sup> but was made alive in spirit,<sup>d</sup> <sup>19</sup>in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. <sup>20</sup>These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God's patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. <sup>21</sup>And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee<sup>e</sup> of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

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<sup>e</sup> A few witnesses to the text read *if you are followers of*.

<sup>f</sup> Or *Do not be afraid of them*

<sup>g</sup> A few witnesses to the text read *God* instead of *the Christ*.

<sup>h</sup> See Isaiah 8:12–13.

<sup>i</sup> Or *to give a defense*

<sup>j</sup> A few witnesses to the text omit *as evildoers*.

<sup>a</sup> Some witnesses to the text omit *in our place*.

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

<sup>c</sup> Here *flesh* is a reference to Christ's state of humiliation. See Romans 1:3; 1 Timothy 3:16.

<sup>d</sup> Here *spirit* is a reference to Christ's state of exaltation. See Romans 1:4; 1 Timothy 3:16.

<sup>e</sup> Or *legal claim, or assurance*

**M:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.  
(John 14:23)

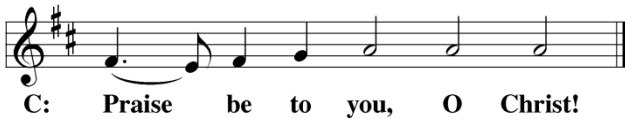


**GOSPEL** – John 14:15-21 (EHV) – 约翰福音 14:15-21

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, hold on to<sup>c</sup> my commands. <sup>16</sup>I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him.”

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



**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** 对儿童的讲道

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice* – stanzas 1-5  
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<sup>c</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *you will hold on to*.



1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joice, With  
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death  
 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, No  
 4 But God be - held my wretch - ed state Be -  
 5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: " 'Tis



ex - ul - ta - tion spring - ing, And, with u -  
 brood - ed dark - ly o'er me. Sin was my  
 mer - it they at - tain - ing; My will a -  
 fore the world's foun - da - tion, And, mind - ful  
 time to have com - pas - sion. Then go, bright



nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly rap - ture  
 tor - ment night and day; In sin my moth - er  
 gainst God's judg - ment fought, No hope for me re -  
 of his mer - cies great, He planned my soul's sal -  
 Jew - el of my crown, And bring man - kind sal -



sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God  
 bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still  
 main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer  
 va - tion. A Fa - ther's heart he turned  
 va - tion. From sin and sor - row set



has done, How his right arm the vic - t'ry  
 I fell; Life had be - come a liv - ing  
 de - spair Left naught but death to be my  
 to me, Sought my re - demp - tion fer - vent -  
 them free; Slay bit - ter death for them that



won. How dear - ly it has cost him!  
 hell. So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
 share And hell to be my sen - tence.  
 ly; He gave his dear - est trea - sure.  
 they May live with you for - ev - er."

**SERMON** – John 14:15-21 – When God Seems Far Away – 讲道：基于  
约翰福音 14:15-21

**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).*



**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice* – stanzas 6-10 – CW93 #377 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

- 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,  
Was born of virgin mother,  
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;  
A servant's form like mine he bore  
To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me—  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I myself will be;  
For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, your friend divine,  
And evermore you shall be mine;  
The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood,  
Me of my life bereaving.  
All this I suffer for your good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life shall from death the vict'ry win;  
My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to my Father I depart,  
The Holy Spirit sending  
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,  
My help to you extending.  
He will a source of comfort be,  
Teach you to know and follow me,  
And in all truth will guide you.

10 "What I on earth have lived and taught  
Be all your life and teaching;  
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought  
And honored in your preaching.  
Take care that no one's man-made laws  
Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.  
This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, you give us life in Christ. Grant that, having been strengthened by your gifts, we may gladly tell others of the hope that we have in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, let your Spirit be at work through Mark, our synod president; Dan, our district president; and our pastor, so that, as they proclaim your Word, your Spirit may teach us all things and bring to remembrance all that your Son has said to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of heaven and earth, you have given the Spirit of truth to dwell in us through Holy Baptism. Grant your Spirit's steadfast guidance, that

the feet of this congregation and its catechumens may not slip into sin and unbelief, but live always in praise of you before the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, your Son in his incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. He submitted to his mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom you have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying, and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in your sight. Strengthen all women with child, and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in you and your unfailing love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you made from one man all the nations of the earth, and still you sustain us. Grant good leaders in every land who will seek peace and serve justice. Frustrate the causes of evil, violence, and oppression. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listening Lord, you always wait upon the prayers of your people and attend to their cries. Inspire us to pray in all seasons of life and through all trials, giving us faith in your promise to answer us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

*for the home mission in Olathe, Kansas:*

Lord Jesus, you sit at the right hand of your Father in heaven and rule all things for the good of your Church. We rejoice that in your infinite wisdom, you have seen fit to bless the work of our home mission congregation in Olathe, Kansas, to spread your good news of forgiveness in their community. We humbly ask that you cause the gospel to thrive not just in Olathe, but in every new start, every mission, and every established congregation, so that more people can know of your forgiveness and your salvation. Give strength and zeal to us frail jars of clay to take the treasure you have given to us and to share it with all the lost. It is in your saving name we rejoice and pray. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

We entrust all these petitions to your care, loving Father, confident in your great mercy for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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:** 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.

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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.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**May 10-17, 2026**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Adult Bible study &amp; Sunday School</b>
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (5/17)	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 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're glad to have you worship with us today! Please sign the guest book 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**

- In loving memory of my mom, Sophie Czarny, on Mother's Day with love, Barbara Essig.
- In loving memory of Mrs. Eleanor Petzel, Mrs. Anna Kluge & Mrs. Vivian Thompson on Mother's Day by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

**ASCENSION OBSERVED NEXT SUNDAY (May 17)**

This year we will again observe the Ascension of Our Lord during our regular worship service **next Sunday** (May 17, 9:30am). Jesus' ascension is a great comfort for us, because it assures us that Jesus' work of saving us is complete and has been accepted by God the Father, and that Jesus is now reigning over all things for our eternal good and is at the right hand of the Father interceding for us. Please join us next Sunday (May 17) to celebrate all that Jesus' ascension means for us!

## **McKINLEY PARK MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – May 25 (Mon.), 10:00 am**

As in previous years, members of St. Andrew will take part in the McKinley Park Memorial Day parade on May 25 (Monday) at 10:00 a.m. (participants meet in front of the McKinley Park library at/after 9:30). If you're interested in walking in the parade with other St. Andrew members (and helping to carry our church banner and maybe pass out some candy), please speak with Brian Garcia or Pastor Gawel. ... In addition to remembering those who died in military service to this country, the parade is also a great opportunity to connect with neighbors in our church's community, and to invite them to join us to hear and learn God's Word.

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY: "Let's Go" – Sundays 11:00-11:45**

*Let's Go* is a video- and discussion-based Bible study series designed to encourage and equip Christians to connect unchurched people in their lives to the gospel of Jesus Christ. God's people want to tell others about the peace, joy, and forgiveness they have in Jesus, but many Christians are unsure how to do this. Join us as we learn some simple, practical ways to reach out to the lost souls God has brought into our lives. We hope you'll be able to join us on Sundays after worship (about 11:00-11:45) for this Bible study! If you're not able to join us, you can also go through it yourself using the videos and study guides here:

<https://welscongregationalservices.net/lets-go/>

## **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**

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.) 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.

## **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. \$475 includes on-campus housing, all meals, workshops, and activities. 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!

**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！

### **FREE BIBLE APP “YouVersion” INCLUDES AUDIO BIBLE RECORDINGS & TIME OF GRACE DEVOTIONS AND VIDEOS**

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:

<https://www.bible.com/app> , or scan this QR code. ...

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!



### **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)

**“made. known.” WELS WEBSITE ON IDENTITY, GENDER, & SEXUALITY**

Identity and human sexuality have become key spiritual concerns with numerous cultural pivots over time. Many people have questions about sexuality and gender in connection with their faith. This new WELS website, <https://madeknown.net/>, exists to walk with you in faith through identity, gender, and sexuality, so that together we can all see how wide and high and deep is the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:18). Pastor Gawel is also available for confidential, Bible-based conversation and prayer at any time, about these or any other matters.

**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 April
\$17,500.67	\$5,807.99

(budgeted need each week: \$4,038.62)

**Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 23** (22 adults, 1 child)

**Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 8**

**Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 10**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 6** (Sun.: 4; Tue.: 2)

**Sunday school: n/a**

**Youth confirmation class: 4**

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