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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

The Holy Ministry is given by God out of compassion for his people. Over the next three Sundays, we hear Jesus' "Missionary Discourse" (Matthew 10:5-42). We see the compassion and love of God for this world, love so great that he called ministers of the Word to share his grace and mercy and foretell of the coming kingdom of heaven. The Prayer of the Day fits the Sunday beautifully as it emphasizes how God protects us, empowers us, and sanctifies us through the ministry of the Word that shows us mercy and forgiveness and leads us to the glory of heaven.

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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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when
 fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and
 dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.
 mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw
 Have you not seen All that is need - ful has
 What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -
 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
 Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -



near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
 do As with his love he be - friends you.
 gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-80; tr. composite.
 Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN (14 14 478) *Ander Theil Des Erneuertn Gesang-Buchs*, Stralsund, 1665, alt.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召唤，认罪及赦罪

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.



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Exodus 19:1-8a (EHV) – 出埃及记 19:1-8a

In the third month after the Israelites had left the land of Egypt, on that same day of the month, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim and came to the Wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

³Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, “This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and to tell the people of Israel: ⁴‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will

be my special treasure out of all the nations, although the entire earth is mine. ⁶You will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.’ These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites.”

⁷Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, and he set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together, “Everything that the LORD has said, we will do.”

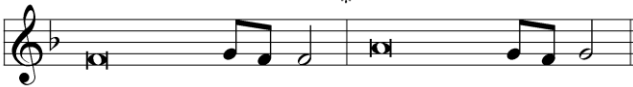
PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 100 – CW93 p. 104 (NIV84) – 诗篇 100

Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

Psalm tone



Refrain

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.*

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;*

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Refrain

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;*

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;*

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**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 – Romans 5:6-11 (EHV) – 罗马书 5:6-11

⁶For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. ⁸But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God’s wrath through him. ¹⁰For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. ¹¹And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia. (*Psalm 132:9*)



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

GOSPEL – Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 (EHV) – 马太福音 9:35 – 10:8

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

³⁵Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

³⁶When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest.”

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples to himself and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness.

²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, “Do not go among the Gentiles, and do not enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near!’ ⁸Heal the sick. Raise the dead. Cleanse lepers. Drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

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 Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and

is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY – *In You Is Gladness* – CW93 #346 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

1 In you is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness,
 2 If he is ours, We fear no pow - ers,

Je - sus, Sun - shine of my heart. By you are
 Not of earth or sin or death. He sees and

giv - en The gifts of heav - en; You the true
 bless - es In worst dis - tress - es; He can change

Re - deem - er are. Our souls are wak - ing; Our bonds
 them with a breath. Where - fore the sto - ry Tell of

are break - ing. Who trusts you sure - ly Has built se -
 his glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -

cure - ly And stands for - ev - er. Al - le - lu -
 joic - es In him for - ev - er. Al - le - lu -

ia! Our hearts are pin - ing To see your shin - ing,
 ia! We shout for glad - ness, Win o - ver sad - ness,

Dy - ing or liv - ing To you are cling - ing
 Love him and praise him And still shall raise him

Now and for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Glad hymns for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: IN DIR IST FREUDE (PM) Giovanni G. Gastoldi, c. 1556–c. 1622.

SERMON – Romans 5:6-11 – While We Were Still Sinners, Christ Died for Us – 讲道：基于罗马书 5:6-11

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

576 Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word



1 Spread, oh, spread the might - y Word; Spread the
2 Tell them how the Fa - ther's will Made the
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's love, Who for -
4 Tell them of the Spir - it giv'n Now to
5 Up! The rip - 'ning fields you see. Might - y



king - dom of the Lord Ev - 'ry - where his
world and keeps it still, How his on - ly
ev - er does re - move By his ho - ly
guide us on to heav'n, Strong and ho - ly,
shall the har - vest be, But the reap - ers



breath has giv'n Life to be - ings meant for heav'n.
Son he gave All from sin and death to save.
sac - ri - fice All the guilt that on us lies.
just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.
still are few; Great the work they have to do.

6 Lord of harvest, grant anew,
Joy and strength to work for you,
Till the gath'ring nations all
See your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774-1841, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Tune: HÖCHSTER PRIESTER (77 77) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

OFFERING 奉献

Members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church use this time to respond to God's goodness with gifts of thanks and love. Our giving is guided by

God's Word: "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits from your entire harvest" (Proverbs 3:9); "Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8, EHV).

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



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

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

Almighty God, you treasure your people for Christ's sake and give us your commandments to guide our ways. Grant that we, redeemed by his blood, may do all he has spoken. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the living, your Son commanded his disciples to pray for workers in the harvest before he sent them out as his apostles. Raise up pastors, missionaries, teachers, and church workers to labor in your harvest, and make all your people quick to speak of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, your Son warned his disciples of persecution for proclaiming the kingdom of heaven. Look with compassion on all who suffer for the sake of Jesus. Give them the words to confess. Deliver them from their enemies. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give you thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their role and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the training and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of your absolution over all their shortcomings. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, you guide the nations and judge the peoples with equity. Give those who govern wisdom to enact laws without sinful bias and to foster charity among the citizens of our land. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God of all comfort, grant healing to the sick, the wounded in spirit, and the grieving. Make them whole, and give them courage and comfort in their distress. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, you descended on Mount Sinai and bade Moses to come into your presence. Prepare the hearts of all communicants who come to your altar today, that they may receive Christ's body and blood for their forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

for the home mission in the Sandhills, North Carolina:

Holy Spirit, come with power and grace on the people who live in the Sandhills region of North Carolina. Bless the preaching of your Word at this home mission as carried out by the core group and members of Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Cary, North Carolina. Bring more souls into your harvest kingdom. May these faithful servants stand firm in your Word, letting nothing move them, always giving themselves fully to the work of the Lord, because they know that their labor in the Lord is not in vain!
Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

O blessed Lord, through Moses you called a people to yourself, and from them you delivered up your own Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. By his sufferings and death, he has redeemed us from our sins. By his resurrection, he has released us from the fear of death. Help us to live as your people, doing the good works for which you created us, and praying with confidence the petitions and supplications of our hearts;

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.

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, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. 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. 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: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: 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

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

CLOSING HYMN – O Christ, Who Called the Twelve – CWS #770 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The
 3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On
 4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, The



rise and fol - low you, For -
 truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
 roads they'd nev - er trod To
 mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The
 cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To



ven - tures bold and new: Grant
 ways of God re - vealed: In -
 near - er reign of God: Send
 whom the saints be - long: Though



us to hear your call To
 struct us now, we pray, By
 us on ways where faith Tran -
 gen - er - a - tions pass, Our



risk se - cur - i - ty And,
 your em - pow'r - ing Word, True
 scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
 trib - ute still we bring, Our

bound in heart and will to you, Find
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our
 per - fect lib - er - ty.
 light, their life, their Lord.
 life and min - is - try.
 lives an of - fer - ing.

This hymn leads us to consider the cost of discipleship and to pray for Jesus' guidance and strength to fulfill his will.

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 Tune: TERRA BEATA (66 86 66 86) English; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK

June 21-28, 2026

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible study & Sunday School
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (6/28)	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible study & Sunday School

The paraments are green for the Sundays after Pentecost. Green represents growth. The Sundays after Pentecost emphasize the growth in faith and godly living that the Holy Spirit works in us through the Word of God.

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

MEMORIALS

- In loving memory of my dad, Joseph Czarny, and Lee Essig, on Father’s Day, with love, Barbara Essig.
- In loving memory of Mr. Frank Thompson Sr. and Mr. Robert Petzel on Father’s Day, by Frank & Sandy Thompson.
- In loving memory of Mr. Rich Paluch who passed away Dec. 14, 2025, by Frank & Sandy Thompson
- In loving memory of Mr. George Lawson who passed away June 3, 2026, by Frank & Sandy Thompson
- In loving memory of my mom, Sophie Czarny, on her birthday, 6/24/1913, love Barbara Essig.
- In loving memory of Edward Koch and Mario Garcia Sr., from Sue Koch and family.

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/>

Domestic Abuse Online Bible Class – June 28 - August 2

What is domestic abuse? What does the Bible say about it? And, what can you say to someone who is stuck in an abusive situation? The reality is, you know someone. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been on the receiving end of abusive behavior. Pastor Frank Italiano, who has had extensive experience dealing with domestic abuse, will lead this

class along with "Monica," who has escaped an abusive marriage of almost 20 years.

The class is for someone who wants to know what to say and do for their friend who is caught in an abusive relationship. It is for those who may currently be in an abusive relationship, and for those who have gotten out of one. It is for pastors who want to learn more. It is open to all. Because of the topic, it will include "mature" content.

Each lesson is 90 minutes long and uses video interviews of WELS members who have survived domestic abuse. The class will meet via Zoom on Sunday evenings from June 28 through August 2, 2026. It will be from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (Central Time Zone). Register here: <https://stpaulmuskego.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/89/responses/new>

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!

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

“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 with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in May
\$17,500.67	\$6,518.66

Offerings received June 1-12: \$3,118.84

Offerings received last week: \$1,827.03

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$4,945.87

Ministry Attendance

Worship attendance Sun., June 7 in church: 39 (27 adults, 12 children)

Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 37 (30 adults, 7 children)

Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices last Sun.: 8

Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 12

Adult Bible study attendance: 15 (Sun.: 4, 2; Mon.: 2; Tue.: 2; Wed.: 3, 2)

Sunday school: 5

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