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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

God's Old Testament people celebrated the gathering of the spring harvest on the Festival of Weeks – 50 days after Passover. On the 50th day ("Pentecost" in Greek) after Easter, God sent the promised Counselor, the Holy Spirit. This day marks the birthday of the New Testament Church, and celebrates the harvest of souls won by the Son and gathered by his servants empowered by his Spirit. Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church, and has been commemorated since at least 217 A.D. The Church dresses in red to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift, and the blood of the martyrs which is

the seed of the Church. This day culminates the Season of Easter, when our risen Lord now empowers his people to be witnesses of the resurrection for the world.

OPENING OF SERVICE

229 This Day at Your Creating Word



1 This day at your cre - a - ting word First o'er the
 2 This day the Lord for sin - ners slain In might vic -
 3 This day the Ho - ly Spir - it came With fi - ery
 4 This day of light and life and grace We gath - er
 5 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, To Christ, who



earth the light was poured: O Lord, this day up -
 to - rious rose a - gain: O Je - sus, raise your
 tongues of clo - ven flame: O Spir - it, fill our
 in our wor - ship - place: This ho - ly hour, blest
 set his peo - ple free, Whom with the Spir - it



on us shine, And fill our souls with light di - vine.
 peo - ple, too, From death of sin to life in you.
 hearts this day With grace to hear and grace to pray.
 gift of love, Give we a - gain to God a - bove.
 we a - dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalish Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召唤，认罪及赦罪

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

C: **And also with you.**

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

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

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

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's
 2 O Source of light, our Coun - sel - or, The Fa -
 3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high In an -
 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame, At - tend



foun - da - tions first were laid, Come, vis - it
 ther's help to us as - sure. Come down, as
 swer to our ear - nest cry. Help us e -
 th' al - might - y Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior -



ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come, pour your joys on
 prom - ised, with your fire, And hearts with heav'n - ly
 ter - nal truths re - ceive And prac - tice all that
 Son be glo - ri - fied, Who for all hu - man -



hu - man-kind. From sin and sor - row set us
 love in - spire. Your sa - cred, heal - ing mes - sage
 we be - lieve. Give us your wis - dom that we
 kind has died; And e - qual ad - o - ra - tion



free; May we your liv - ing tem - ples be.
 bring To sanc - ti - fy us when we sing.
 see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
 rise To you, O Spir - it, in the skies.

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856, abr.; tr. John Dryden, 1631–1700, alt.

Tune: ALL EHR UND LOB (88 88 88) *Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder*, Strassburg, 1541, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Acts 2:1-21 (EHV) – 使徒行传 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to each other,^e “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day.^a ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

^e Some witnesses to the text omit *to each other*.

^a 9 AM

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above,

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.^b

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 51b – CW93 p. 87 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 51b

Refrain



Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and
kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Psalm tone



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Refrain

O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

^b Joel 2:28–32

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence*
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,*
and sinners will turn back to you.

**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 12:3-11 (EHV) – 哥林多前书 12:3-11

³Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. ⁶There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone.

⁷Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; ⁹by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the sameⁱ Spirit gives healing gifts. ¹⁰Another is given powers to do miracles;

ⁱ Some witnesses to the text read *one*.

another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues;³ and another, the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.



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

GOSPEL – John 16:5-15 (EHV) – 约翰福音 16:5-15

⁵“But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into^b all truth. For he will not speak on his own, but whatever he hears he will speak. He will also declare to you what is to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁵Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I said that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

^a Or *languages*, also in 12:28 and 12:30 and throughout chapters 13 and 14

^b Some witnesses to the text read *in*.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 对儿童的讲道

PENTECOST

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Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your gra - ces
2 Come, ho - ly Light, Guide di - vine, And cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, Com - fort true; Grant us the will your



be out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do And in your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness
And call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light In ho - ly faith your church u - nite
keep us free; Let none but Christ our Mas - ter be
pare each heart, And to our weak - ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue; This to your
That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In him, our
That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, 15th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483-1546, st. 2-3; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
Tune: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT (78 88 88 8 10 8) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524.

SERMON – Acts 2:1-21 – The Holy Spirit Works through the Word – 讲道：基于使徒行传 2:1-21

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. 23).



HYMN – *O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God* – CW93 #186 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God



1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, Re - veal - er
 2 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, En - light - en
 3 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, In - crease our
 4 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, Lead us to



of God's ho - ly Word, You come to us from
 us by that same Word; Un - less your grace the
 faith in our dear Lord; Teach us to know the
 love your sa - cred Word; The ho - ly flame of



God's great throne, From God the Fa - ther and the
 pow'r should give, None can be - lieve in Christ and
 Fa - ther's love And his dear Son, who reigns a -
 love im - part, That kind - ness may in - spire each



Son, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 live, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 bove, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 heart, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.

Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–68, abr., adapt.; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, alt.

Tune: O JESULEIN SUSS (10 8 88 10) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623, alt.

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.

You bid us come to the waters, O Lord. Grant that your gift of Holy Baptism may bring forth fruit in what we say, think and do. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you gave your Word through Moses and the prophets and fulfilled your Word in Christ. He was planted in death for our sins

and raised for our justification, and in him shall all the nations of the earth be united. Give us pastors who will preach this truth faithfully and church workers who are devoted to your service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you have poured out the Holy Spirit upon us, that we might believe your truth and raise our sons and daughters in it. Bless all parents, that they may faithfully train their children in your Word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we thank you for the many blessings you have bestowed upon our nation. Grant us a long memory to recall those who gave the full measure of devotion for our country's peace and security. Bring to mind the sacrifices of those who served faithfully until death in the protection of our freedom and in the defense of our land, and give your comfort to their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord Almighty, draw near to those who face the distress of sickness, surgery and pain. Let them not be afraid, and heal them according to the abundance of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Advocate and Defender whose light never wanes, we thank you that on the Last Day you will raise all the dead and give eternal life to those who believe in Jesus as Savior. We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in faith and are at rest your side. Comfort those who mourn, and bring us all with them into the light that knows no darkness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

for the WELS Commission on Evangelism:

Lord of the Church, we praise you for the good news of Jesus Christ, the only Light in a world of darkness, and for the privilege of being your messengers. We ask that you continue to foster within us a true sense of urgency for the lost. Help us to see the world through your eyes of compassion and to eagerly seize every opportunity you provide to reach souls with the life-giving truth of Scripture. We thank you for WELS Commission on Evangelism's work in developing resources to equip believers,

providing our pastors and people with the tools needed for both congregational outreach and individual witness. Grant us wisdom to recognize the unique situations into which you have called us. May your Holy Spirit embolden every member to be a ready witness, always prepared to give an answer for the hope that we have in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

Almighty Father, with your Son, Jesus Christ, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts through your Word to rule and govern us according to your will. Comfort us in every temptation and misfortune, and defend us against every error, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and — trusting firmly in your grace — obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns 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: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



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

CLOSING HYMN – *When God the Spirit Came* – CW93 #187 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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When God the Spirit Came



1 When God the Spir - it came Up - on his
 2 What cour - age, pow'r, and grace That youth - ful
 3 They saw God's Word pre - vail, His king - dom
 4 Their theme was Christ a - lone, The Lord who
 5 So to this pre - sent hour Our task is



church out - poured In sound of wind and
 church dis - played! To those of ev - 'ry
 still in - crease, No part of all his
 lived and died, Who rose to his e -
 still the same: In Pen - te - cos - tal



sign of flame, They spread his truth a -
 tribe and race They wit - nessed un - a -
 pur - pose fail, No prom - ised bless - ing
 ter - nal throne At God the Fa - ther's
 love and pow'r His gos - pel to pro -



broad And, filled with the Spir - it,
 fraid. And, filled with the Spir - it,
 cease And, filled with the Spir - it,
 side, And, filled with the Spir - it,
 claim And, filled with the Spir - it,



Pro - claimed that Christ is Lord.
 They broke their bread and prayed.
 Knew love and joy and peace.
 The church was mul - ti - plied.
 Re - joice in Je - sus' name.

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ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
May 24-31, 2026

Today	9:30 AM	Pentecost Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible study & Sunday School
Monday	10:00 AM	McKinley Park Memorial Day Parade
	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (5/31)	9:30 AM	Holy Trinity Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible study & Sunday School

The paraments are red for the festival of Pentecost. Red recalls the flames that accompanied the Holy Spirit's outpouring on Pentecost, and the strength and power he gives in order for God's people to call on the name of Jesus Christ and share that powerful name with others. Red also symbolizes the martyrs of the church, whose blood shed in defense of the gospel encourages God's people to be resolute in living the faith.

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!

MEMORIAL — In loving memory of Charles Alan Thompson, who passed away May 13, 1994, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.

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.

Lutheran Military Support Group Ammo Can Campaign

Each May and November, Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) seeks donations in support of our military men, women, and families. LMSG, a partnership of WELS and ELS veterans, is working to grow awareness of and bring Christian support to our Christian warriors and their families in our congregations. By placing your gift in the ammo can in the center entryway, you are supporting the spiritual and mental health of our Christian Warriors through programs like our retreats and workshops, educational support for pastors serving military families, veterans pursuing a second career in public ministry, and more. Visit www.lutheranmilitary.org for more information. Thank you for standing shoulder to shoulder in service with those who serve our nation!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY WEBINAR: Sacred Rhythms: Building a Life of Daily Devotion – June 11 (Thur.), 7:00pm

Have you ever felt guilt when it comes to studying God's Word? Maybe you don't know where or how to start. Maybe it's the busyness of life. Maybe you aren't understanding the words you read. Whatever it is, you are not alone. Join WELS Women's Ministry on June 11 for our webinar, "Sacred Rhythms: Building a Life of Daily Devotion," for encouragement and practical solutions for your personal devotional life. Our panelists will share their struggles, experiences, and tips for studying the Word. We will share resources and address challenges like how to incorporate a devotional life on vacation, how to be flexible in hard seasons, and how you can work towards staying consistent even with a busy schedule. And if you are just looking for new ideas or resources, this webinar is for you, too. This sacred rhythm is time well spent. Let's build a life of daily devotion! Register and more info here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/womens-ministry/womens-ministry-webinars/>.

Wisconsin Lutheran College Open House – June 18 (Thur.), 11:00am

Wisconsin Lutheran College invites you to our popular admissions visit event, Passport WLC! An exciting open house awaits you this summer on Thursday, June 18. Boarding begins at 11 a.m. After checking in, pick up your free WLC Perka water bottle. This is your blank-slate passport, ready to be filled with stickers designed by our faculty, staff, and students as you travel across our beautiful campus. With campus map in hand, explore WLC at your own pace on self-guided tours. Meet WLC Warriors through hands-on academic and extracurricular experiences. You'll learn about our programs and offerings but also score those passport stickers for your water bottle. And there's a grand prize entry at the end! Make WLC your destination this summer – book your ticket today for Passport WLC! Learn more and register: <https://wlc.news/passport>

Apologetics Conference on Artificial Intelligence – June 24-25 (Wed.-Thur.), live-streamed

The Center for Apologetics and Worldviews at Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato, MN), is holding its 8th annual Apologetics and Worldviews Conference on June 24-25. The sessions will be live-streamed. “Is AI a “giant leap for mankind”? A return to Babel? How can it be harnessed and used well? What are the implicit dangers? How does it impact Christian anthropology, the *imago Dei* [the image of God in human beings], a liberal-arts education, human relationships and interaction? And what comes next?” The lives-stream link will be posted here just prior to the event; more info available here as well:

<https://apologeticscenter.org/events/2026-conference/>

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 8th grade. (High-schoolers are welcome to join adult Bible study in church during the same time.) All are welcome!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS – Mondays, 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.) 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 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.

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

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

Sign up today for Marriage Moments

Every marriage has its “moments.” That’s why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Watch a video introduction and subscribe to receive the videos directly to your e-mail at www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments

CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST – resources supporting purity online

Conquerors Through Christ is a WELS ministry that exists to help people reject, resist, and recover from the wreckage of porn, with gospel motivation and practical encouragement. A number of resources are available at <https://conquerorsthroughchrist.net/> Pastor Gawel is also available for confidential, Bible-based conversation and prayer at any time, about this or any other matter.

“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 with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in April
\$17,500.67	\$5,807.99

Offerings received last week: \$803.56

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$3,645.01

Ministry Attendance Last Week

Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 22 (16 adults, 6 children)

Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 14

Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 8

Adult Bible study attendance: 11 (Sun.: 6, 3; Tue.: 2)

Sunday school: 5

Youth confirmation class: 7

God bless you this week as you share the love of Jesus with others!