



**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 17, 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 –**

**The Church's One Foundation**

**ELW 654**

**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, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

**Call and Response Reading: Psalm 82**

<sup>1</sup> God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods: <sup>2</sup> **"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?"** <sup>3</sup> Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy; <sup>4</sup> **rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.** <sup>5</sup> They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in dimness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. <sup>6</sup> **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;** <sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' " <sup>8</sup> **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29—12:2**

*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW Setting 8**

**The Holy Gospel**

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Luke 12:49-56**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup> “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you. O Christ**

**Sermon**

*You may be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

**God, When Human Bonds Are Broken ELW 603**

**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.

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

*A brief silence.*

Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality.  
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Safeguard rivers and lakes from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound especially those we now name aloud or in the peace of our hearts.

Pause . . .

Reassure them of your care in all times and places. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**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**

**ELW Setting 8**

### **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**

**Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing ELW 545**

## **Dismissal**

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