



**6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 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 –

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726

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

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Call and Response Reading: Psalm 145:8-14

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. **Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.** ¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you. ¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,** ¹² that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. ¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.** ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

WOV Setting 5

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Humanity came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you. O Christ

Sermon

You may be seated

Hymn of the Day

Day by Day

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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

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

God our unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest.

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

God our life-giver, we grieve the pains placed upon our common home through war and neglect. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend.

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

God our freedom, you are no tyrant but bring peace. As this nation marks its declaration of independence, teach us our part in announcing peace for future generations. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill, or who are in any need especially those we now name aloud or in the peace of our hearts . . .

Pause

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

God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do.
Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation.
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our
cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **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

As Saints of Old

ELW 695

Offering Prayer

Let us pray . . .

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

Preface

Holy God,
you alone are Majesty, you alone are Excellency, you alone are Sovereign.
Within the vast reaches you splashed into being, you formed our star and this planet:
purple mountains, fruited plains,
crystal waters, towering forests, gleaming mines.
Here you fashioned human beings in our infinite variety and hue,
yet each one created equal, to care for one another and our earthly home.
In a time of peace enforced by the cruelty of empire,
you came in Jesus to share our life.
Born under the rule of a merciless king, Jesus revealed the merciful realm of God.
Moving across borders
to people broken and oppressed,
Jesus brought healing, restoration, and freedom.

And so, through all this 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

Words of Institution

Communion Dialogue

God, shed your grace on us. Shower your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on your people gathered this day.

Ignite in us the flame of freedom—
freedom from prejudice, from supremacy, from fear;
freedom for acceptance, for welcome, for the shalom that you have first shown to us.

For Your Majesty shines forth in weakness. Your Excellency is revealed to infants. Your Sovereignty reigns from a cross. Yours, O God, Creator, Savior, and Sustainer, is the everlasting kingdom, the peaceable power, and the humble glory, now and forever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

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| 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. . .

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and grape,
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen**

Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
 ✠ one God,
 bless, heal, and hold you
 today and always.
C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

This is My Song

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Dismissal

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**