

Our Story

St. Andrews has served the community of Stockton for over 65 years. We began when a group of people from historic Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Stockton broke off from Trinity to begin a new ministry in Stockton. From very humble beginnings in the 1940s and 50s we have grown into a worshipping community of several hundred. Our current worship facility was purchased in the early 1950s, surrounded at that time by rice fields and sheep. We are now considered to be in the heart of Stockton, located directly east of Weberstown Mall a block east of San Joaquin Delta College and northeast of the University of the Pacific.

While we are proud of our history, we are especially excited about our future. As we move further into the 21st century, we seek to become, more and more, a church for all nations, to all nations. This means we desire to reflect the diverse nature of our community and show God's love toward all people in our community and world.

At St. Andrews, we recognize the brokenness and hurt that is in all of our lives as a result of our rebellion against a loving God (we usually call this sin). We also know that God's goal for this world is restoring all things back to the beautiful nature He created them to be. This was the purpose of His son Jesus' life, work, death, and resurrection from the dead. This work of restoration-whether it is an individual person, a family, a neighborhood, or an entire city community-has become our goal as well.

We feel this work of restoration and reconciliation occurs when we:

- Worship God
 - This occurs through a commitment to corporate/public worship for the edification of our Christian community in order to honor Christ for what He has done for us.
 - It also occurs when we individually commit to a personal devotional life (bible study, prayer, worship, witness, and more) to connect to Christ and experience life transformation and a deep relationship with Him.

• Love Others This happens when we commit to experiencing life together with others, hoping to grow in God's word together with other Christians in order to experience fellowship, accountability, care, and growth.

• Serve the World We desire to have all people use their gifts, talents, time, treasure, and abilities to serve God by serving your community, both inside and outside St. Andrews. We live to share the Gospel to those who don't yet know Christ as Savior, both in our community and to the ends of the earth.

You won't find perfect people at St. Andrews. You won't find people who have got it all together. You will find people who have been promised everything through the power of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. You will find people who love their God, each other, and their community and want to make a lasting, loving difference in this world.

We know we don't deserve God's mercy, we know you don't. We rejoice in knowing God's forgiveness, love, mercy, and victory are freely given to us in Jesus.

You are welcome to join us. May God's love, joy, and peace be with you today.

God's people at St. Andrews