



9th Sunday after Pentecost **August 10, 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 –

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

ELW 436

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 God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Call and Response Reading: Psalm 33:12-22

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage! ¹³ **The Lord looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.** ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth. ¹⁵ **God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.** ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength. ¹⁷ **The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.** ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord, upon those who wait for your steadfast love, ¹⁹ **to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.** ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield. ²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.** ²² Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the

middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those servants. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Humanity is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you. O Christ

Sermon

You may be seated

Hymn of the Day

Have No Fear, Little Flock

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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.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies.
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need especially those we now name aloud or in the peace of our hearts.

Pause . . .

Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your loving kindness, 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:

Holy Holy Holy

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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

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

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

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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Dismissal

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