



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 6, 2025**

**9:00 am**

**St. Andrew's Lutheran Church**

**San Mateo, CA**

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*"We welcome all people as children of God and invite them to participate fully in the life and ministry at St. Andrew's regardless of age, race, gender, education, ethnic origin, marital or family status, cultural heritage, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic reality or diversity of ability. We resolve to be a church with open hearts, open minds, open doors and seeking to be reconciled to God and one another." St. Andrew's has a statement of welcome for the LGBTQ+ community.*

*St. Andrew's sits on the traditional land of the Ohlone, Ramaytush and Muwekma tribes.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Pastor John Kuehner**

**P:** We gather together with wonder and challenges, joy and sorrows.  
doubt and hopes, resolve and frustrations.

**C:** **May the Holy Spirit be in our midst now and always. Amen**

**Call to Worship**

**Unity Choir and/or Mission Bells**

**Gathering Hymn –**

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**WOV 771 ELW 733**

**Apostolic Greeting**

**P:** The grace of our savior Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, our creator, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through through Jesus, our Savior. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14**

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— <sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast, that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. <sup>12</sup> For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream, and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm and bounced on her knees. <sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass, and it shall be known that the power of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

**Call and Response Reading: Psalm 66:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> **Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.** <sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you. <sup>4</sup> **All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name.**" <sup>5</sup> Come now and see the <sup>1</sup> works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people. <sup>6</sup> **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.** <sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves. <sup>8</sup> **Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.** <sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

## **Second Reading: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16**

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in “the family of faith.”*

<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads. <sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. <sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW Setting 8**

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup> And if a person of

peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you.<sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.<sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;<sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’<sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,<sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’<sup>16</sup> “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!”<sup>18</sup> He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.<sup>19</sup> Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you.<sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you. O Christ**

**Sermon**

*You may be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Healer of Our Every Ill**

**WOV 738 ELW 612**

**Apostle’s Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived  
by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.      Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Let us pray.

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and faithfully proclaim your good news.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain especially those we now name aloud or in the peace of our hearts.

*Pause . . .*

Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life and love forever in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: May the Peace of the God be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us share that peace with one another.

*Please stand as you are able*

**Offering Song      Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (Young)      ELW 206**

### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray . . .  
Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ:  
our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit  
with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope;  
the Sun of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **Holy Holy Holy**

**ELW Setting 8**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Communion Dialogue**

With hearts full of memories and hopes,  
we break this bread and share this cup,  
remembering the death and resurrection of Christ,  
and his promise to be with us always  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. **Amen**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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

*All are welcomed to come forward for communion as directed by the usher.*

May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in God's grace. **Amen**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. . .  
Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen**

## **Blessing**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

## **All Things Bright and Beautiful**

**WOV 767**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit  
**Thanks be to God.**