



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!

18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2023



For Your Prayers October 2-8, 2023

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Judges 14:1-20; Philippians 1:3-14; Psalm 28

Tuesday: Judges 16:1-22; Philippians 1:15-21; Psalm 28

Wednesday: Judges 16:23-31; Matthew 9:2-8; Psalm 28

Thursday: Jeremiah 2:14-22; Colossians 2:16-23; Psalm 80:7-15

Friday: Jeremiah 2:23-37; Philippians 2:14-18; Psalm 80:7-15

Saturday: Jeremiah 6:1-10; John 7:40-52; Psalm 80:7-15

Next Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15 (14, 15); Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, Julia Mahony, Jim Mayfield, Randy Punchard 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, Paula Battle, 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, Catherine Harbison, Deanna Harbison, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, 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, Maddie Murray, Bob Myers, Gina Peterson, Paula Rega, Marci Ries, Betty Roth, Inge Seiter, David Shoberg, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, and Caleb Winig

18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music *At the Name of Jesus*

Setting, John Hebden Schaffner

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.**

Gathering Hymn *At the Name of Jesus*

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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

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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



¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. Refrain**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my
 presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear
 and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to
 work for his good pleasure.

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

Gospel Acclamation

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' with a fermata over the second 'Al - le - lu - ia'. The second staff continues with 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' and ends with a repeat sign. The third staff is a simple accompaniment line with a few notes and rests. The instruction 'Repeat alleluia' is written at the end of the second staff.

My sheep hear my voice, / says the Lord; I know them and they / follow me. (John 10:27)*

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

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

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

Sermon*Authoritative Action*

Pastor Jon Nelson

*Silence for reflection and prayer in response to the sermon.***Hymn of the Day***O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

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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

8:30 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*
 Matins Choir

David Hogan

11:00 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*
 Chancel Choir

Johann Walter

Offertory Prayer

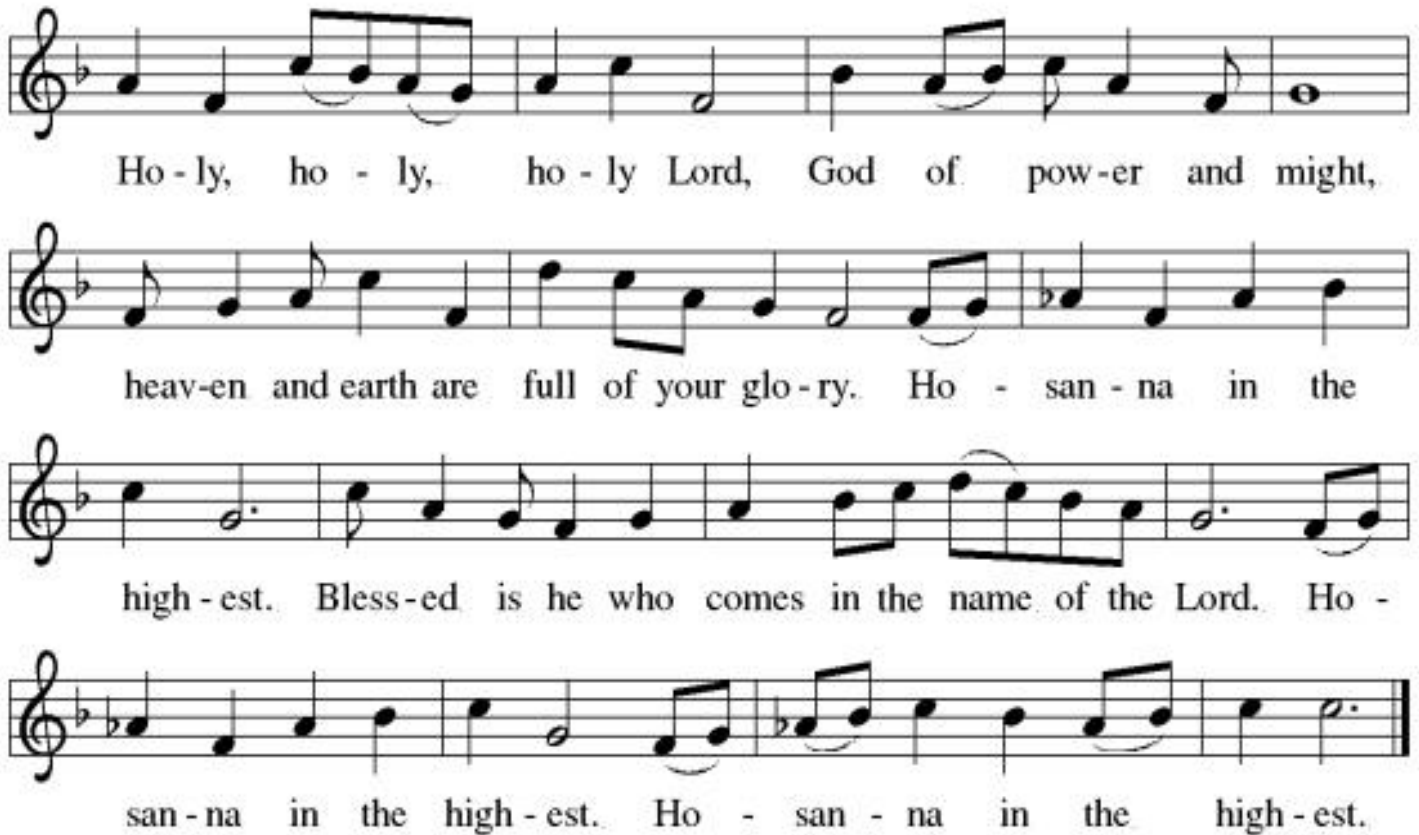
The Great Thanksgiving

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 *In This Feast of Love*

Strengthen for Service, Lord

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

Sending Hymn *O God, My Faithful God*

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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 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* Setting, Anne Krentz Organ

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At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.
on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;
Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817-1877

Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Music from *Songs of Praise*, © Oxford University Press 1925.

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

In This Feast of Love

Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, *täs - sä*
 1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

pöy - däs - sä *syn - ti - sil - le*
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

it - se - si an - nat, *Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

Text: Jarkko Maukonen; tr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
 Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio
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Strengthen for Service, Lord



1 Streng - then for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
2 The tongues that sang your ho - ly name now purge of
3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er



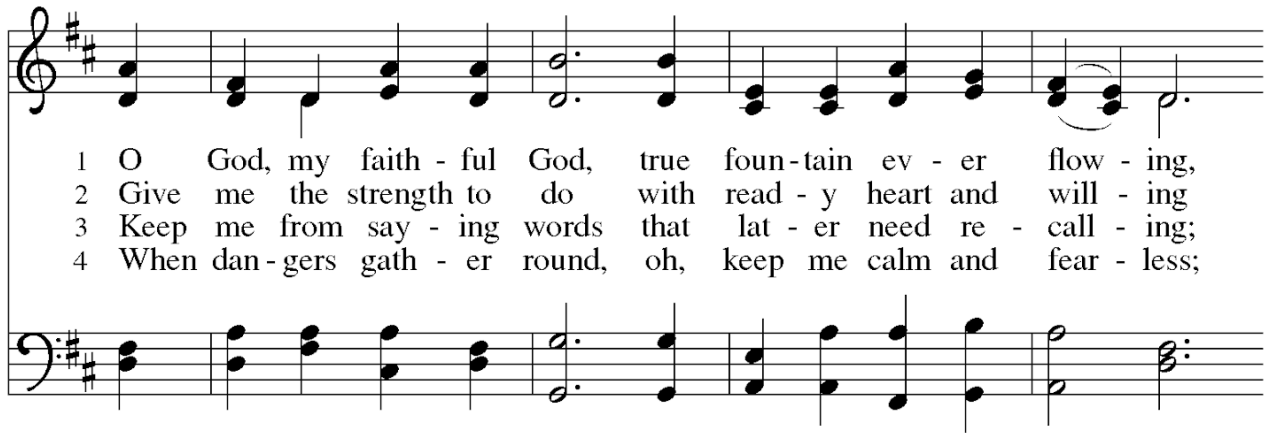
things have ta - ken; and let the ears that heard your
all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your
lured to wan - der; but lead the faith - ful nour - ished



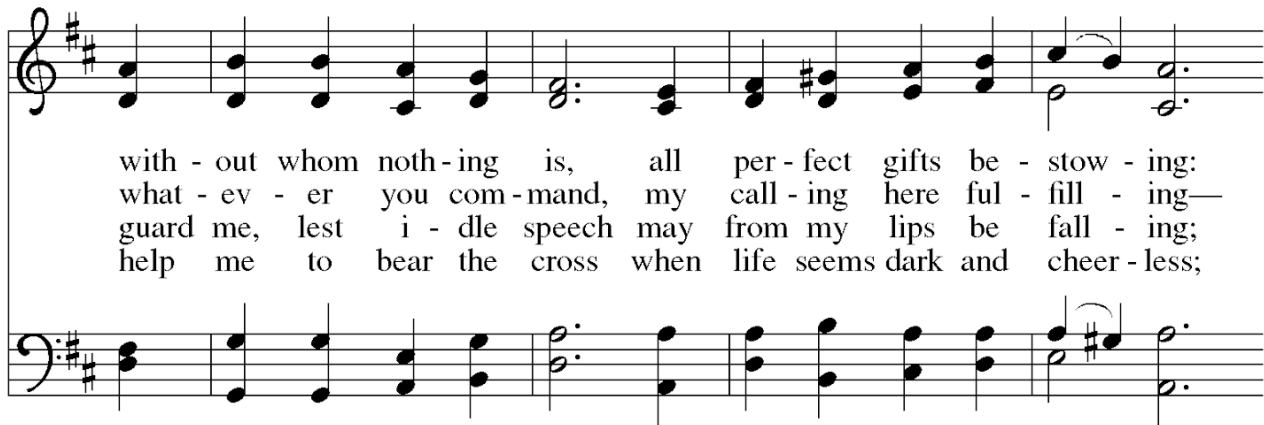
word to false - hood nev - er wak - en.
love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.
here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.

Text: Syriac Liturgy of Malabar; tr. composite
Music: BUCKHURST RUN, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962
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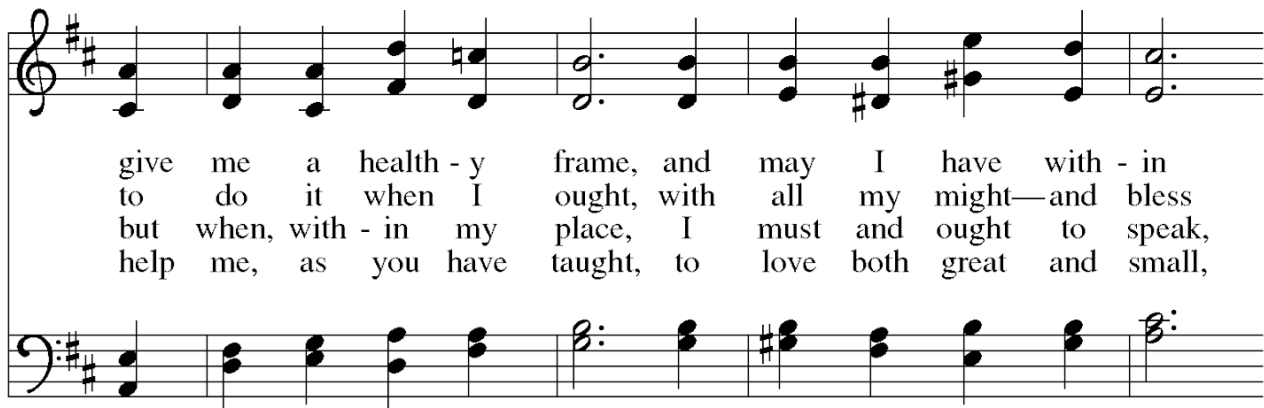
O God, My Faithful God



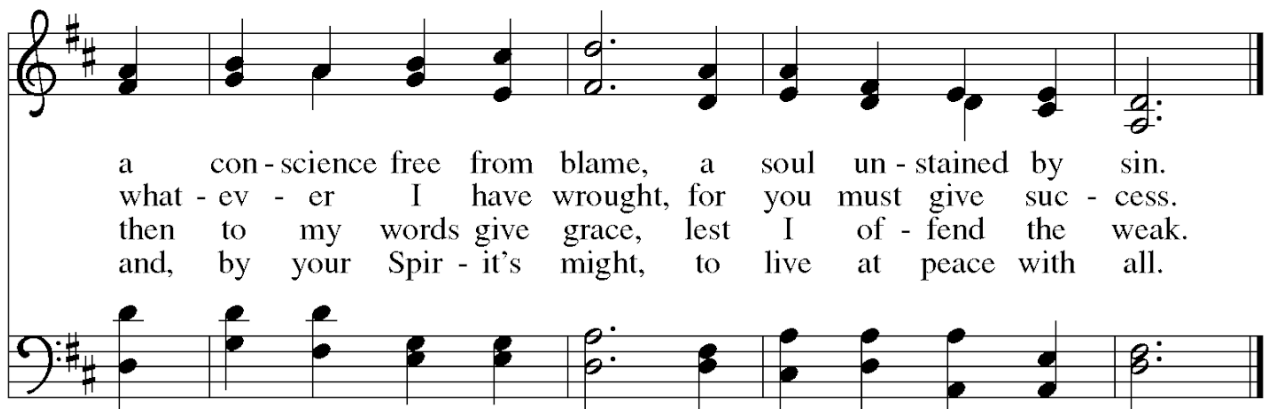
1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

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.

Security Request: We ask that everyone who wishes to enter the building during preschool hours (8:30 AM - 2:15 PM Mon- Fri) please do so through the office doors. There are occasionally situations that involve our Preschool community that require us to be particularly mindful of the security of our building and who is allowed inside of it. We apologize for any inconvenience, but we hold the safety of everyone in our building as a paramount concern. Should you need to use the Preschool side entrance during operating hours please ring the doorbell to be let in instead of using your fob; this allows our staff to identify those entering the building. Thank you for your understanding!

What's Happening Today

Flowers this morning are given by Bob and Carol Harman, in gratitude for our church family.

Come One, Come All We are having our annual Ministry fair today **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.

Stewardship. Stewardship materials are available in the Gathering Space! Look for your envelope and pick it up – being a steward of our postage budget!

Upcoming

Communal Life: Gathering of the Ministerium. Both Pastor Jon and Pastor Alex will be attending the VA Synod's Gathering of the Ministerium in Virginia Beach from October 2-4. Please contact the church office if you require pastoral assistance.

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.**

Tuesday, October 3 - Women are invited to join together for breakfast
Thursday, October 5 - Men are invited to join together for breakfast

Worship: Blessing of the Animals. On **Wednesday, October 4, St. Stephen will hold a Blessing of the Animals at 6:00 PM on the forecourt** of our building, facing Jamestown Road. October 4 is the feast of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment. This will be a brief service of songs, prayer, and blessing. Bring your family pet for a blessing!

Communal Life: Adopt-A-Student Program: 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).

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.

Service: 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.

Education: Thomas Keesecker Concert. Join us between services on **Sunday, October 15th** for a concert by Thomas Keesecker. Thomas retired in 2019 after serving as a church musician for over 40 years in Lutheran and Roman Catholic parishes in Virginia, Montana, and Maryland. In his retirement he travels the country sharing his piano collections in informal recitals which incorporate hymn singing, readings, and poetry.

Communal Life: Kidsburg & Kickball. We have reserved **the shelter closest to the playground at Veterans Park (on Ironbound) for 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 10th**. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The playground will be nearby and we will play some all-ages kickball too!

Education: Explore Spiritual Practices. Starting October 22nd, Christina Nelson will lead an exploration of various spiritual practices **for four weeks between**

services. Come to learn more about how to develop and/or deepen your faith practices. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall with a Zoom option as well.

Service: Picture Directory Volunteers. If you think you can help sign people up for times or help the days of the photo shoots **December 11 and 12th** please mark the insert.

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.

Upcoming Commemorations

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Friday, October 6, 2023

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

St. Stephen Calendar –October 1-7 , 2023

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

SUNDAY, October 1

- 8:30 AM** **Worship – Holy Communion (live-streamed on our YouTube channel)**
- 9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism (Library/Conference Room)
- 9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 10:00 AM Ministry Fair (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation (Preschool Room)
- 11:00 AM** **Worship – Holy Communion**

MONDAY, October 2

- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)

TUESDAY, October 3

- 8:00 AM Women’s Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)
- 11:30 AM** **Preschool Chapel (Worship Space)**

WEDNESDAY, October 4

- 11:30 AM** **Preschool Chapel (Worship Space)**
- 6:00 PM** **Blessing of the Animals (Worship Space)**
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Worship Space)

THURSDAY, October 5

- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)
- 12:00 PM Bulletin review (Library/Conference Room)
- 5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship Space)

FRIDAY, October 6

SATURDAY, October 7

- 2:30 PM** **Memorial Service: Hank Mallue Jr.**
- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference room)

SUNDAY, October 8

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

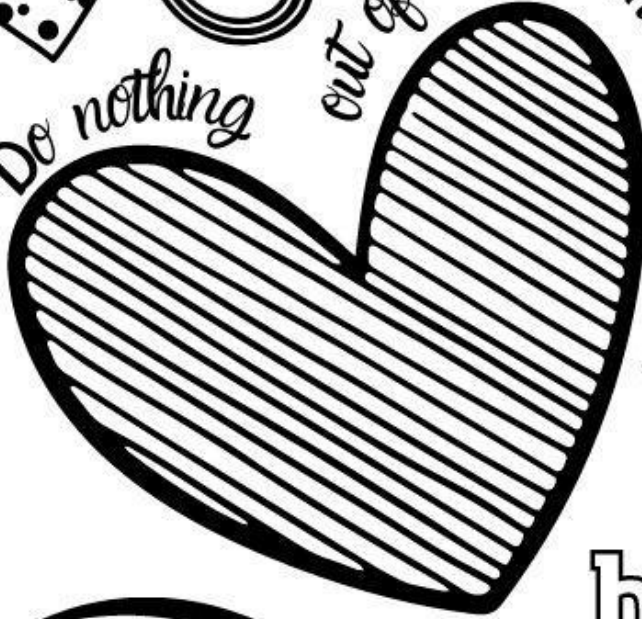
Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) Sandy Peterkin
.....(11:00) Tobias Janke
Altar Guild(8:30) Diane McCurry
.....(11:00) Gerri Bass and Heidi Flatin
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Beth Grant (11:00) Tobias Janke
Bread Baker.....Heidi Flatin
Cantors (8:30) Ellen Bushman (11:00) Jane DeSolms
Communion Assistants(8:30) Sandy & Tom Peterkin
..... (11:00) Tobias Janke and Liam Janke
Flower Delivery
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) Paul and Rita Kristiansen (11:00) Susan Kauffman
Lectors.....(8:30) John McCurry (11:00) Christina Nelson
Preacher & Presider Jon Nelson
Tellers Jane Gingerich, Ursula Recktenwald, & Russ White
Ushers..... (8:30) Brian Agor & JR Lyons (11:00) Glenn Joppa



Do nothing

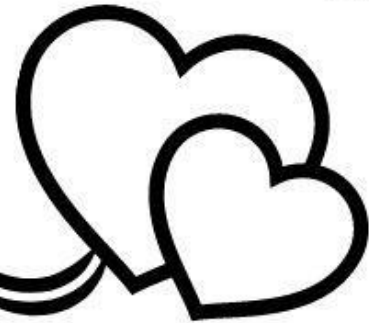
out of selfish ambition or conceit



but in

humility

count others more significant than yourselves.



Let each of you look not only to his own interest but also to the interests of others.



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Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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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)

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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.

October 1, 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 _____

____ I would like to Volunteer to work on the Directory