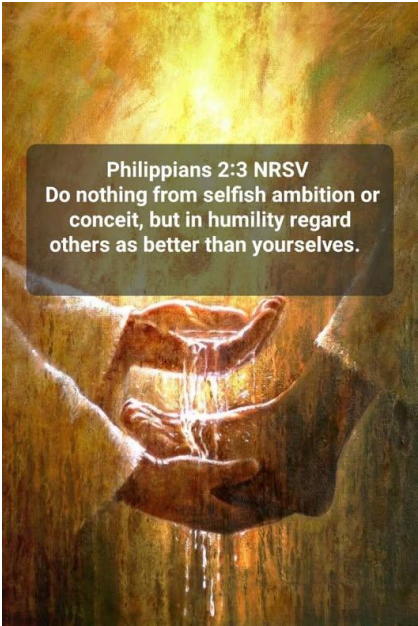
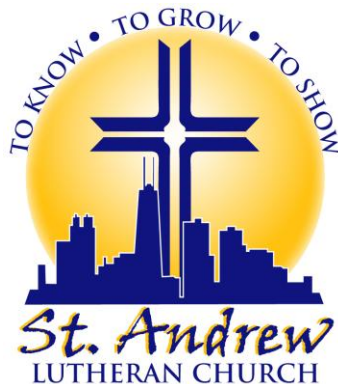




Philippians 2:3 NRSV
Do nothing from selfish ambition or
conceit, but in humility regard
others as better than yourselves.

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SERVICE THEME:
Follow Jesus in Love and Humility



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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

God wants real repentance that leads to true obedience. The Verse of the Day reminds us that one day, everyone will bow before Jesus of Nazareth and confess him as Lord. Some will do so in grief and others in joy. God wants real repentance from every sinner that they might bend the knee to Christ in true obedience and confess with gladness that Jesus is Lord. The Church prays that God would rule our hearts through Word and Sacrament that our repentance might be real and our obedience truly pleasing (Prayer 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).

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Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus



1 Hail, O once - de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, O Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
 3 Je - sus, heav'n - ly hosts a - dore you, Seat - ed at your
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing You are wor - thy



le - an King! You have suf - fered to re - lease us,
 you were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 Fa - ther's side. Cru - ci - fied this world once saw you;
 to re - ceive; Loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



Hope to give and peace to bring. Hail, O u - ni - ver - sal
 You have full a - tone - ment made. Ev - 'ry sin has been for -
 Now in glo - ry you a - bide. There for sin - ners you are
 Right it is for us to give. Help, O bright an - gel - ic



Sav - ior, Bear - er of our sin and shame; By your mer -
 giv - en Through the pow - er of your blood; O - pen is
 plead - ing, And our place you now pre - pare, Ev - er for
 spir - its, All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing



its we find fa - vor; Life is giv - en through your name.
 the gate of heav - en; We are rec - on - ciled to God.
 us in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 our Sav - ior's mer - its; Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise.

Text: A Collection of Hymns, London, c. 1757, alt.

Tune: O DURCHBRECHER ALLER BANDE (87 87 D) Freylinghausen, Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1704, 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.



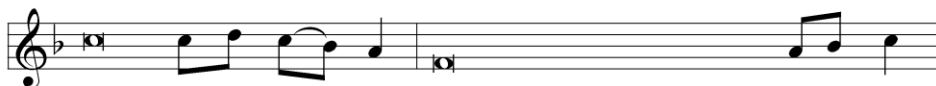
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we worship 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.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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 – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (EHV) – 以西结书 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me.

²What do you mean, you who keep repeating this proverb concerning the soil of Israel, “Fathers eat sour grapes, and their sons’ teeth are set on edge”? ³As surely as I live, declares the LORD God, you will never again use this proverb in Israel. ⁴Indeed, all souls are mine. The soul of the father is mine just like the soul of the son. The soul who sins is the one who will die.

²⁵But you say, “The LORD’s way is not fair.” Listen now, house of Israel. Is it my way that is not fair? Is it not your ways that are not fair? ²⁶If a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and

practices unrighteousness, he will die because of it. Because of the unrighteousness that he has practiced, he will die.

²⁷But if a wicked man turns from his wickedness that he has done and practices justice and righteousness, he will preserve his life. ²⁸Because he has seen and turned away from^c all the rebellious acts that he had committed, he will surely live, and he will not die.

²⁹But the house of Israel says, “The LORD’s way is not fair.” Is it really my ways that are not fair, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not fair?

³⁰Therefore, I will judge each one of you according to his ways, O house of Israel, declares the LORD God. Repent and turn away from all your rebellious acts, so that you will not set out a stumbling block that makes you guilty. ³¹Throw off from yourselves all your rebellious actions by which you have rebelled, and obtain a new heart and a new spirit for yourselves. Why should you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies, declares the LORD God. So repent and live!

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 25 – CW93 p. 74 (NIV84) – 诗篇 25

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Psalm tone



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To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*

^c Or *repented of*

according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.

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Turn to me and be gracious to me,*
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**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.**

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SECOND READING – Philippians 2:1-11 (NIV84) – 腓立比书 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility consider one another better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look carefully not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

⁵Indeed,^a let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶Though he was by nature God,^b he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed,^c ⁷but he emptied himself by taking the nature^d of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man,^e ⁸he humbled himself and

^a A few witnesses to the text omit *Indeed*.

^b Or *in the form of God*

^c Or *something to be used for his own advantage, or something to cling to*

^d Or *form*

^e Literally *was found in appearance as a man*

became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE OF THE DAY 备福音词及哈利路亚

M: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (*Philippians 2:10-11*)



GOSPEL – Matthew 21:23-32 (EHV) – 马太福音 21:23-32

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



²³When Jesus went into the temple courts, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him while he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things?” and “Who gave you this authority?”

²⁴Jesus answered them, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer it, I will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, where was it from? From heaven or from men?”

They discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From men,’ we are afraid of the crowd, since they all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.”

He said to them, “Then I will not tell you by what authority I do these things.”

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in my vineyard.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰He came to the second and said

the same thing. The second son answered, 'I will go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?"

They said to him, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen I tell you: The tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, but you did not believe him. However, the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him. Even when you saw this, you did not change your mind and believe him.

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 – *I Lay My Sins on Jesus* – CW93 #372 – printed on the following page – 圣诗 — 在下一页

I Lay My Sins on Jesus



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry
 4 I long to be like Je - sus: Meek, lov - ing,



Lamb of God; He bears them all and frees us From
 dwells in him. He heals all my dis - eas - es; My
 soul of mine. His right hand me em - brac - es; I
 low - ly, mild; I long to be like Je - sus, The



the ac - curs - ed load. I bring my guilt to Je - sus
 soul he does re - deem. I lay my griefs on Je - sus,
 in his arms re - cline. I love the name of Je - sus,
 Fa - ther's ho - ly child. I long to be with Je - sus



To wash my crim - son stains White in his
 My bur - dens and my cares; He from them
 Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord; Like fra - grance
 A - mid the heav'n - ly throng To sing with



blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
 all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
 on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.
 saints his prais - es, To learn the an - gels' song.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.

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

SERMON – Philippians 2:1-11 – Follow Jesus in Love and Humility – 讲
 道：基于 腓立比书 2:1-11

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Blest Be the Tie that Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual
 4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain And sin we



Chris - tian love; The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each
 bit - ter pain; Yet, one in Christ and
 shall be free And per - fect love and



kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, abr., alt.

Tune: BOYLSTON (SM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

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: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and Sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

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

for women in world missions:

Lord Jesus, thank you for opening doors for your gospel in a variety of cultures and communities. Bless Jennifer Wolfgramm and other women serving in world missions as they build relationships, encourage sisters in Christ, and share your Word with those who may otherwise be difficult to reach. Strengthen women across Europe and around the world through Bible study, fellowship, and the reminder that they are united in you. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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
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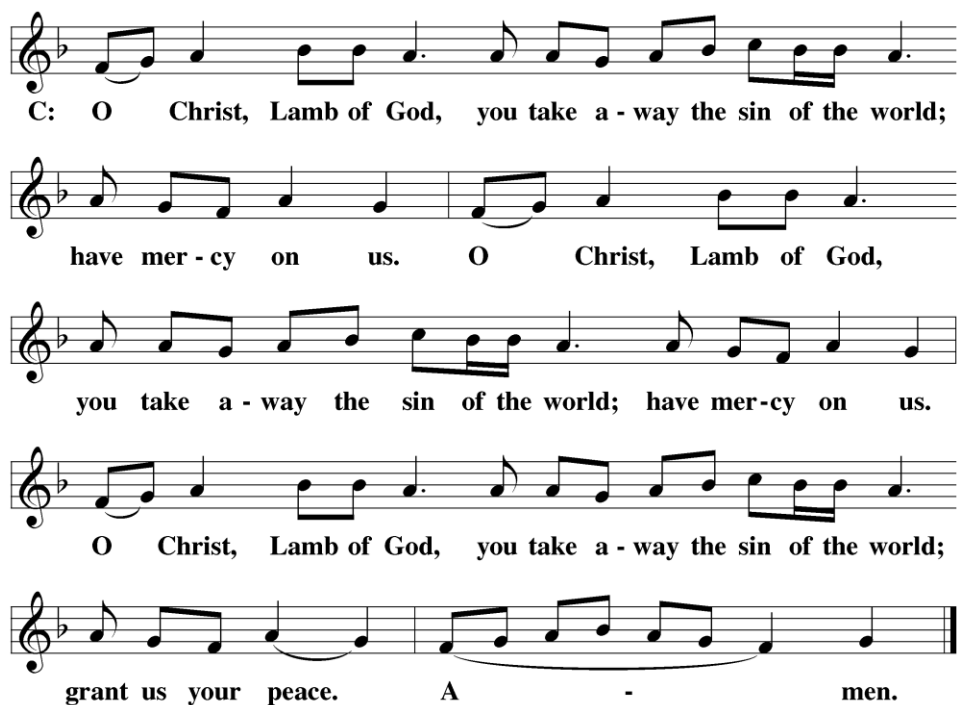
WORDS OF INSTITUTION 耶稣设立圣餐的话

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.

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In Unity and Peace

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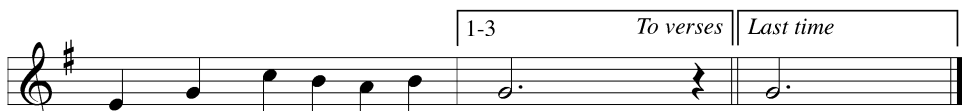
How good it is and how pleas - ant to



live in u - ni - ty and peace. How



good it is and how pleas - ant to



live to - geth - er in one Lord. Lord.

Verses

1 In the name of our Lord Je - sus Christ, a -
 2 Live a life that is wor - thy of your call; be
 3 Share the love that has joined us as one; u -



gree in ev - 'ry - thing you say.
 hum - ble, gen - tle, and pa - tient.
 nite in spir - it and i - deals.



May there be no di - vi - sions a - mong you, but
 Bear with each oth - er in ways that are lov - ing; pre -
 Nev - er be ri - vals; do not be con - ceit - ed, but

be u - ni - ted in one mind.
 serve the u - ni - ty of faith. For there is
 look to oth - ers in their need.

one Lord, one faith, one

God of us all.

To Refrain

Text (refrain): Psalm 133:1; alt.

Text (verses): 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1-3,5,6; Philippians 2:2-4, alt.

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ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK

October 4-11, 2026

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	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 (10/11)	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible study & Sunday School

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

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

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

Please join us on Sundays after worship (about 11:00-11:45) for this 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!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS ON THURSDAYS

Youth confirmation class is held 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!

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!

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.



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!

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.

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 Family Devotions

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

Sign up today for Marriage Moments

Every marriage has its “moments.” That’s why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Watch a video introduction and subscribe to receive the videos directly to your e-mail at www.welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments

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 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 deLaurentis.sam@gmail.com with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in September
\$17,500.67	\$5,287.51

Offerings received last week (through 9/30): \$1,000.18
(budgeted need each week: \$4,038.62)

Ministry Attendance Last Week

Worship attendance last Sunday in church: 29 (24 adults, 5 children)

Live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 7

Last weekend’s Saturday Chinese ministry: 9

Adult Bible study attendance: 15 (Sun.: 10; Wed.: 3, 2)

Sunday school: 6

Youth Confirmation Class: 4

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