



**The Holy Trinity**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**May 31, 2026**

**SERVICE THEME:**  
**Spread the Word about the Triune God**



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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**

*We believe in the Triune God. "Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever" (Athanasian Creed). The third and longest of the ecumenical creeds underscores the importance of this Sunday's message. The doctrine of the Trinity is not a logical exercise or a dogmatic excursion. It's central to our salvation. The Triune God is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Lose this doctrine and, as the Creed says, you lose it all. A Jesus who is less than God is also less than Savior.*



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es  
 2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der  
 3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion  
 4 Glo - ry and praise, still on - ward reach - ing,  
 5 Shall I not then be filled with glad - ness?



To praise my God with thou - sand tongues!  
 For soul and bod - y, no - bly joined;  
 Has brought you down to ran - som me.  
 Be yours, O Spir - it of all grace,  
 Shall I not praise you ev - er - more



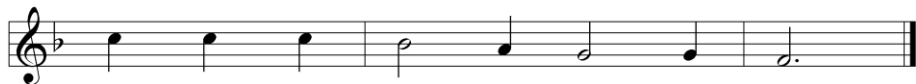
My heart, which in the Lord re - joic - es,  
 I praise you, Guard - ian kind and ten - der,  
 Your pit - ying heart sought my sal - va - tion;  
 Whose ho - ly pow'r and faith - ful teach - ing,  
 And tri - umph o - ver fear and sad - ness,



Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs  
 For all the dai - ly joys I find  
 You bore the cross tri - um - phant - ly,  
 Give me a - mong your saints a place.  
 Al - though my cup of woe runs o'er?



To all, wher - ev - er I might be,  
 So rich - ly spread on ev - 'ry side  
 Brought me from bond - age full re - lease,  
 What - ev - er good by me is done  
 Though heav'n and earth shall dis - ap - pear,



What great things God has done for me.  
 And free - ly for my use sup - plied.  
 Made me your own, and gave me peace.  
 Is worked by grace di - vine a - lone.  
 Your end - less love is ev - er near.

**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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Alleluia! Let Praises Ring



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa - ther  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb of  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho - ly  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri - une



let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion. To him  
 God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed. He bought  
 Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion. The sav -  
 God we sing; Blest be his name for - ev - er! With an -



through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon - or,  
 the Church with his own blood; He cleansed her in that  
 ing faith in us he wrought And us un - to the  
 gel hosts let us a - dore And sing his prais - es



pow'r, and praise Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.  
 bless - ed flood And as his bride se - lect - ed.  
 Bride - groom brought, Made us his cho - sen na - tion.  
 more and more For all his grace and fa - vor.



Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.  
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly Is our un - ion And com - mun - ion.  
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;  
 Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.  
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.  
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.  
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God the Lord of glo - ry!

Text: *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, Darmstadt, 1698; tr. composite.  
 Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST READING – Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 (EHV) – 创世记 1:1 – 2:3

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was undeveloped<sup>a</sup> and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” There was evening and there was morning—the first day.

<sup>6</sup>God said, “Let there be an expanse<sup>b</sup> between the waters, and let it separate the water from the water.” <sup>7</sup>God made the expanse, and he separated the water that was below the expanse from the water that was above the expanse, and it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the expanse “sky.”<sup>c</sup> There was evening and there was morning—the second day.

<sup>9</sup>God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear,” and it was so. The waters under the sky gathered to their own places, and the dry land appeared.<sup>d</sup> <sup>10</sup>God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathering places of the waters he called “seas.” God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>God said, “Let the earth produce plants—vegetation that produces seed, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it—each according to its own kind on the earth,” and it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth plants, vegetation that produces seed according to its own kind, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it, each according to its own kind, and God

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<sup>a</sup> Or *without form*

<sup>b</sup> Traditionally *a firmament*

<sup>c</sup> Or *the heavens*

<sup>d</sup> The Greek Old Testament includes the sentence in half-brackets. It is not in the Hebrew text.

saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>There was evening and there was morning—the third day.

<sup>14</sup>God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to divide the day from the night, and let them serve as markers to indicate seasons, days, and years. <sup>15</sup>Let them serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to give light to the earth,” and it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set these lights in place in the expanse of the sky to provide light for the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>There was evening and there was morning—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>God said, “Let the waters swarm with living creatures, and let birds and other winged creatures<sup>e</sup> fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky.” <sup>21</sup>God created the large sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their own kind, and every winged bird according to its own kind. God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them when he said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>There was evening and there was morning—the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures according to their own kind, livestock,<sup>a</sup> creeping things, and wild animals according to their own kind,” and it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals according to their own kind, and the livestock according to their own kind, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its own kind. God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>God said, “Let us make man<sup>b</sup> in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>God created the man in his own image.

In the image of God he created him.

Male and female he created them.

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<sup>e</sup> The Hebrew word *oph* usually refers to birds, but it means “flyers” and can include other flying creatures such as insects and bats.

<sup>a</sup> Or *domestic animals*

<sup>b</sup> The rendering of the Hebrew word *adam* is a key issue in this section. *Adam* may refer to *man*, *mankind*, or *Adam*. This translation retains the article where it occurs with *adam* (*the man*) and retains singular or plural forms of verbs and pronouns according to the Hebrew text.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

<sup>29</sup>God said, “Look, I have given you every plant that produces seed on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that bears fruit that produces seed. It will be your food. <sup>30</sup>To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

**2** The heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them.<sup>c</sup> <sup>2</sup>On the seventh day God had finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had been doing. <sup>3</sup>God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on it he rested from all his work of creation that he had done.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 150 – CWS p. 62 (NIV84) – 诗篇 150

*Refrain*



*Psalm Tone*



**Refrain**

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens.

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<sup>c</sup> Literally *all their armies*

Praise him for his acts of power;  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

**Refrain**

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and dancing,  
praise him with strings and flute,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.  
Praise the LORD.

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

**Refrain**

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**SECOND READING** – 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 (EHV) – 哥林多后书 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers,<sup>d</sup> rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged.  
Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace  
will be with you.

<sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup>All the saints greet you.

<sup>14</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** 备福音词及哈利路亚

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<sup>d</sup> When context indicates it, the Greek word for *brothers* may refer to all fellow believers, male and female.



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Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our  
 2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the  
 3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your  
 4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -  
 5 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And you, from



hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and  
 gift of God most high; The fount of life, the  
 love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our  
 bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -  
 both, as Three in One That we your name may



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.  
 fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
 mor - tal state With death-less might in - vig - o - rate.  
 tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.  
 ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.

6 Praise we the Father and the Son  
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
 And may the Son on us bestow  
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.

Tune: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1533.

**SERMON** – Matthew 28:16-20 – Spread the Word about the Triune God  
 – 讲道：基于 马太福音 28:16-20

**ATHANASIAN CREED – CW93 p. 132-133 – 亚他那修信经**

*The Athanasian Creed is one of the three ecumenical or universal creeds of the Christian Church (together with the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds). It emphasizes the biblical truths that God is triune – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one God – and that Jesus is fully God and fully man. The statements at the beginning and end should not be understood to mean that only with a full understanding of all the details of the Trinity and of the two natures in Christ can we be saved, because these truths are impossible for our limited human understanding to fully comprehend. Rather, if someone is aware of what the Bible says about these truths but rejects them, they are rejecting the only true God and the only Savior, Jesus, and, therefore, cannot be saved. Also note that although, near the end, it seems that our good works are the basis on which we go to heaven or hell, actually, from all that we see in the Bible, it is faith in Jesus as Savior that is the basis for going to heaven or hell, and our good works are simply evidence of the presence or absence of faith (cf. Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:18).*

**Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.**

**Now this is the true Christian faith:**

**We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

**For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

**What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.**

**The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**

**yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

**In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;**

**yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.**

**So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**

**So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,  
so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.  
The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.  
The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,  
but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;  
one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,  
so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God  
and one God worshiped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,  
is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh,  
equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;

and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one,  
one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;

one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;  
for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being,  
so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,  
and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

**Those who have done good will enter eternal life,  
but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.**

**This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly  
believe this cannot be saved.**

**OFFERING 奉献**

*Members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church use this time to respond to God's goodness with gifts of thanks and love. Our giving is guided by God's Word: "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits from your entire harvest" (Proverbs 3:9); "Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8, EHV).*

*Feel free also to make use of online giving options: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/>, then click on the "Giving" tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address (links to the app & more info on p. 24).*



**HYMN – May God the Father of Our Lord – CW93 #597 – printed on the  
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## May God the Father of Our Lord



1 May God the Fa - ther of our Lord, Who  
 2 In Je - sus Christ may you be blessed And  
 3 The Ho - ly Spir - it give you pow'r, The  
 4 May God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And



called you by his ho - ly Word, Per -  
 brought to his e - ter - nal rest. The  
 strength of prayer in ev - 'ry hour, The  
 God the Spir - it, Three in One, Pre -



fect, es - tab - lish, set - tle you, Keep  
 work he has in you be - gun, He  
 wis - dom, knowl - edge, fear of God, That  
 serve you blame - less till in grace You



you through faith for - ev - er true.  
 will per - form till all is done.  
 lifts a - bove his chas - t'ning rod.  
 stand be - fore his ho - ly face.

Text: Dorothy I. Scharlemann, b. 1912.

Tune: TALLIS' CANON (LM) Thomas Tallis, c. 1505-85.

### 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.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord of angel armies, we praise your name. You have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light. Guard your Church, purchased with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Keep her in the true faith, without error, schism, or compromise, until that day when you welcome her home as your spotless bride. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you ordered this world according to your good and gracious will, crowning your creation with man and woman. Give us faith to cherish the holy estate of marriage, its union of husband and wife, your call to be fruitful, and the promise that you will bless what you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you are over all things. We pray for nations and governments, for leaders and civil servants, and for peace and justice here in our own land and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Lord, you promise to be with your people always, to the end of the age. Comfort those afflicted in body or mind, soul or spirit. Give them grace to entrust themselves into your Son's loving hands and await relief according to your good and gracious will. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Most High, in six days you created all that has been made and commanded us to fill the earth and subdue it. Grant us wisdom, that we may govern your creation as faithful stewards, using the earth's resources in a manner that is pleasing to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

*for our sister church in Japan:*

Triune God, we praise you for the work you are doing through the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church of Japan, including sustaining six congregations as they faithfully serve your people. We thank you for the 100 adults and 10 children you have gathered into these flocks. We rejoice with the angels in heaven over the soul brought to the waters of Holy Baptism this past year, and we thank you for the three pastors you have provided to shepherd these congregations with the pure gospel. Lord, we also marvel at how you open doors for your kingdom. Thank you for the Chinese immigrants in Tokyo and beyond who have been drawn to the LECC, including those who have been confirmed in the faith this year. We ask that you continue to use these cross-cultural connections to spread the life-giving message of Christ. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

Lord God, heavenly Father, you have called your Church from every tribe and nation. Grant that your people throughout the world would rejoice in the death and resurrection of Christ and live as those who have died and risen with him in Holy Baptism; 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.**

# 195 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a -  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -



might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our  
 dore thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -  
 hide thee, Though the eye of sin - ful man thy  
 might - y! All thy works shall praise thy name in



song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and  
 glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art  
 earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.  
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Tune: NICAEA (11 12 12 10) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**May 31 – June 7, 2026**

Today	9:30 AM	<b>Holy Trinity Worship Service</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Adult Bible study &amp; Sunday School</b>
Monday	6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (6/7)	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 Festival of the Holy Trinity. 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!

**Rich Paluch memorial service – June 13 (Sat.)**

The memorial service for our brother in Christ, Rich Paluch, will be held in our church on June 13 (Saturday) at 11:00am, with visitation starting at 10:00am. All are welcome to attend as we give thanks to God for the gift of faith in Jesus as Savior that he gave to Rich, and to pray for God's comfort for Rich's family and friends.

**WELS 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 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 – 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.

**SATURDAY EVENING CHINESE MINISTRY** 周六晚上7:45中文圣经学习  
Chinese ministry is held on Saturday evenings at 7:45pm in our ministry center (the house next-door to church), which includes elements of a worship service, Bible study, and prayer, all in Mandarin Chinese. New friends are always welcome to join! Please invite any Chinese friends or neighbors. You may share with them the following invitation:  
每周六晚上 7:45, 圣安得烈基督教路德宗教会成人中文圣经学习。欢迎您参加! 我们在教会的事工中心(教堂旁边的房子)现场聚会; 地址是 3650 S. Honore St., Chicago。如果你了解更多, 请联系高乐仁牧师: 手机: 773-217-8132。欢迎!

### **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 [delarentis.sam@gmail.com](mailto:delarentis.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: \$852.65

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$4,497.66

### **Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 26** (25 adults, 1 child)

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

**Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 7**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 8** (Sun.: 3; Tue.: 2; Wed.: 3)

**Sunday school: n/a**

**Youth confirmation class: 4**

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