



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!

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023



For Your Prayers September 18-24, 2023

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Genesis 48:8-22 Hebrews 11:23-29 Psalm 133

Tuesday: Genesis 49:29–50:14 Romans 14:13–15:2 Psalm 133

Wednesday: Genesis 50:22-26 Mark 11:20-25 Psalm 133

Thursday: Nahum 1:1, 14–2:2 2 Corinthians 13:1-4 Psalm 145:1-8

Friday: Nahum 2:3-13 2 Corinthians 13:5-10 Psalm 145:1-8

Saturday: Zephaniah 2:13-15 Matthew 19:23-30 Psalm 145:1-8

Next Sunday: Jonah 3:10—4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 (8) Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

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

Pray for those unable to come to worship: **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, Mary Bloom, Ann Bunn Jerry & Elijah Connor, Judy Craun, Doug Crinklaw, Sophia Czajkowski, Judy Drezek, Derald Edwards, Joan and Frank Goodhart, Deanna Harbison, William Harbison, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzeman, Char Henry, Zac and Jen Holtzman and family, Brian Johnson, Mason Jones, Connie Kendrick, 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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music *When We Are Living*

arr. Al Roberts

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior Amen**

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
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

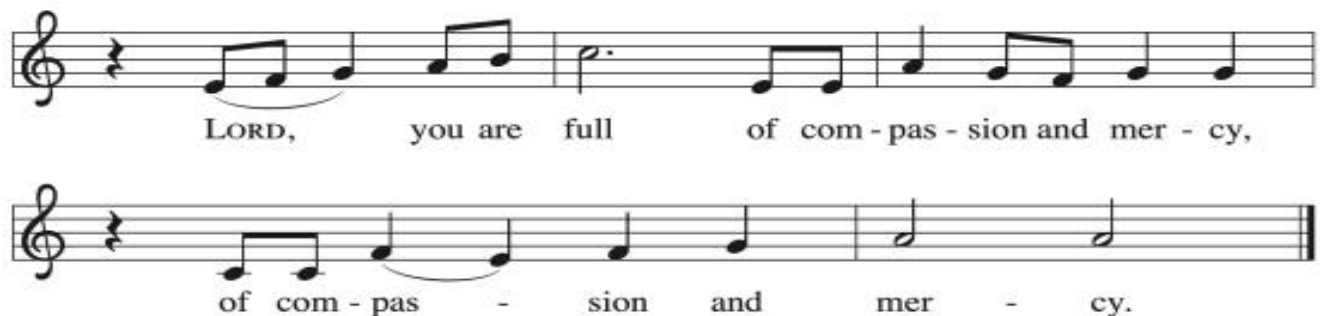
O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

II. Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song**First Reading****Genesis 50:15-21**

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

Psalm:**Psalm 103:8-13**

8LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
 slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;
 9you will not al- | ways accuse us,
 nor will you keep your an- | ger forever. *Refrain*

10 You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.
11 **For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,**
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.

12 As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.

13 **As a father has compassion | for his children,**
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O Lord. Refrain

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: “The Word of the Lord.” Response: “**Thanks be to God.**”

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Alleluia. We have an advocate, Jesus¹ Christ the righteous;* your sins are forgiven on account¹ of his name. *Alleluia.* (1 John 2:1, 12)

Gospel

Matthew 18: 21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

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

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Sermon*Freed In Forgiveness*

Pastor Jon Nelson

Silence for reflection and Prayer in response to the sermon.

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*Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive*

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Statement of Faith

Holy Love, Beginning and End, beyond all Names:
giver of food and drink, clothing and warmth, love and hope:
life in all its goodness,
we praise and adore you.

Jesus Christ, Wisdom and Word:
lover of outcasts, friend of the poor;
one of us, yet one with God;
crucified and risen; life in the midst of death,
we praise and adore you.

Holy Spirit, Storm and Breath:
building bridges, breaking chains,
waking the oppressed, making us one,
unseen and unexpected, untamable energy of life,
we praise and adore you.

Holy Trinity, forever One,
whose nature is community,
unbounded dance of love;
in whom we live and grow and know our neighbor;
life in all its fullness, making all things new,
we praise and adore you.

From Oremus III, the worship book of the Lutheran Student Movement, USA (campus ministry).

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 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* arr. Brenda Portman

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn *Forgive Your People*

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Sending Hymn *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*

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Blessing

The God of glory,

✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,

and the Spirit who lives in you,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Fugue in F Minor*

Charles Burney

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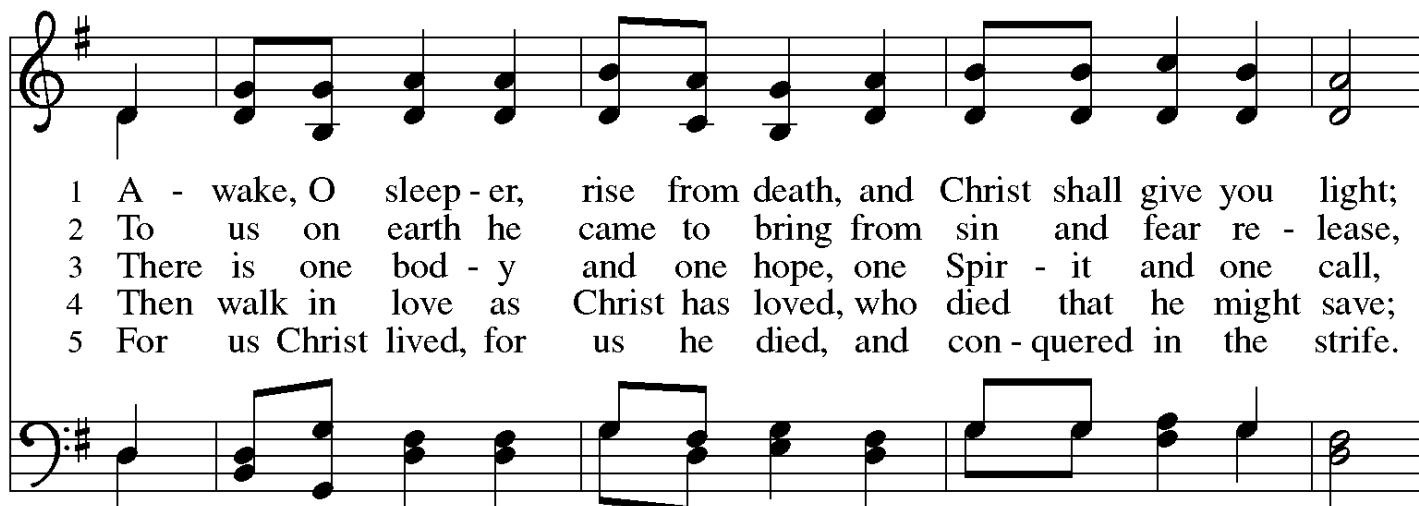
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Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

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Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.
Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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Forgive Your People

Perdona a tu pueblo

Refrain / Estribillo



Per - do - na a tu pue - blo, Se - ñor. Per -
For - give your . . . peo - ple, O Lord. For -



do - na a tu pue - blo, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.
give your . . . peo - ple, for - give . . . us, O Lord.



1 Por e - sos hie - rros que te cla - va -
1 For cold and cru - el nails that im - pale
2 For all the dead - ly blows that have torn
3 For bear - ing all our wounds, we a - dore
4 May your whole life out - poured now flow through



ron, por las es - pi - nas que te pun -
you, for rag - ged rings of thorns that as -
you, for all the bit - ter words that still
you. Show us your feet, your hands, we im -
us, and may your death re - store and re -

Refrain / Estribillo



za - ron, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.
sail you, for - give . . . us, O Lord.
scorn you, for - give . . . us, O Lord.
plore you. For - give . . . us, O Lord.
new us. For - give . . . us, O Lord.

2 Por tus sangrientas llagas tan crueles, 3 Por tus heridas de pies y manos,
por los insultos y por las hieles, por los azotes tan inhumanos,
perdónale, Señor. perdónale, Señor.

4 Por la abertura de tu costado,
por haber muerto abandonado,
perdónale, Señor.

When We Are Living

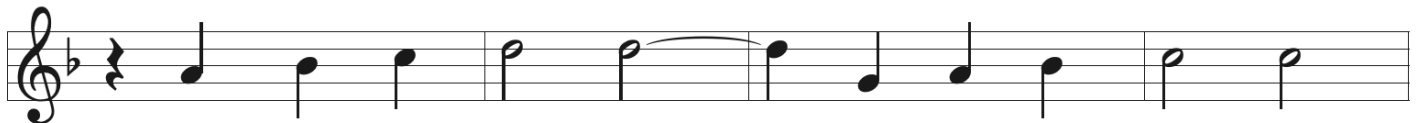
Pues si vivimos



Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,
 1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 3 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find



y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.
 and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord. . . .
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .



Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
 Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 and when we help them, or when we feed them,



so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

2 En la tristeza y en el dolor,
 en la belleza y en el amor,
 sea que suframos o que gocemos,
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

3 En este mundo por doquier habrá
 gente que lloray sin consolar.
 Sea que ayudemos o alimentemos,
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

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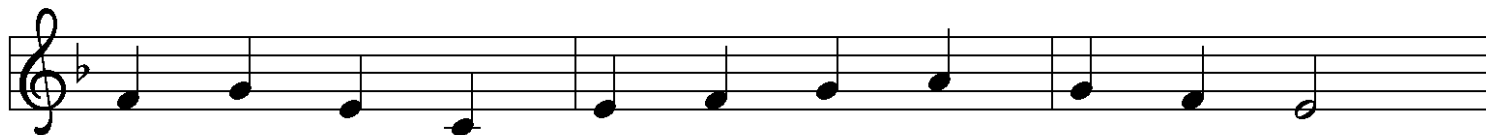
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Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.
Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.
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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 Donna VanDuyse for God's many blessings!

Worship & Communal Life. Rally Sunday. We will celebrate Rally Sunday on **September 17th**. This marks the start of our program year, meaning both Faith Formation and Affirmation of Baptism (AOB) will begin on this date. Keep your eyes peeled for information about Adult Ed. opportunities beginning in October.

Upcoming

Communal Life: Breakfasts. Come to build and deepen relationships – at the **Colonial Pancake House**, at the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road. **Gatherings take place at 8:00 AM.** Please note that we are meeting the 2nd week of September as Colonial Pancake House is closed the week of Labor Day thru the 13th to give their staff some time off.

Tuesday, September 19 - Women are invited to join together for breakfast

Communal Life: Board Game Night. Mark your calendars for our next Board Game Night at SSLC on **September 30th, 5:30 - 9:00 PM.** Please bring a dish to share along with your favorite board/card game.

Adopt-A-Student Program: Building Connections and Community with LSA Our college students are returning! Welcome! One program St. Stephen provides for students is the adopted student/church family program. The Campus Ministry Committee pairs interested students with members from St. Stephen who would like to form relationships with college students. These new church families meet for meals, ice cream, coffee, visit local museums, take walks, etc. We encourage St. Stephen members to become family away from home for our new students! If interested, please sign up on the bulletin sign-up sheet with your name and contact information. Interested students may sign up on the bulletin sign-up sheet as well, with your name and campus email address. Questions, contact Nancy Egloff (knegloff@verizon.net).

Communal Life: LSA Sunday Dinners. Want to get to know our LSA members? Host a meal for them! Sign up to host a Sunday evening meal for LSA on the chart in the Gathering Space. If you haven't hosted before, instructions are available.

Come out to celebrate the beginning of the school year while supporting our preschool at **Shoofly Diary Bar Spirit Night** on **Thursday September 28th** from **6-8 PM.** Please be sure to mention that you are there for St. Stephen Preschool. A portion of the sales will be donated to our preschool. Shoo Fly will also place a jar out and 100% of those donations will be given to the preschool.

Service: Rise Against Hunger. Saturday, October 14, 2023, is the date for the RISE AGAINST HUNGER event held at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. Mark your calendars as everyone from 4 years old to 104 years old can participate in this fun event to help eradicate World Hunger. This year we plan to package 55,296 meals, meaning we need about 130 volunteers per shift. You can sign up by visiting mywpc.org/rah or by sending a note to volunteer@mywpc.org and give us your name(s), the shift you want to work, and your best contact information. Shifts are 11:00am-1:00pm and/or 1:30-3:30pm. If you would like to learn more about the Rise Against Hunger organization and food-packaging events, please contact Gary Davis at (724) 208-1081.

Communal Life: Hymn Sing. The Rev. Dr. Paul Weber and his wife, organist Florence Jowers, will lead a Hymn Sing on **Sunday, September 24, from 3:00-4:30 PM** at St. Stephen. Dr. Weber will introduce songs from his expansive hymn collection, *So Great a Cloud of Witnesses*, published by Augsburg Fortress. Thanks to a grant from the Michael Peeler Fund of the NC Synod there is no cost to attend.

Mulch Party! We will be receiving six yards of mulch on Friday evening October 13th for our preschool playground and will need your help to spread it. If you are available **Saturday October 14**, please come to St. Stephen at **10:00 AM**- bring your wheelbarrows, shovels, and rakes if you have them. Please mark the insert if you will be available to help our school.

Come One ,Come All We are having our annual Ministry fair on October 1st between services. We will have tables set up and representatives from the current ministries at St. Stephen Lutheran Church. We are asking that you stop in and see what the church is doing. We will have a list of ministries with the leaders and a brief descriptions. We ask that you prayerfully consider where you could donate your time and talents to St. Stephen. If you are not ready to come back, no problem. There are many things that can be done from home and still be part of a ministry. There are also ministries that are behind the scenes and can be done when there are fewer people in the church. The church is strong because of the members. Our church thrives because of those who are willing to donate time and talent to the various ministries. Many hands make light work.

St. Stephen Calendar –September 17-24 , 2023

*Our worship service is available on our website www.saintstephenlutheran.net,
click on “Worship with Us” and “Services.”*

SUNDAY, September 17

- 8:30 AM** **Worship – Holy Communion** (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)
- 9:45 AM Affirmation Of Baptism (Library/Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation (Preschool Room)
- 9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal - Come join us! (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM** **Worship – Holy Communion**

MONDAY September 18

- 10:00 AM Staff meeting (Pastor office)
- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)
- 2:30 PM Stephen Minister Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

TUESDAY, September 19

- 8:00 AM Women’s Breakfast (Colonial Pancake house)
- 11:30 AM Preschool Chapel (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM Choral Guild (Fellowship hall)
- 7:00 PM Preschool Committee (Library/Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, September 20

- 11:30 AM Preschool Chapel (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Worship Space)

THURSDAY, September 21

- 12:00 PM Bulletin review (Library/Conference Room)
- 5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship Space)

FRIDAY, September 22

SATURDAY, September 23

- 12-4 PM AA- Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, September 24

- 8:30 AM** **Worship – Holy Communion** (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)
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- 11:00 AM** **Worship – Holy Communion**
- 3-4:30 PM Hymn Sing (Worship Space)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer..... (8:30) Theo Bergh
..... (11:00) Pam Buckley
Altar Guild(8:30) Diane McCurry
..... (11:00) Gerri Bass & Karen Arledge
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) Doug Moore
Bread Baker..... Karen Schlicht
Cantors (8:30) Patty Ballentine (11:00) Christina Nelson
Communion Assistants (8:30) Susan Bosworth and Ellen Bushman
..... (11:00) Sandy Croushore and Pam Buckley
Flower Delivery Rosemary Stimson
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) Bob & Carol Harman (11:00) George & Linda Vonderheide
Lectors.....(8:30) Reed Nester (11:00) Jeane Moore
Preacher..... Jon Nelson
Presider Jon Nelson
Tellers..... Jeanne Garrison, Linda Vonderheide, Joe Beene
Ushers..... (8:30) John McCurry & Russ White (11:00)

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Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

Pastor Jon Nelson (320-295-8861)

Pastor Alex Sheppard-Witt (717-434-5037)

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

Hollie Jones – Parish Administrator (229-6688)

Diana Tiller-Dichtel – Parish Nurse (232-5924)

Holly Ready – Preschool Director (229-6688)

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

September 17, 2023

Name: _____

For guests and members with changes:

Address (Home) _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

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

Please **add** to the prayer list in this month's bulletin and next month's *Quill*:

Name: _____

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

Name: _____

___ I/We need a name tag: _____

___ I'm interested in adopting a college student:

___ I'm a college student who is interested in being adopted
(provide name and campus email address)

Name: _____

Email: _____

___ I /We can help on October 14th spread mulch for the preschool playground

We will bring wheelbarrow/ rakes/ shovel/ other _____