

BUT YOU ARE  
a *chosen* PEOPLE,  
a *royal* PRIESTHOOD,  
a *holy* NATION,  
God's *special* POSSESSION,

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THAT YOU MAY  
DECLARE the *praises*  
of Him who called you  
out of darkness into  
His *wonderful light*.

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1 Peter 2:9

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 3, 2026**

**SERVICE THEME:**  
**We Are God's Chosen People**



# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## May 3, 2026 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### SERVICE THEME: We Are God's Chosen People

**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

*I am the way, the truth, and the life. Christ's message is so exclusive that it rejects all others. There is only one way to the Father, and that way is a person. He does not say, 'I show you the way,' like a second Moses, but 'I am the way.' Nor 'I have the truth,' like another Elijah, but 'I am the truth.' Not only 'I lead unto life,' as one of his apostles, but 'I am the life.' (Kögel) The exclusivity of salvation resting in the person of Jesus Christ is a rock against which the unbelieving world crushes itself, but upon which God builds his Church.*

**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).

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Christ Is Our Cornerstone



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

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

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

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

**C:** Amen.

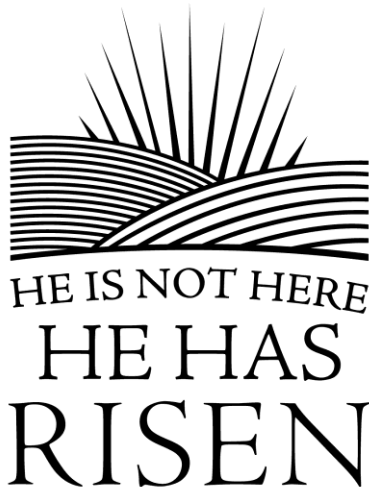
**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**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.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; 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 4:8-12 (EHV) – 使徒行传 4:8-12

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel,<sup>e</sup> <sup>9</sup>if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.<sup>f</sup>

<sup>12</sup>“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 33 – CW93 p. 79 (NIV84) – 诗篇 33

*Refrain*

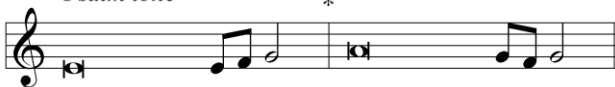


The earth is full of the good-ness of



God, the good-ness of our God.

*Psalm tone*



<sup>e</sup> Some witnesses to the text omit *of Israel*.

<sup>f</sup> Psalm 118:22

### ***Refrain***

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;\*  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

For the Word of the LORD is right and true;\*  
he is faithful in all he does.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,\*  
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

For he spoke, and it came to be;\*  
he commanded, and it stood firm.

### ***Refrain***

The LORD foils the plans of the nations;\*  
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,\*  
the purposes of his heart through all generations.

The LORD loves righteousness and justice;\*  
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

**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 2:4-10 (EHV) – 彼得前书 2:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, <sup>5</sup>you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it says in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion,

a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to  
shame.<sup>e</sup>

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who  
do not believe:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the  
cornerstone,<sup>f</sup>

<sup>8</sup>and,  
a stone over which they stumble  
and a rock over which they fall.<sup>g</sup>

Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it.  
And that is the consequence appointed for them.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the  
people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the  
praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of  
God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been  
shown mercy.

### VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am  
the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia. (*John 14:6*)



### GOSPEL – John 14:1-11 (EHV) – 约翰福音 14:1-11

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



“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

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<sup>e</sup> Isaiah 28:16

<sup>f</sup> Psalm 118:22

<sup>g</sup> Isaiah 8:14

<sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many mansions.<sup>c</sup> If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you.<sup>d</sup> <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know where I am going, and you know the way."

<sup>5</sup>"Lord, we don't know where you are going," Thomas replied, "so how can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you would also know my Father.<sup>e</sup> From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>"Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father, and that is enough for us."

<sup>9</sup>"Have I been with you so long," Jesus answered, "and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe<sup>a</sup> because of the works themselves.

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



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

## **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**

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<sup>c</sup> Or *dwelling places*, referring to permanent residences

<sup>d</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going away to prepare a place for you?*

<sup>e</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *If you have known me, you will also know my Father.*

<sup>a</sup> Some witnesses to the text add *me*.

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.

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
 2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,  
 3 Now no more can death ap - pall,  
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy!  
 5 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give,



Praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie.  
 Now no more the grave en - thrall;  
 This a - lone can sin de - stroy;  
 Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing  
 You have con - quered in the fight; You have  
 You have o - pened par - a - dise, And your  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born  
 Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in



from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th century, abr.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-68, alt.  
 Tune: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT (77 77 4) *Kirchengeseng*, Ivanceic, 1566.

**SERMON** – 1 Peter 2:4-10 – We Are God’s Chosen People – 讲道：基于彼得前书 2:4-10

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

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**The Day Full of Grace**



1 The day full of grace, which we be - hold Now  
2 How blest was that gra - cious mid - night hour When  
3 The day - light grew dim on Cal - va - ry When  
4 With joy we draw near our fa - ther - land, Our



gent - ly to view as - cend - ing As God’s gra - cious  
God in our flesh was giv - en. The Day - spring ap -  
Christ for the world was giv - en, But on Eas - ter  
heav - en - ly Fa - ther’s dwell - ing, Where read - y for



prom - is - es un - fold, Good cheer to the  
peared in light and pow’r And spread o’er the  
morn our Lord broke free To give us new  
us his man - sions stand, Where heav’n with his



saints is lend - ing, And chil - dren of light in  
dark - ened heav - en. Then rose o’er the world that  
life from heav - en. His Spir - it now tes - ti -  
saints is swell - ing, And there we shall walk in



ev - ’ry land Re - joice that the night is end - ing.  
Sun di - vine Who gloom from our hearts has driv - en.  
fies in us That we are the Fa - ther’s chil - dren.  
end - less light, For - ev - er his prais - es tell - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn, 15th century, abr., st. 1-2, 4; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 3; tr. composite, st. 1-2, 4.  
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Tune: DEN SIGNEDE DAG (98 98 98) Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842.

## 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).*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

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

*for the Grow in Grace continuing-education program for pastors:*

Lord Jesus, thank you for calling pastors into your harvest field. Keep them faithful and humble as they serve. Fill them with your Spirit through your gospel in Word and sacraments, so that as they pour themselves out for others, they are refreshed by you. Bless their continued spiritual and professional growth through opportunities like Grow in Grace and give them wisdom to apply what they learn in the places where you have sent them. Encourage congregations and leaders to support their pastors with time and resources for this work, so that your people are served well and your name is honored. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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** – *Christ Be My Leader* – CW93 #367 – 圣诗

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## Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,  
 2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,  
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



Safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way.  
 Drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth.  
 Death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care;  
 Grant me to trust him, though shift - ing as sand.  
 dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain Can



Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
 Doubt can - not daunt me— in Je - sus I stand!  
 touch my sal - va - tion— with Je - sus I reign!

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Tune: SLANE (Irregular) Irish folk tune.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**May 3-10, 2026**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Adult Bible study &amp; Sunday School</b>
Thursday	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (5/10)	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'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!

**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: “Christ Through Us” – Sundays 11:00**

This study gives an overview of the 175-year history of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Join us for this study to learn more about the history of our church body and give thanks to God for all his blessings through it! All are welcome! If you’re interested but aren’t able to join us, you can find the PowerPoints and study guides here: <https://welshistoricalinstitute.org/175th-resources/#congregational> , and the pictorial 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary history book is available for purchase here: <https://online.nph.net/175annivbook>

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL – 11:00 / after worship on Sundays**

Sunday school is held after the worship service, either in the church basement or in the ministry center (next-door to church). Sunday school is open to children from age 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. (High-schoolers are welcome to join adult Bible study in church during the same time.) All are welcome!

### **YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS – Thursdays 6:30pm**

Youth confirmation class is open to youth starting from grade 5 or 6 (depending on individual readiness) and above. (Young adults nearing the end of high school and beyond who have not yet been confirmed in the WELS or ELS can arrange for adult confirmation class with Pastor Gawel.) The class is currently held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00. If you have a potential student in mind who would be ready to start class, please speak with Pastor Gawel. All are welcome!

### **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)

### **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](http://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 [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 April
\$17,500.67	\$5,807.99

Offerings received last week: \$950.62  
(budgeted need each week: \$4,038.62)

**Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 22 (17 adults, 5 children)**

**Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 9**

**Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 11**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 11 (Sun.: 4; Tue.: 2, 3; Th.: 2)**

**Sunday school: 5**

**Youth confirmation class: 5**

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