

LET THE WICKED MAN FORSAKE HIS OWN
WAY AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS MAN HIS
OWN THOUGHTS; LET HIM RETURN TO THE
LORD, THAT HE MAY HAVE COMPASSION,
AND TO OUR GOD, FOR HE WILL FREELY
PARDON.

- ISAIAH 55:7

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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

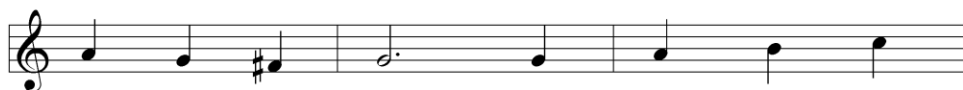
What is God like? Over the next four Sundays, the Church hears Jesus tell four parables which reveal characteristics of God. Today's Bible readings cause the worshiper to ask: Is God fair? No, he's not. He doesn't give us what we deserve, and that's called mercy. In fact, he gives us what we don't deserve, and that's called grace. God is amazingly gracious!

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Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -
 2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal
 3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne
 4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid
 5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone



ness to this heart. They tell me all
 my sin - ful soul; Your wounds, not mine,
 the dread - ful load Of sins that none
 the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths
 can cov - er me; No oth - er right -



is done; They bid my fear de - part.
 con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
 could bear But the in - car - nate God.
 like mine Would have been all too few.
 eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

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To whom but you, who can a - lone For



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.

Tune: ST. JOHN (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 召喚，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.



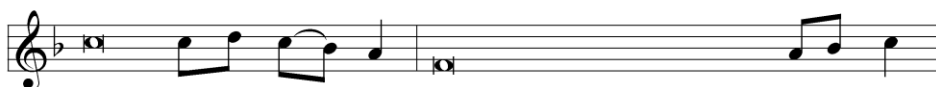
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 55:6-9 (EHV) – 以赛亚书 55:6-9

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found!

Call on him while he is near!

⁷Let the wicked man abandon his way.

Let an evil man abandon his thoughts.

Let him turn to the LORD,

and he will show him mercy.

Let him turn to our God,

because he will abundantly pardon.

⁸Certainly my plans are not your plans,
 and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so my ways are higher than your ways,
 and my plans are higher than your plans.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 27 – CW93 p. 75 (text NIV84) – 诗篇 27

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Psalm tone



Refrain

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;*
be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,*
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,*
O God my Savior.

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Though my father and mother forsake me,*
the LORD will receive me.

I am still confident of this:*
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;*
be strong and take heart and wait for 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 – Philippians 1:12-27 (EHV) – 腓立比书 1:12-27

¹²I want you to know, brothers,^a that the things which happened to me actually took place to advance the gospel. ¹³And so it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to all the rest, that I am in chains because of Christ.^b ¹⁴And, through my chains, the majority of the brothers in the Lord have become much more confident about daring to speak the word of God^c fearlessly. ¹⁵Some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, and others out of good will. ¹⁶The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am placed here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, but thinking they can cause trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸What does it matter? Only this, that in every way, whether for outward appearance or for the truth, Christ is being proclaimed, and in this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,¹⁹ because I know that this will turn out for my deliverance, through your prayer and the support of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. ²⁰This matches my earnest expectation and hope that I will in no way be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, so even now, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹Yes, for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²But if I am to go on living in the flesh, that will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet which should I prefer? I do not know. ²³I am pulled in two directions, because I have the desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far. ²⁴But, it is more necessary for your sake that I remain in the flesh. ²⁵And since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and will continue with all of you, for your progress and joy in the faith. ²⁶And so by my coming to you again, my goal is to give you even more reason to boast in Christ Jesus.

²⁷Just conduct yourselves in a way that is worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come to see you or am absent, I may hear

^a When context indicates it, the Greek word for *brothers* may refer to all fellow believers, male and female.

^b Or *my chains are in Christ*

^c Some witnesses to the text omit *of God*. (“Witnesses to the text” mentioned in footnotes may include Greek manuscripts, lectionaries, translations, and quotations in the church fathers.)

about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, contending together with one soul for the faith of the gospel.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia. (*2 Corinthians 12:9a*)



GOSPEL – Matthew 20:1-16 (EHV) – 马太福音 20:1-16

“Indeed the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing to pay the workers a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³He also went out about the third hour^a and saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. ⁴To these he said, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same thing. ⁶When he went out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing unemployed. He said to them, ‘Why have you stood here all day unemployed?’

⁷“They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’

“He told them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When it was evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group and ending with the first.’

⁹“When those who were hired around the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius. ¹⁰When those who were hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But they each received a denarius too. ¹¹After they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner: ¹²‘Those who were last worked one hour, and you made them equal to us who have endured the burden of the day and the scorching heat!’

¹³“But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not make an agreement with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what is yours and go. I want to give to the last one hired the same as I also gave

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to you. ¹⁵Can't I do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶In the same way, the last will be first, and the first, last."

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

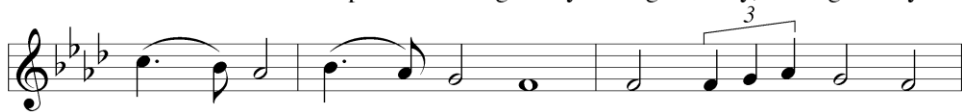


CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 对儿童的讲道

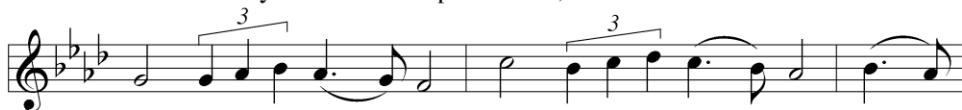
HYMN OF THE DAY – *Thy Strong Word* – CW93 #280 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; Bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth
 5 Give us lips to sing thy glo - ry, Tongues thy



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -
 mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats to shout the



light we thank thee While thine or - dered sea -
 thy sal - va - tion, Breathed thine own life - giv -
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes
 ev - er beam - eth All thy bright re - deem -
 hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy ho -



sons run. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 ing breath. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 con - fess. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 ing light. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! May



to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the light which thou dost send Fill our songs with



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
To thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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Tune: EBENEZER (87 87 D) Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944.

SERMON – Isaiah 55:6-9 – God Wants All People to Be Saved through
Faith in Jesus – 讲道：基于 以赛亚书 55:6-9

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).



JUSTIFICATION

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Grace Has a Thrilling Sound



1 Grace has a thrill - ing sound To each be -
 2 Grace first in - scribed my name In God's e -
 3 Grace led my wan - d'ring feet To tread the
 4 Grace taught my soul to pray And made my
 5 Grace all our work shall crown Through ev - er -



liev - er's ear; That peace with God through
 ter - nal book, And grace has brought me
 heav'n - ly road, And grace sup - plies each
 eyes o'er - flow; His grace has kept me
 last - ing days; The heav'n - ly home God



Christ is found Is news I glad - ly hear.
 to the Lamb, Who all my sor - rows took.
 hour I meet While press - ing on to God.
 to this day And will not let me go.
 gives his own Shall ech - o with our praise.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51, st. 1, 3, 5, alt.; August M. Toplady, 1740–78, st. 2, 4, alt.
 Tune: ENERGY (SM) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 教会公祷

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious.

Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

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

for WELS Christian Aid and Relief:

Lord of the nations, you predicted that life in this world would be difficult while we await your return on the Last Day. Fires, famines, storms, and floods continue to threaten lives and property. Your saving love for us moves us to show love for others. Bless the efforts of WELS Christian Aid and Relief as it provides humanitarian aid and shares Christ's compassion with people suffering from disasters or other hardships. May its grants to home and world missions reflect Christ's compassion to the people of those communities and build relationships that lead to opportunities to share the good news of Jesus. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: 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 – *Lord of the Living Harvest* – CW93 #559 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

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Lord of the Living Harvest

1 Lord of the liv - ing har - vest That rip - ens
 2 As la - b'ers in your vine - yard, Lord, give us
 3 Be with us, God the Fa - ther; Be with us,

o'er the plain, Where an - gels soon will gath - er
 work to do, Con - tent to bear the bur - den
 God the Son And God the Ho - ly Spir - it,

Their sheaves of gold - en grain, Ac - cept our hands to
 Of wea - ry days for you, To ask no oth - er
 Most bless - ed Three in One. Make us your faith - ful

la - bor, Our hearts to trust and love, And be with
 wa - ges When you will call us home Than to have
 ser - vants You right - ly to a - dore, And fill us

us to has - ten Your king - dom from a - bove.
 shared the la - bor That makes your king - dom come.
 with your bless - ing Both now and ev - er - more.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, abr., alt.

Tune: AURELIA (76 76 D) Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–76.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
September 27 – October 4, 2026

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible study & Sunday School
Thursday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:45 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Sunday (10/4)	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 (9/26) in our Chinese ministry, our new brother in Christ, Chen Yi (陈毅), was baptized in the name of the Triune God. Please pray for God's blessing on him and everyone in our Chinese ministry, that they may continue to grow in faith in Jesus as their Savior through continuing study of and meditation on the Word of God.

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY: "Prayer" – Sundays 11:00-11:45

Please join us on Sundays after worship (about 11:00-11:45) for this new Bible study on prayer! We'll cover the following topics: Prayer begins with what God has done for us; Prayer is a vital part of a Christian's worship life; Elements of a well-rounded prayer life; In prayer we seek God's blessings for ourselves and others; Pray sincerely; Pray

persistently and expect results; Regular and systematic prayer; God's promises give prayer its power. ... All are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 11:00 / after worship on Sundays

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

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS ON THURSDAYS

Youth confirmation class has resumed on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00pm. Youth confirmation class is open to youth starting from grade 5 or 6 (depending on individual readiness) and above. (Teens 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!

WELS ONLINE TEEN BIBLE STUDY – today (Sept. 27), 6:00pm

The WELS National Online Teen Bible Study is an opportunity for teens across the country to digitally connect with each other around the Word. For the 2026–2027 school year, the Bible study will focus on four different topics: my self-worth, accepting change, resisting temptation, and finding peace. Jon Enter, campus pastor at Saint Croix Lutheran Academy in West Saint Paul, Minnesota, will be leading the four online interactive Bible studies via Zoom. ... “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” That sentence is a lie. Words hurt. Their wounds sometimes take decades to heal. And the deepest pain is found in words spoken against yourself. “I’m worthless. I’m a failure. I’m not good enough.” Mephibosheth knows your pain. His short yet powerfully personal Bible story will guide you to see yourself differently, to see yourself as God sees you: beloved, worthy, and his. ... More info and register here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/discipleship/national-teen-bible-study/>

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.

Lutheran Pioneers 75th Anniversary Celebration – Oct. 10 (Sat.)

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>.

WELS WOMEN'S MINISTRY ONLINE BIBLE STUDY STARTING OCT. 17&19

The book of Acts is often known as "The Acts of the Apostles," but a better title might be "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the early Christians were empowered to proclaim the gospel message, and the Word of God spread. This work of the Holy Spirit continues today, empowering modern-day Christians (us!) to proclaim the gospel message. By considering the accounts in the book of Acts in light of our own circumstances, relationships, and opportunities, we'll consider how we can rejoice in the joy of the resurrection and then reflect this gospel joy to those around us. ... The Bible study is offered twice each week: Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. and Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (Central), starting on October 17 and 19. More info and register here: <https://wels.net/new-online-bible-study-the-book-of-acts/>

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!

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, 圣安德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!

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 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: \$971.50

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

Total offerings received so far this month: \$4,287.33

Ministry Attendance Last Week

Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 26 (20 adults, 6 children)

Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 10

Last weekend's Saturday Chinese ministry: 14

Adult Bible study attendance: 17 (Sun.: 10; Wed.: 3, 2; Th.: 2)

Sunday school: 6

Youth Confirmation Class: 7

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