

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!

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 6, 2023



For Your Prayers – August 7-August 13, 2023

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Romans 1:8-15 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 **Tuesday**: Deuteronomy 26:1-15 Acts 2:37-47 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29

Wednesday: 1 Kings 18:1-16 Acts 17:10-15 Psalm 85:8-13 *Thursday*: 1 Kings 18:1-16 Acts 17:10-15 Psalm 85:8-13

Friday: 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40 Acts 18:24-28 Psalm 85:8-13 *Saturday*: 1 Kings 18:41-46 Matthew 16:1-4 Psalm 85:8-13

Next Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

<u>Join your prayers for healing</u> with God's desires for Ed Brown, Ellen Bushman, Kristin Carter, Bob Harman, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, Jim Mayfield, and Linda Reuben.

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

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Dawn Allen, Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, Nelson Blish, Mary Bloom, The Brantley family, Jerry & Elijah Connor, Judy Craun, Doug Crinklaw, Judy Drezek, Eberhart friends and family, Derald Edwards, Joan and Frank Goodhart, Deanna Harbison, William Harbison, Tom Hay, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Zac and Jen Holtzman and family, Brian Johnson, Mason Jones, Sean Kelley, The Kennedy family, Bob Lamoureux, Ron Luchetti, Julia Mahony, Marnah Lund, Doug Mayes, Laura Mcgolin, Detra Michaels, Bob Myers, Gina Peterson, Paula Rega, Betty Roth, Inge Seiter, David Shoberg, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, and Caleb Winig

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music Praise and Thanksgiving Teresa Wilhelmi

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.**

Gathering Hymn Praise and Thanksgiving

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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

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

II. Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

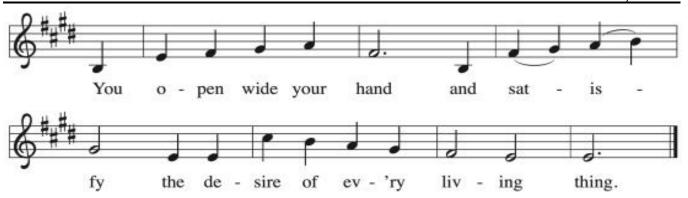
First Reading Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

Psalm:



⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

 9 LORD, you are $^{|}$ good to all,

and your compassion is over | all your works. Refrain

¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD, and you give them their food | in due season.

¹⁶You open | wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

¹⁷You are righteous in | all your ways and loving in | all your works. *Refrain*

¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you, to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

¹⁹You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you; you hear their | cry and save them.

²⁰You watch over all ¹ those who love you, but all the wicked you ¹ shall destroy.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever. *Refrain*

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

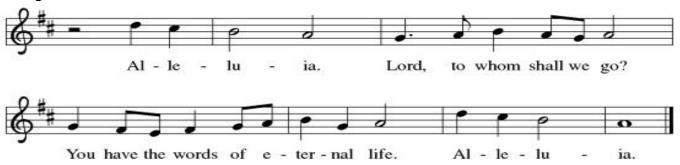
This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.
³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.
⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the

promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

Response after announcement of the Gospel: "Glory to you, O Lord."

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Sermon "You give them..." 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?*

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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

Come to the Waters

arr. Carl Fredrickson

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

The Lord's Prayer

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.

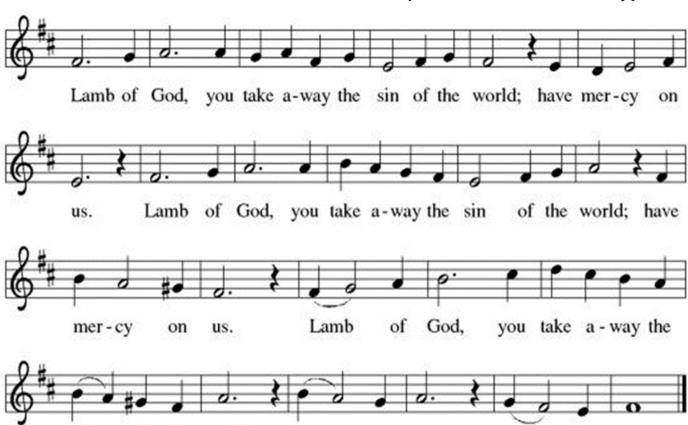
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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.



Communion Music:

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Spirit Song

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Jim Larsen-guitar

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Communion Hymn We Come to the Hungry Feast

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Prayer after Communion

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

Sending Hymn

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

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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

Be Joyful in the Lord

Marc Jordan

Thank you to Erika Cave, Jim Larsen and Terri Larsen for blessing us with their talents.

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Praise and Thanksgiving



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Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

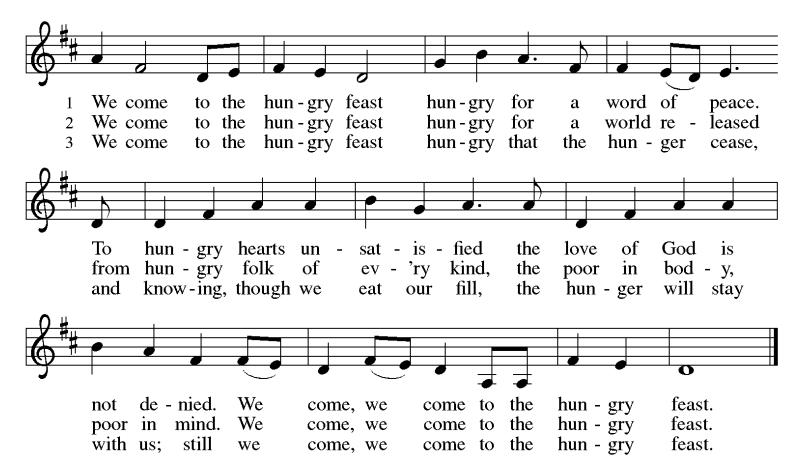


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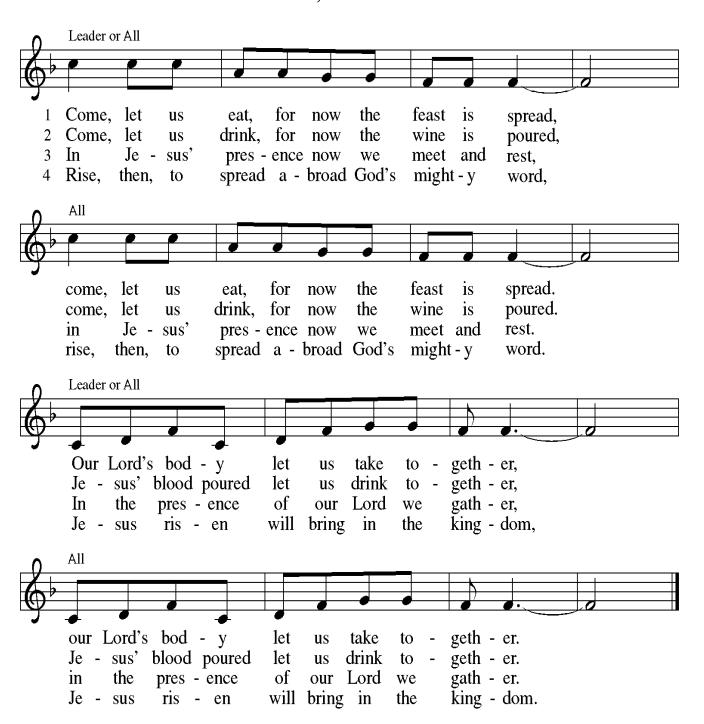


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Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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Come, Let Us Eat



Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt. Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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By Your Hand You Feed Your People



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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

Flowers this morning are given by Forrest and Ruth Fenstermaker in celebration of Forrest's 89th birthday!

No Shame. Period. provides packs to area ELEMENTARY and MIDDLE schools in Hampton Roads. Each pack contains a pad, new pair of underwear, a bag for soiled underwear, a wipe and a note or item of encouragement Please join us for a packing party before and after our church service today. Thanks to leftover supplies from the SSLC women's retreat, the MOST NEEDED are makeup bags or opaque pencil cases and new GIRL's underwear size 10-16 or WOMEN's size small. A card making station will be available to make short notes of encouragement to include in the packs.

Upcoming

Meet-and-greets with Pastor Alex! Stop by D.O.G. Street outside of Aroma's on Thursday, August 10th from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM or on Monday, August 14th from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM for a chance to get to know Pastor Alex a bit better!

Banner committee news! The Banner committee is looking for volunteers to help make new banners in the fall. No experience needed, we are happy to teach you and share fellowship in the process. If you are interested please check the line on the insert to let them know. If you have any questions please reach out to Janice Mayfield.

Hand Bell and Choir Chimes Retreat! Aug 13th 3pm- 5pm in the worship space come join us for a Ringing good time. Try out our Handbells and Choir Chimes. Ideal for rising 6th graders up to Octogenarian's. Please sign up in the insert if you are interested.

Habitat is coming back to James City County. The need for affordable housing has not decreased since St. Stephen's last involvement with Habitat. The Social Ministry committee hopes we can again be involved in the fall of 2023. In the meantime, other opportunities to show support are available: On August 19 four sponsors are holding a 1mile fun run/5K run or walk. Registration is at www.RunSignUp.com.

Outdoor Worship at Chickahominy Park. Given the fun we had at our start of summer picnic at Freedom Park we decided to do it again, this time with worship! We will have an outdoor worship service on **Sunday, September 3rd** in the shelter between the playground and pool at Chickahominy Park, followed by a potluck picnic. We have invited OSLC to join us. Please mark the date on your calendars!

God's Work. Our Hands Sunday. This year "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday is set for September 10th. For our project we will be assembling Care Kits between services in the Fellowship Hall. These Care Kits are intended for people experiencing homelessness and will include: (all items should be travel sized) shampoo and conditioner, body wash, lotion, disposable razor and shaving cream, a comb, deodorant, tissues, hand sanitizer, wet wipes, toothpaste and a tooth brush, and a pair of socks. If you would like to donate money to cover the cost of supplies you can send donations to the church office designated for "Care Kits", or if you would like to donate the supplies themselves, there will be a box in the Gathering Space beginning in August.

Health Ministries

Blood Pressure checks

We will be having a blood pressure check on **August 13**. This particular Sunday will be during the one service time so I will be available in my office during coffee time starting at 9am. Then, in September, I will be available in my office between services on the third Sunday of the month.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel Parish Nurse

Crockpot Ministries

...You shall love your neighbor as yourself,... (James 2:13)

In August please support the Crockpot Ministry as we continue to feed two homeless families every Thursday. Hopefully they will receive from us two recipes suitable for preparing in a crockpot each Thursday along with the ingredients to make dinner on Thursday and Friday. Since their refrigerator space is limited, perishables will be purchased with any monetary donations received for the project or please advise that they are in the refrigerator at St. Stephen. Below are the ingredients needed at the church by August 15 for the next week. If you cannot help this week there will be tthree more opportunities.

Questions can be addressed to Jane Gingerich or Susan Neidlinger and thanks for helping.

(We will purchase needed meats the day of delivery)

Beef & Potatoes

2 pints light cream 2 small onions

10 medium potatoes 2 cans tomato soup

2 pkgs. cookies 2 jars

applesauce

Beef-burger Stroganoff

1 pkg. already cooked bacon 2 small onions

2 medium size bags of chips 2 small sour cream

2 cans of fruit 2 pkgs. hamburger buns

2 cans of mushroom soup

St. Stephen Calendar – August 6 - August 13, 2023

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

SUNDAY, August 6

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation (Gathering Space)

9:45 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)

MONDAY, August 7

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)

TUESDAY, August 8

7:00 PM Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, August 9

7:00 PM Worship and Music Committee (Library/Conference Room)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, August 10

12:00 PM Bulletin review (Library/Conference Room)

FRIDAY, August 11

SATURDAY, August 12

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, August 13

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation (Gathering Space)

9:00 AM Blood Pressure Clinic (Nurse's Office)

9:45 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Handbell and Chime Retreat (Worship Space)

7:00 PM Campus Ministry Committee (ZOOM)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer	Liam Janke
Altar Guild	Donna VanDuyse
Audio-Visual Team	Beth Grant
Bread Baker	Paula Agor
Cantors	Jim and Terri Larsen
Communion Assistants	Margaret Steel and Pam Buckley
Flower Delivery	
Greeters/Hosts	JR & Diana Lyons
Lectors	Paula Agor and George Bass
Tellers	Jane Gingerich, Ursula Recktenwald, & Russ White
Ushers	

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(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms Pastor Jon Nelson (320-295-8861)

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Karen Ives – Director of Music (757-229-6688)

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Peninsula 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.

July 30, 2023

Name:
For guests and members with changes:
Address (Home)
City/StateZip
Telephone #
E-Mail Address
Guests Only: I belong to
Church Address
Please check as many as pertain: Member First time guest
Regular guest
 Guest (out of town) Student at William & Mary Looking for a church home Desire to speak with pastor Would like more information about Stephen Ministry Would like a Parish Nurse to contact me
Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

Prayer Requests

	lease add to the prayer list in this month's bulletin and next month's <i>Quill</i> : [ame:
P	lease remove from prayer concerns:
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_	I/We need a name tag:
_	I/we would like to join the Banner committee
	I/we would like to sign up for the Handbell Retreat on Aug 13 th from 3-5H