



**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 27, 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 –**

**Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive**

**ELW 605**

**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**

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32**

*In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*

<sup>20</sup> Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Call and Response Reading: Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. <sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.** <sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. <sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.** <sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. <sup>6</sup> **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.** <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. <sup>8</sup> **You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15

*The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 8

## **The Holy Gospel**

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Luke 11:1-13**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”<sup>2</sup> So he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” <sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you. O Christ**

**Sermon**

*You may be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

**ELW 772**

**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.

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful connection with you.

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

Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home.

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

Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs, especially those we now name aloud or in the peace of our hearts.

Pause . . .

Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints.

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

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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,

You took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.

In Christ you bring life from death;

we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.

Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Receiving this mystery,

and 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:

**Words of Institution**

**Communion Dialogue**

To you, O God,  
painter of both night and day,  
guiding star and healing sun,  
breath of peace and wind of change,  
be all glory, all honor, all praise  
this night unto the coming dawn, now and forever. **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**

**Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing**

**ELW 544**

## **Dismissal**

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