



**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 24, 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**

**Gathering Hymn –**

**God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind ELW 400**

**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, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may be moved and rejoice in your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Judeans from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my servants, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to dimness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Word of God, Word of Life **Thanks be to God.**

**Call and Response Reading: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. <sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.** <sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it. <sup>27</sup> **All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.** <sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. <sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.** <sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. <sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.** <sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke. <sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.** <sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord. <sup>35b</sup> **Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we

were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW Setting 10**

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 20:19-23**

The holy gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you. O Christ**

**Sermon**

*You may be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

**O Holy Spirit, Root of Life**

**ELW 399**

**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**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection redeem our broken world and to make us well, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name especially those we now name aloud or in the peace of our hearts.

Pause . . .

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

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life and love to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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**

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord**

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray . . .

Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us  
and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus. **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.  
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,  
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,  
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.  
And so, 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**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Communion Dialogue**

At this table make us your body.  
Form us to be people of justice and peace.  
Fill us with gratitude and generosity  
that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed. **Amen**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,**  
    **who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name,**  
    **thy kingdom come,**  
    **thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day**  
    **our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us**  
    **our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**  
    **who trespass**  
    **against us;**  
**and lead us not**  
    **into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
    **and the power,**  
    **and the glory,**  
    **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. . .

Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.  
In the name of Jesus. **Amen**

## Blessing

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

## Every Time I Feel the Spirit

**ACS 942**

## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**