



Baptism of Jesus Sunday
January 11, 2026
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

Reflection, Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,
C: you call us to life in community,
but we often defer to our own interests at the expense of others.
We sometimes bend truth where honesty is needed. We say the
right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your
face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may
do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

P: The former things have passed away, and God now declares a newness. Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the love and acceptance found with Christ, and forgives our shortfalls in [†] Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn –

Remember and Rejoice

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Prayer of the Day

O God our Creator, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him Christ and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵ Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Call and Response Reading: Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.** ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.** ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ **the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.** ⁷ The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes. ⁸ **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!" ¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹ O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Judeans from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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Gospel Acclamation

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The Holy Gospel

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 3:13-17

Glory to you, O Lord

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you. O Christ

Sermon

You may be seated

Hymn of the Day

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

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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

United in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill especially those we now name aloud or in the peace of our hearts. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound.

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

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus 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**

Offering Prayer

Let us pray . . .
God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have ultimately prepared,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
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.

You are the creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and through this meal receive and show forth your bountiful grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join this unending hymn:

Holy, Holy

Words of Institution

Communion Dialogue

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your love, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may proclaim your grace in word and deed. **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. . .

Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have revealed the bread of life and cup of salvation.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Blessing

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy..

C: **Thanks be to God.**