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Matthew 18:15

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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

When danger strikes, most people instinctively move away from it. Fire, violence, accidents, and disasters trigger a natural desire to find protection and safety. Yet first responders do the opposite. Firefighters, police officers, and paramedics run toward the very scenes others are fleeing. They enter burning buildings, approach violent situations, and kneel beside the injured in chaotic moments. This response goes against basic human instinct. Today God calls us to be spiritual first responders when we see people in trouble because of sin. Instead of self-preservation and comfort, we choose service to them and to our Lord. Our motive is the grace of God and his desire for the salvation of all mankind.

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As Surely As I Live, God Said



1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I
 2 To us, there - fore, Christ gave com - mand: "Go
 3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I
 4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What
 5 The words which ab - so - lu - tion give Are



would not have the sin - ner dead, But
 forth and preach in ev - 'ry land; Be -
 tru - ly par - don and ac - quit, And
 you will loose, that shall be free; Un -
 his who died that we might live; The



that he turn from er - ror's ways, Re -
 stow on all my par - d'ning grace Who
 those whose sins you do re - tain Con -
 to my Church the keys are giv'n To
 min - is - ter whom Christ has sent Is



pent, and live through end - less days."
 will re - pent of sin - ful ways.
 demned and guilt - y shall re - main.
 op'n and close the gates of heav'n."
 but his hum - ble in - stru - ment.

6 When ministers lay on their hands,
 Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
 He who by grace the Word believes
 Forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.

7 Praise God the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
 As was, is now, and so shall be
 Forever and eternally!

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.



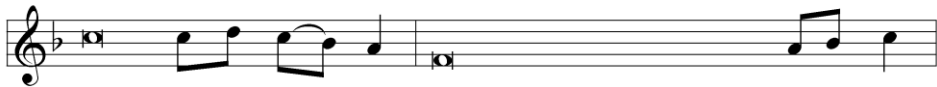
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 33:7-11 (EHV) – 以西结书 33:7-11

⁷But I have appointed you, son of man, to be a watchman for the house of Israel. So whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me. ⁸When I say to a wicked man, “Wicked man, you shall surely die,” if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰So you, son of man, say the following to the house of Israel.

This is what you people are saying: “Certainly our rebellion and our sins weigh us down, and because of them we are rotting away. How then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, “As I live, declares the LORD God, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from their way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why should you die, O house of Israel?”

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 51a – CWS p. 48 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 51上

Refrain



Psalm Tone



Refrain

Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your unfailing love;
 according to your great compassion
 blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity
 and cleanse me from my sin.
 For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is always before me.

Refrain

Against you, you only, have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**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 – Galatians 2:11-16 (EHV) – 加拉太书 2:11-16

¹¹But when Cephas^a came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly wrong. ¹²For before some people came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when those people came, he drew back and separated himself, because he feared those from the circumcision group. ¹³And the rest of the Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that they were not acting according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of all of them, “If you, a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, why do you compel the Gentiles to live like the Jews?”

¹⁵“We are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners. ¹⁶We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. So we also believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because no one^b will be justified by the works of the law.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

^a Some witnesses to the text read *Peter*. (“Witnesses to the text” mentioned in footnotes may include Greek manuscripts, lectionaries, translations, and quotations in the church fathers.)

^b Literally *flesh*

M: Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Alleluia. (*Philippians 4:4*)



GOSPEL – Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV 2011) – 马太福音 18:15-20

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister^b sins,^c go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.

¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’

¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be^e bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^f loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE 对儿童的讲道

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation* – CW93

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^b The Greek word for *brother or sister* (*adelphos*) refers here to a fellow disciple, whether man or woman; also in verses 21 and 35.

^c Some manuscripts *sins against you*

^e Or *will have been*

^f Or *will have been*

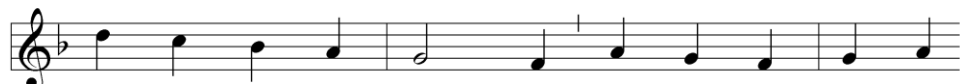
See Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation



1 Now I have found the firm foun - da - tion Which
 2 It is that mer - cy nev - er end - ing, Which
 3 Our ru - in God has not in - tend - ed; For
 4 O depth of love, to me re - veal - ing The
 5 Let mer - cy cause me to be will - ing To



holds my life for - ev - er sure; 'Twas laid be -
 hu - man wis - dom far tran - scends, Of him who,
 our sal - va - tion he has yearned. For this his
 sea where my sins dis - ap - pear! In Christ my
 bear my lot and not to fret. While he my



fore the world's cre - a - tion In Christ my Sav - ior's
 lov - ing arms ex - tend - ing, To wretch - ed sin - ners
 Son to earth de - scend - ed And then a - gain to
 wounds find per - fect heal - ing; There is no con - dem -
 rest - less heart is still - ing, May I his mer - cy



wounds se - cure, Foun - da - tion which un - moved shall
 con - de - scends. His heart with pit - y still will
 heav'n re - turned; For this so pa - tient ev - er -
 na - tion here! For Je - sus' blood through earth and
 not for - get! What - ev - er comes my heart to



stay When heav'n and earth will pass a - way.
 break Wheth - er we seek him or for - sake.
 more He's knock - ing at our heart's closed door.
 skies For - ev - er "Mer - cy! Mer - cy!" cries.
 test, His mer - cy is my on - ly rest.

6 Lord, I will stand on this foundation
 As long as I on earth remain;
 This will engage my meditation
 While I the breath of life retain.
 And then, when face to face with you.
 I'll sing your mercy great and true.

Text: Johann A. Rothe, 1688–1758, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZÜNGEN HÄTTE (KÖNIG) (98 98 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

SERMON – Matthew 18:15-20 – Jesus’ Guide to Reconciliation – 讲道：
基于 马太福音 18:15-20

APOSTLES’ CREED 使徒信经

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING 奉献

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

Feel free also to make use of online giving options: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/>, then click on the “Giving” tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address (links to the app & more info on p. 20).



HYMN – Love in Christ Is Strong and Living – CW93 #490 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing,
 2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing,
 3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er,

Bind - ing faith - ful hearts in one;
 Clothed in Christ's hu - mil - i - ty,
 Faint - ing not when ills at - tend;

Love in Christ is true and giv - ing—
 Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
 Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,

May his will in us be done!
 Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
 Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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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.

Blessed Lord, you have promised that where two or three are gathered in your name, you are in the midst of them. Hear the prayers of your people, and grant our supplications. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, grant courage to your church, that by our warning and witness sinners may come to repentance with faith, and so enjoy the forgiveness of their sins. Give your people wisdom and strength by your Spirit, that they may be steadfast and immovable in your truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, we pray for all the little ones who believe in you. Keep them from sin. Through their parents, pastors, and teachers, teach them your truth and your ways so they may grow up trusting Christ's forgiveness and living as your children. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you alone institute authority. Govern our lawmakers and rulers, that they may bear the sword as your servants and according to your command. Bless them with peaceable governance, that under them we may be guarded and directed in righteousness, quietness and unity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, look with compassion upon those who are struggling with illness, grief, loneliness, or any malady. Reassure them of your love, which is like that of the shepherd who seeks and saves the one lost sheep. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

for new WELS district presidents:

Lord of the Church, we bring to your throne of grace five men who were recently elected as district presidents: Paul Seager, South Central District; Stephen Helwig, Nebraska District; Kevin Westra, Northern Wisconsin District; Jonathan Schroeder, South Atlantic District; and Benjamin Tomczak, Dakota-Montana District. As you gave King Solomon a discerning heart as he governed your people, give each of these men wisdom and discernment for their important duties as district presidents. Bless their faithful service as pastors of pastors. Enable them to be faithful as they oversee doctrine and practice in WELS. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

O almighty God, we confess that we are poor sinners and could not give an answer if You should contend with us. Yet do we thank You with all our hearts that You have taken our guilt from us and laid it upon Your

dear Son, Jesus Christ, who has atoned for it. Graciously sustain us in this faith. Govern us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may live according to Your will in love and service to our neighbors. Do not let us give way to wrath or revenge, and so incur Your wrath, but let us always find in You a gracious Father; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER 主祷文

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER and BLESSING 祷告及祝福

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



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

CLOSING HYMN – In Christ Alone – CWS #752 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



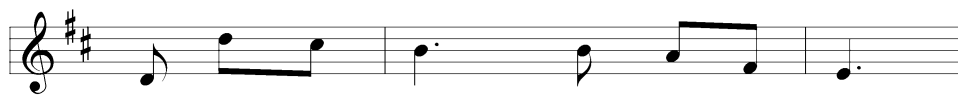
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;

My Com - for - ter, my all in all,
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
 For I am his and he is mine—
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,

Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 Here in the death of Christ I live.
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

(Fine)

This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.

Tune: IN CHRIST ALONE (88 88 D)

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ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK

September 13-20, 2026

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible study & Sunday School
Tuesday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (9/20)	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	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!

BAPTISM YESTERDAY IN CHINESE MINISTRY

Yesterday (9/12) in our Chinese ministry, our new sister in Christ, He Bingbing (何冰冰), was baptized in the name of the Triune God. Please pray for God's blessing on her and everyone in our Chinese ministry, that they may continue to grow in faith in Jesus as Savior through continuing study of and meditation on the Word of God.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS RESUMING TUESDAY

Youth confirmation class will resume this Tuesday (9/15), 6:30-8:00pm. 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!

THE GRANDMOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

After enjoying the final days of summer, The Grandmother's Prayer Group is reconvening on Wednesday, September 16, at 2:00pm. If you love to pray as much as Eloise and I do, please join us for a ½ hour to an hour of prayer for those we love. The Grandmother's Prayer Group was started in honor of Eloise Lawson and in memory of Irene Schoenbeck – two women who love to pray for their families, their church, and their country. If interested in joining us for this prayer time via phone, let Eloise or me know. We'd love to have you join us. Blessings, Gail

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study will start up again on Wednesday, September 16, at 12:30pm, in person or via Zoom. This year, we will be studying Deb

Burma's book entitled "Be Still & Know", a Bible study anchored in Psalm 46 that guides women through life's storms, with Scripture, reflective journaling, and stories of real women finding Christ's refuge amid sickness, anxiety, shame, and sorrow. Let me know if you would like to join us on September 16th. We'd love to have you join the Bible Study! – Gail Schoenbeck

RESOURCES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS – WELS Campus Ministry app; weekly online Bible study

Stay connected to God's Word, your church, and fellow WELS college students, wherever life takes you. The **free WELS Campus Ministry app** gives you access to Bible studies, devotions, ministry resources, connections to other WELS students, and more, all in one place. Available now on iOS and Android, it's designed to support you throughout your college years. ... This fall, WELS Campus Ministry Online is offering a **weekly online Bible study**. Additional information will be shared through the app. Search for "WELS Campus Ministry" wherever you get your apps and download today!

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://welscongregationservices.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!

“An Evening with Martin Luther” – Sept. 20 (Sun.), 4:00pm, Zion, Crete

You’re invited to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1610 S. Main St., Crete, IL, on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026, at 4p.m., to watch Dr. Dwight Johnson play Martin Luther. God, through this 16th-century reformer, effected dramatic change around the world, sparking a completely new category of Christianity, Protestantism, and changing the politics and policies of countries that still impact us today. A light reception will follow the performance. If you have any questions about the event, contact Sandy Parker by email at events@parkerlings.com.

LWMS Fall Circuit Rally – Oct. 3 (Sat.) – Glory to God, Tinley Park

The Chicago Area Circuit of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society (LWMS) will be holding its Fall Rally on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at Glory to God Lutheran Church, 18401 66th Ave., Tinley Park.

Registration starts at 9:00am, and opening devotion is at 9:30am. Join us to learn from speaker Ruth Westphal about New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers. If you need childcare for the rally, please reach out to Raquel Willick by Sept. 19 (rwillick@relcs.org).

Lutheran Pioneers 75th Anniversary Celebration – Oct. 10

For 75 years, Lutheran Pioneers has helped boys grow in faith, develop leadership skills, build friendships, and enjoy Christian fellowship. Join us on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Burlington, WI (198 Westridge Ave.), the birthplace of Lutheran Pioneers, for a special 75th Anniversary Celebration. The day includes a 3:00pm worship service, historical displays, fellowship, a 5:00pm meal, and an anniversary program. Whether you were a Pioneer, leader, parent, grandparent, or supporter of the ministry, we invite you to celebrate God’s blessings with us. Please [RSVP](#) to help us plan for the event and share this invitation with others connected to Lutheran Pioneers, at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/221233377594156> or QR code.



Men of His Word conference – Oct. 17 (Sat.), Milwaukee

The 3rd annual Milwaukee Men of His Word Conference will be held at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel on **Saturday, Oct. 17th, 2026**. Registration is open now: <https://mohwmke.zohobackstage.com/2026>.

Bus tour to Ark Encounter & Creation Museum – sign up by Nov. 14

Zion Crete OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) has organized a 5-day, 4-night bus tour, from April 12-16, 2027, to see the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter and other attractions in northern Kentucky and Cincinnati. A \$100 deposit per person is required by Sun., Nov. 14, 2026. For more info, contact Sandy Parker (708) 672-8096, or by email at events@parkerlings.com.

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.

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.)

SATURDAY EVENING CHINESE MINISTRY 周六晚上7:45中文圣经学习

Chinese ministry is held on Saturday evenings at 7:45pm in our ministry center (the house next-door to church), which includes elements of a worship service, Bible study, and prayer, all in Mandarin Chinese. New friends are always welcome to join! Please invite any Chinese friends or neighbors. You may share with them the following invitation.

每周六晚上 7:45, 圣安得烈基督教路德宗教会有成人中文圣经学习。欢迎您参加! 我们在教会的事工中心(教堂旁边的房子)现场聚会; 地址是 3650 S. Honore St., Chicago。如果你想了解更多, 请联系高乐仁牧师: 手机: 773-217-8132。欢迎!

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ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

There are a number of ways to give to St. Andrew online: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/> , then click on the “Giving” tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our church’s invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address. You can download the Vanco Mobile app from the [Apple App Store](#) for iOS devices or the [Google Play Store](#) for Android devices. Please contact St. Andrew’s elder for stewardship, Sam DeLaurentis deLaurentis.sam@gmail.com with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in August
\$17,500.67	\$6,171.22

Offerings received last week: \$1,015.65
(budgeted need each week: \$4,038.62)

Ministry Attendance Last Week

Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 27 (18 adults, 9 children)

Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 6

Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 13

Adult Bible study attendance: 16

(Sun.: 5; Mon.: 2; Tue.: 2, 2; Wed.: 3, 2)

Sunday school: 6

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