

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

If you are seeking God you are welcome here.

If you have been hurt in a judgmental church, here you will not be judged. Here you will be nurtured in the grace and Good News that our salvation has been accomplished in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. *Here you may discover that, in fact, it is God who has been seeking you!*

Third Sunday after Pentecost



June 18, 2023

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Joshua 1:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5; Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 *Tuesday*: 1 Samuel 3:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:13—3:5;Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 *Wednesday*: Proverbs 4:10-27; Luke 6:12-19; Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 *Thursday:* Jeremiah 18:12-17; Hebrews 2:5-9; Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 *Friday:* Jeremiah 18:18-23; Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15]16-18 *Saturday*: Jeremiah 20:1-6; Luke 11:53—12:3; Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15]16-18 *Next Sunday's Lessons:* Jeremiah 20:7-13;Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 (16); Romans 6:1b-11;Matthew 10:24-39

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Gerri Bass**, **Joe Beene, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Karen Einarsen, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, Jim Mayfield, and Linda Reuben.**

<u>Pray for those unable to come to worship</u>: Joyce Behlendorf, Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Edith Haecker, Pat Janot, Jeanne Nelson, Joanne Shue, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff

<u>Pray for these loved ones of our congregation</u>: Dawn Allen, Roberta Barbour, Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, Nelson Blish, Mary Bloom, Jerry & Elijah Connor, Doug Crinklaw, Judy Drezek, Derald Edwards, Barbara Flatin, Dan Flatin, Deanna Harbison, William Harbison, Char Henry, Sue Ivey, Brian Johnson, Mason Jones, Sean Kelley, The Kennedy family, Bob Lamoureux, Ron Luchetti, Julia Mahony, Marnah Lund, Doug Mayes, Detra Michaels, Bob Myers, Gina Peterson, Paula Rega, Betty Roth, Naomi Schmidt, David Shoberg, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, Caleb Winig, Linda Wright, The Graduating Class of 2023

Third Sunday after Pentecost

I. Gathering: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome

Centering Music Abbot's Leigh

Arr. Paul Manz

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

II. Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song First Reading Exodus 19:2-8a

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." ⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

Reader: "The Word of the Lord." Response: "Thanks be to God."



¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, [|] all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.

³Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom ¹ we belong;

we are God's people and the sheep [|] of God's pasture. *Refrain* ⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the [|] courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's [|] holy name.

⁵Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is [|] everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from [|] age to age. *Refrain*

Second Reading

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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GospelMatthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]Response after announcement of the Gospel: "Glory to you, O Lord."

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." ^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. ¹⁶"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

Response at the conclusion of the Gospel: "Praise to you, O Christ."

Sermon

The Way

Pastor Jon Nelson

The Hymn of the Day will be announced in a few moments. First, please take time during the silence: What are your prayers in response to the sermon?

Hymn of the Day	Lord, You give the Great Commission	ELW 579
		Bulletin page 11

Prayers

Each petition concludes, "Lord in your mercy." Response: "Hear our prayer."

III. Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

Offerings are gathered for the mission of the church: preaching and teaching the good news of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ, and caring for the poor. During the offering, the table is set for the Lord's Supper.

Offering of Music

You Have Come Down To the Lakeshore Sandy Croushore

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

<u>The Lord's Prayer</u> Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

When receiving Communion, either stand or kneel at the Rail. Pastor will distribute the bread and a Communion Assistant will come with a tray of pre-filled cups of wine and grape juice. The juice will be in the middle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available as an alternative to bread. St. Stephen is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, so all are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper.



Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

IV. Sending: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Sending Hymn All People That on Earth Do Dwell

ELW 883 Bulletin page 14

Blessing The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. Amen.

Dismissal Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Old Hundreth"(Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow) Piet Post

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In Christ Called to Baptize



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Lord, You Give the Great Commission



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I Love to Tell the Story









Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

All People That on Earth Do Dwell



Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

As We Gather

Parents! Thanks for bringing your children to worship.

- Did you know that intergenerational worship is the single most important activity encouraging children's faith formation? (See vibrantfaith.com)
- When parents and children need to take a break for a few minutes, there's a play area with toys and books in the room right beneath the Worship Space.
- Age-appropriate activity bags are available in the Gathering Space ask an usher for assistance.

Assistance is Available for You:

- An induction loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T."
- Large print worship materials are available ask an usher.
- **Rest rooms** are accessible through the door in the wing to the left of the altar.
- If someone should need emergency medical assistance, CPR supplies, and a first aid kit are located in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall.

Health Update:

We always encourage you to monitor yourself for symptoms of illness and to worship from home if you are experiencing any. We have masks and hand sanitizer available for use in our building should you require.

What's Happening Today

<u>**Thanks to Ina Berkey**</u> for her musical leadership this morning while our Director of Music, Karen Ives, is on vacation.

Flowers this morning are given by Amy and Brian Bergh in memory of Howard and Cora Bergh.

Let us Celebrate Pastor Jon's 15 year Ordination with a breakfast between services in the Gathering space.

<u>2023 Giving Statements</u> are available in the gathering space. Please remember to pick yours up before you leave.

Upcoming

Service: 2023 Summer Lunch Program. Meals on Wheels has been getting many requests for summer bag lunches for children. Cathie Upton, Exec. Dir. of Meals on Wheels, estimates that there will be a need for 300 lunches each day with the total for the entire summer reaching almost 16,00 lunches. The prep. location will be the same as last year - MOW kitchen at the WISC. If you need more information please contact Hollie at the office.

Worship: Summer Worship Schedule. Starting Sunday, June 25th we will be moving to one worship service for eight Sundays, ending August 13th. We will have coffee at 9:00 AM and worship at 9:45 AM on these Sundays. This worship service will be live-streamed as well. We hope that this joint service will help foster connections between "8:30 folk" and "11:00 folk" as well as give our worship leaders a lighter Sunday morning for these weeks of summer

<u>June Congregational Meeting</u>: We will hold our June business meeting on Sunday, June 25th. Our June meeting typically includes elections, a midyear review and update, and a report from the Preschool regarding the completed program year. To that annual list we will also add voting on the agreement to share a pastor with Our Saviour's. The agenda and supporting documents for the meeting will be shared soon.

Dinner Small Groups to build connections: All ages are invited to participate in our new dinner small group fellowship, a flexible program in which each group:

-Meets to share a meal together during a three month period, and decides together the best location and meal details for its members. Made up of about 8 people, each group will set its own "approach" for meals. . .

Dinner out? Great choice. Brunch or lunch at a group member's house? Perfect plan. Potluck after Sunday worship? Excellent idea. Take-out to share at a park? Nice option. Do whatever works best for the group! The purpose? Fellowship, inclusivity, relationships, breaking bread together, building connections.

Sign-up on the bulletin insert, or call or email the church office throughout June. Each group will meet once during July-September. Of course, you are free to meet more often if that works for your group!

SCHOOL SNEAKERS for GROVE COMMUNITY STUDENTS. As we have done for 18 years, we are assisting Grove community students to start school in style! You may purchase sneakers in girls' sizes 6 to 11 or boys' sizes 6 to 12 and bring them to church by July 30. Or make a monetary donation to the project by writing a check to St. Stephen Lutheran Church with SHOES FOR GROVE on the memo or by putting cash into an envelope marked SHOES FOR GROVE. Place envelopes with checks or cash in the offering plate by July 30 or put in Hollie Jones's mailbox outside the church office. The Grove community will then purchase shoes in sizes that are still needed. Questions, call Marilyn Johnson at 757-345-0806.

<u>The Flower Chart for 2023</u> is posted in the display area of the Gathering Space. Please mark the date for which you would like to sponsor flowers! Sponsor sheets are in the envelope below the chart!

We are looking for cookies or little bites for our summer services! We are asking 3 people to bring 2-3 dozen cookies or little bites each Sunday for the 9:00 Hospitality time, before the service. If you would like to help out please sign up on the in insert and indicate which Sunday would be able to help. Thank you!



We also have the Collection bins in the Gathering Space . Please Help support our local neighbors in need. Anything helps and will go a long way.

Health Ministry

Bug Off!

Summer is a time when we may be plagued by bug bites. If you are like me, it is mosquitos. They really have a thing for me. I thought I was imagining it, but turns out I am not. Mosquitoes are attracted to substances we release when we sweat.

The biggest attractant is lactic acid. This makes us particularly attractive when we are working in the garden, going for a run or other activities that make us sweat. Using an insect repellent that contains DEET or picaridin. DEET is the most common ingredient. The higher the concentration, the longer your protection. Be sure to not spray in your eyes or mouth. Avoid wearing perfume, cologne or scented lotion as it smells good to mosquitoes as well. Wear long sleeve, lightweight shirts and long pants to keep yourself protected from bites. Oh yeah, those two things also help protect from sunburn by blocking UVA and UVB rays.

Turn on a fan, even outside on a porch to keep air moving, This helps to discourage mosquitoes from landing and biting.

Hope you have a safe a fun summer!

Do you have questions? Give me a call or send me an email.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel Parish Nurse

St. Stephen Calendar – June 18-June 25, 2023

Our worship service is available on our website <u>www.saintstephenlutheran.net</u>, click on "Worship with Us" and "Services."

SUNDAY, June 18

8:30 AMWorship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)11:00 AMWorship – Holy Communion

MONDAY, June 19

Offices Closed

TUESDAY, June 20

7:00 PM Preschool Committee Meeting(Library/Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, June 21

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, June 22

12:00 PM Staff Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)7:00 PM SMCC Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

FRIDAY, June 23

SATURDAY, June 24

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, June 25

- **9:00 AM** Coffee & Conversation (Gathering Space)
- 9:45 AM Worship Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)
- 11:00 AM Congregational meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

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Altar Guild	
	(11:00) Nancy Egloff and Linda Vonderheide
Audio-Visual Team	(8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) Charles Osborn
Bread Baker	
Cantor	
Communion Assistants	
	(11:00) Julie Meeks and Jeffery Berry
Flower Delivery	
Greeters/Hosts (8:30)	Bob & Carol Harman (11:00) George & Linda Vonderheide
Lectors	
Tellers	Jeanne Garrison, Nelia Lamoureux, Joe Beene
Ushers	

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(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our BaptismsDoing Ministry in the WorldPastor Jon Nelson (320-295-8861)Pastorjn@saintstephenlutheran.netKaren Ives – Director of Music (757-229-6688)MusicDir@saintstephenlutheran.netHollie Jones – Parish Administrator (229-6688)Office@saintstephenlutheran.netDiana Tiller-Dichtel – Parish Nurse (232-5924)Parishnurse@saintstephenlutheran.netHolly Ready – Preschool Director (229-6688)Preschool@saintstephenlutheran.netPeninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (873-2273; counselors are in Williamsburg on Thursdays)

Welcome to St. Stephen Lutheran Church! Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

June 18, 2023

Name:		
For guests and members w	vith changes:	
Address (Home)		
City/State	Zip	
Telephone #	_	
E-Mail Address		
Guests Only: I belong to		
Church Address		
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Regular guest		
Guest (out of town)		
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Would like more infor	rmation about Stephen Ministry	
Would like a Parish N		
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Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

Prayer Requests

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Yes I'm interested in being in	a dinner small group!		
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and #of participants in family	with		
kids' ages	, and indicate if transportation is needed		