

Verse of the Day

**Romans 12:1 NIV**

Therefore, I urge you,  
brothers and sisters, in view  
of God's mercy, to offer your  
bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and pleasing to God—  
this is your true and proper  
worship.

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 6, 2026**

**SERVICE THEME:**

**Offer Yourself as a Living Sacrifice to God**



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## September 6, 2026 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church

**SERVICE THEME: Offer Yourself as a Living Sacrifice to God**

**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

*Today Christ tells us that for him and for us, going God's way means death must come before life. He calls on us to deny ourselves and follow him on the way of the cross. Those words offend our sinful nature and make our Old Adam cry with Peter, "Never!" They make us accuse God with Jeremiah. So today the Church prays for the never-failing mercy of Christ that we might avoid such wicked and harmful thoughts and instead be guided on the cross-laden path to salvation. Then, and only then, do these words of Christ cease offending our flesh and become a joy and delight for our heart (Verse of the Day).*

**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).

# COMMITMENT

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## Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult Of our  
 2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it By the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; Day by day his voice in -  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and  
 help us hear your call; Give our hearts to your o -

vites us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"  
 kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
 keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, Serve and love you best of all!

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–95, alt.

Tune: STUTTGART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716, 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.**

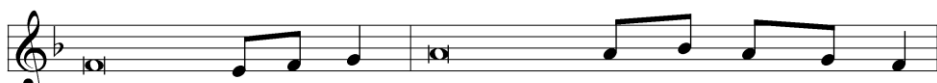
**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**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.



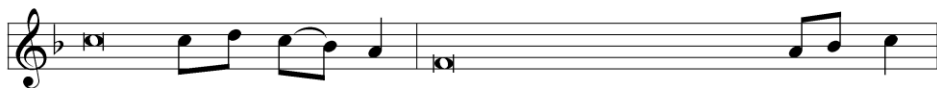
**C:** Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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



### PRAYER OF THE DAY 本日共祷文

**M:** Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### FIRST READING – Jeremiah 15:15-21 (EHV) – 耶利米书 15:15-21

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you understand.

Remember me and care for me.

Take vengeance for me on those who persecute me.

You are slow to anger.

Do not take me away.

Keep in mind that for your sake I bear disgrace.

<sup>16</sup>Your words came to me, and I devoured them.

Your words became my joy,

the delight of my heart,

because I bear your name,

O LORD God of Armies.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit with the band of partygoers,

nor did I celebrate with them.

I sat alone, because your hand was upon me.  
You filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unending?  
Why is my wound incurable, refusing to heal?  
Will you be as deceptive as an intermittent stream to me,  
like a source of water that a person can't depend on?

<sup>19</sup>Therefore this is what the LORD says.  
If you repent, I will take you back,  
so that you may stand before me.  
If what you say is worthwhile and not worthless,  
you will be my spokesman.

They must turn to you,  
but you must not turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>I will make you like a bronze wall to this people.  
They will fight against you,  
but they will not overcome you,  
because I am with you to save you  
and to rescue you, declares the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will rescue you from the hand of the wicked,  
and I will deliver you from the grasp of the ruthless.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 121 – CW93 p. 112 (NIV84) – 诗篇 121

*Refrain*



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

*Psalm tone*



**Refrain**

I lift up my eyes to the hills.\*

Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,\*

the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip,\*

he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel\*

will neither slumber nor sleep.

### ***Refrain***

The LORD watches over you,\*

the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all harm,\*

he will watch over your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and going\*

both now and forevermore.

**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 12:1-8 (EHV) – 罗马书 12:1-8**

Therefore I urge you, brothers,<sup>d</sup> by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. <sup>2</sup>Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

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

<sup>3</sup>So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you.

<sup>4</sup>For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. <sup>5</sup>In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

<sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith.<sup>a</sup> <sup>7</sup>If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. <sup>8</sup>If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.

### VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

**M:** Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. (*Jeremiah 15:16, RSV*)



### GOSPEL – Matthew 16:21-26 (EHV) – 马太福音 16:21-26

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



<sup>21</sup>From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised again.

<sup>22</sup>Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “May you receive mercy, Lord! This will never happen to you.”

<sup>23</sup>But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a snare<sup>a</sup> to me because you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of men.”

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<sup>a</sup> Or in proportion to your faith

<sup>a</sup> Or stumbling block

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. <sup>25</sup>In fact whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>After all, what will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what can a person give in exchange for his soul?

*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** – *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken* – CW93 #465 –  
printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,  
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;  
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!  
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -  
They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man  
Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your  
Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but



tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on  
hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are  
ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your  
heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry  
not, like them, un - true. And since you have  
fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you  
hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this



fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er  
smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,  
Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in  
earth - ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the



hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -  
love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may  
all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may  
pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly



di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.  
shun me— Show your face, and all is bright.  
gath - er; All must work for good to me.  
glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.

Tune: HYFRYDOL (87 87 D) Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87.

**SERMON – Romans 12:1-8 – Offer Yourself as a Living Sacrifice to God –**

讲道：基于 罗马书 12:1-8

**488**

## Savior, Thy Dying Love



1 Sav - ior, thy dy - ing love Thou gav - est me;  
2 O'er the blest mer - cy seat, Plead - ing for me,  
3 Give me a faith - ful heart, Like - ness to thee,  
4 All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,



Nor should I aught with - hold, Dear Lord, from thee.  
My fee - ble faith looks up, Je - sus, to thee.  
That each de - part - ing day Hence - forth may see  
In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for thee!



In love my soul would bow, My heart ful - fill its vow,  
Help me the cross to bear, Thy won - drous love de - clare,  
Some work of love be - gun, Some deed of kind - ness done,  
And when thy face I see, My ran - somed soul shall be



Some of - f'ring bring thee now, Some - thing for thee.  
Some song to raise or prayer, Some - thing for thee.  
Some wan - d'rer sought and won, Some - thing for thee.  
Through all e - ter - ni - ty Some - thing for thee.

Text: Sylvanus D. Phelps, 1816–95.

Tune: WINTERTON (64 64 6664) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

### 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

- M:** Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.
- C:** **Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**
- M:** Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.
- C:** **Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**
- M:** Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.
- C:** **Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**
- M:** Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.
- C:** **Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

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

*for WELS Youth Night:*

Lord Jesus, thank you for reminding young men and women that you love them, and for giving them worth and purpose in you.  
Bless parents, pastors, and congregations as they encourage

teens with your Word and point them to the firm foundation of Christ. Help young people hear your voice over competing voices and give them the courage to invite others to know your salvation. Use ministries like WELS Youth Night to strengthen faith, build Christian community, and keep the next generation connected to you. Amen.

*Additional special prayers may be included.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**C:** **Lead us in thankful living today and always. 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.

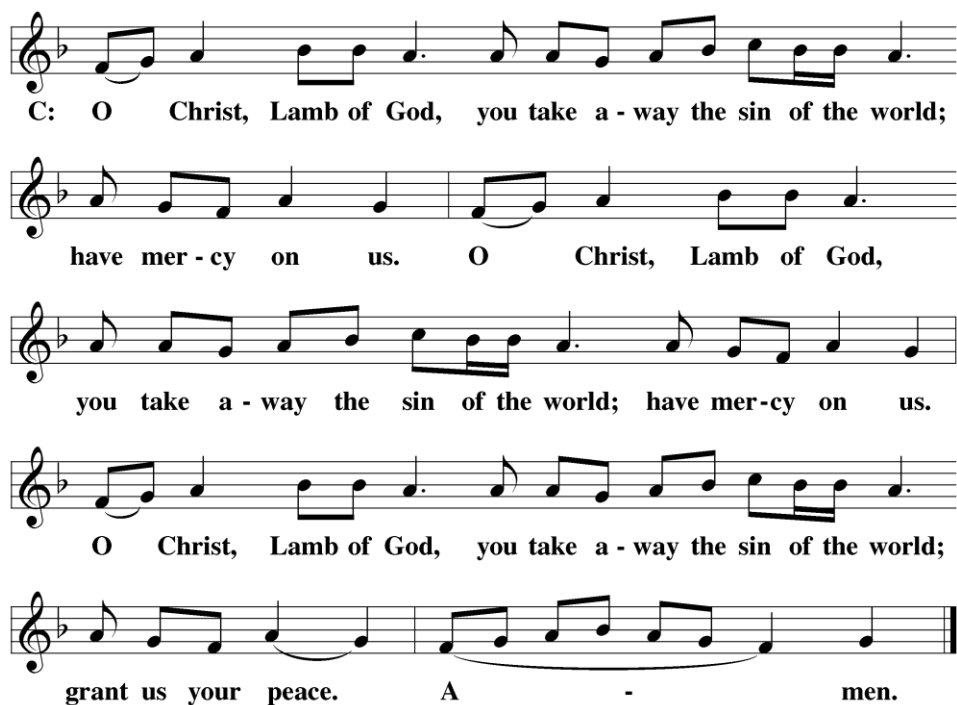
# **WORDS OF INSTITUTION** 耶稣设立圣餐的话

**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.



**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** – *Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose* – CW93 #466  
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# 466      **Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose**



1 Though thought - less thou - sands choose the road  
 2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,  
 3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all.  
 4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear;  
 5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet,



That leads the soul a - way from God,  
 From him my life, my all, re - ceive,  
 To him I look; on him I call.  
 Soon shall I end my tri - als here,  
 Soon walk through ev - 'ry gold - en street



This hap - pi - ness, dear Lord, be mine:  
 To him de - vote my fleet - ing hours,  
 He will my ev - 'ry want sup - ply  
 Leave sin and sor - row, death and pain.  
 And sing on ev - 'ry bliss - ful plain,



To live and die en - tire - ly thine.  
 Serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.  
 In time and through e - ter - ni - ty.  
 To live is Christ; to die is gain.  
 "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

Text: Joseph Hoskins, 1745–88, alt.

Tune: WAREHAM (LM) William Knapp, 1698–1768, alt.

**ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK**  
**September 6-13, 2026**

|               |          |                                              |
|---------------|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| Today         | 9:30 AM  | <b>Worship Service w. Lord's Supper</b>      |
|               | 11:00 AM | <b>Adult Bible study &amp; Sunday School</b> |
| Saturday      | 7:45 PM  | <b>中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)</b>               |
| Sunday (9/13) | 9:30 AM  | <b>Worship Service</b>                       |
|               | 11:00 AM | <b>Adult Bible study &amp; Sunday School</b> |

*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!

**MEMORIAL** — In loving memory of Bob's passing into Heaven – Bob Nelson, Class of 1963, by Gail Schoenbeck.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS RESUMING SOON**

Youth confirmation class will resume soon. 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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://welscongregationalservices.net/lets-go/>

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

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

## **“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 16<sup>th</sup>-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](mailto: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 66<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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！

### **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. You can also find WELS-affiliated ministry Time of Grace devotions and videos, by searching “Time of Grace” in the “Plans” or “Discover” tabs at the bottom of the screen. Ask Pastor Gawel if you need any help. God bless you as you read/hear & meditate on his Word!



### **WELS DAILY DEVOTIONS – VIA WELS APP, EMAIL, ONLINE**

Read or listen to WELS Daily Devotions on the WELS App (download here: <https://m.wels.net/>), or subscribe to receive them by email: <https://wels.net/daily-devotions-subscription/>, or read them online. These devotions are for a general adult audience. Family devotions, teen devotions, and devotions for military service members are also available, on the app or here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/>, to subscribe to receive by email or read online.

### **WELS Family Devotions**

Get your family into God’s Word during the week! WELS has developed short devotions for the entire family to use. Each devotion comes complete with a set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Downloadable printable versions are also available. Find the family devotions at [www.wels.net/family-devotions](http://www.wels.net/family-devotions)

### **Sign up today for Marriage Moments**

Every marriage has its “moments.” That’s why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied

by a discussion question. Watch a video introduction and subscribe to receive the videos directly to your e-mail at [www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments](http://www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments)

### **WELS Together e-newsletter**

Check out the WELS *Together* e-newsletter to get updates, information, and resources about the mission and ministry of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Go to [www.wels.net/together](http://www.wels.net/together) to read online or subscribe to receive by email.

### **ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION**

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



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

Offerings received the week before last: \$951.49

Offerings received last week: \$1,198.34

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

### **Ministry Attendance Last Week**

**Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 31** (25 adults, 6 children)

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

**Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 8**

**Adult Bible study attendance: 20**

(Sun.: 7, 2; Mon.: 2; Tue.: 2, 2; Wed.: 3; Th.: 2)

**Sunday school: 6**