



**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 14, 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**

**Call to Worship**

**Unity Choir and/or Mission Bells**

**Gathering Hymn –**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

**ELW 834**

**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.

**Hymn of Praise**

**God's Work, Our Hands**

**ACS 1000**

## Prayer of the Day

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

*While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.*

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " <sup>9</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." <sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " <sup>14</sup> And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Call and Response Reading: Psalm 51:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. <sup>2</sup> **Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.** <sup>3</sup> For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right<sup>1</sup> in your judgment.** <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup> **Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.** <sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow. <sup>8</sup> **Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.** <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness. <sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

*The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service,  
<sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW Setting 8**

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 15:1-10**

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup> “Or

what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

<sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you. O Christ**

**Sermon**

*You may be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

**There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

**ELW 588**

**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**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Merciful God, pour out your grace upon your church. Forgive us for the times when we have been unfaithful, and renew our commitment to your gospel of love. Empower us to live as a community of mercy. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we ask forgiveness for the ways we have neglected and harmed this earth and its creatures. Confirm our commitment to care for all you have made, and grant us wisdom and strength to take action toward restoring your creation to its fullness. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, govern all who hold positions of power and authority. Instruct them to make just decisions that serve the common good. Make them instruments of your mercy in the world, working to heal divisions and promote peace.  
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we lift up all who suffer. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to those who are sick, grieving, or in pain especially those we now name aloud or in the peace of our hearts.

Pause . . .

Give us compassionate hearts to accompany those who are hurting and courage to work for justice and mercy. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, bind us together as a community of forgiveness and love. Supply us with humility to seek forgiveness when we have wronged one another and generosity to extend mercy when we have been wronged.  
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we remember in love those who have departed this life. Console those who mourn, and give them the hope of resurrection.  
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**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,

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.  
In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
In the fullness of time, you sent Christ  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

### **Holy Holy Holy**

**ELW Setting 8**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Communion Dialogue**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of Jesus.  
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Creator, 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**

## **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

**ELW 789**

## **Dismissal**

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