



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

We believe that community is *beautiful* and *messy* and *fulfilling* and *conflicted* and...the POINT. God calls us together into community for the sake of one another, our neighbors, and creation. We don't always get it right, but we trust that when we center the love and grace that Jesus taught, we will get it right more often than not. ***You are welcome here!*** We don't expect perfect, put-together people; we don't want you to conform to us and our ways; we want you to show up as who you are and to experience the love and grace of God as we have experienced it. And we hope that once you do, you will join us in sharing it with others too.

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023



For Your Prayers October 30-November 5, 2023

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Daniel 3:1-18 Revelation 18:1-10, Psalm 98

Tuesday: Daniel 3:19-30 Revelation 18:21-24 Psalm 98

Wednesday: Daniel 6:1-28 Matthew 17:22-27 Psalm 98

Thursday: Numbers 5:5-10 Titus 1:5-16 Psalm 1

Friday: Deuteronomy 9:25– 10:5 Titus 2:7-8, 11-15 Psalm 1

Saturday: Proverbs 24:23-34 John 5:39-47 Psalm 1

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 26:(1-6) 7-16 Psalm 11 (1) 1 John 4:1-6 John 14:21-27

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Aaren Battle, Brian Bergh, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Marcie Clark, 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, Katie Czajkowski, Sophia Czajkowski, Judy Drezek, Derald Edwards, Joel Gillespie, Cheryl Griffin & family, Joan and Frank Goodhart, Catherine Harbison, Deanna Harbison, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzeman, Char Henry, Zac and Jen Holtzman and family, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Mason Jones, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Bob Lamoureux, Ron Luchetti, Marnah Lund, Doug Mayes, Laura McGolin, Maddie Murray, Bob Myers, Katie Orcutt, Gina Peterson, Paula Rega, Marci Ries, Sharon Rogers, Betty Roth, Inge Seiter, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soutoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, and Caleb Winig.

Reformation Sunday

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

Welcome

Centering Music *Ein' Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott* Setting, Dietrich Buxtehude

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us put aside our good works and remember that we sin and fall short of the glory of God.

Silence for self-examination and confession.

Lord of all,
**the demands of your righteousness
are too hard for us to fulfill alone,
so we rush off with excuses
and ignore your law.
You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more,
and we abuse this freedom
as if it were a license to selfishness,
self-indulgence and self-righteousness.
You give us the gift of grace:
atonement in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son,
yet we make it cheap without serious repentance.
We fail to see the power of your faithfulness.
We are your people, but do we know you as our God?
Forgive us, Lord, the sins we know in our heart.
Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide.**

Silence for self-examination and confession.

God of our refuge and strength...
have mercy on us, write on our hearts. Amen

God shows us righteousness and divine forbearance.
Through the work of the Holy Spirit given to us,
we may come to know the truth and be made free.
Jesus Christ the Son of God sets us free from our slavery to sin.
Our sins are forgiven.
Through his death and resurrection
a place is made for us in the household,
and we may be known as children of God.
To the glory of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

— written by Bill Wessner, and posted on his Confession RCL website.

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.**

Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast*

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm Anthem:

Psalm 46

Mark Patterson

Patty Ballentine, Piano

8:30 Matins Choir and Chancel choir

11:00 Matins Choir, Chancel Choir and Faith Formation Choir

Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works?

No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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*

If you continue in my word, you are truly | my disciples,* and you will know the truth, and the truth will | make you free. (John 8:31-32)

Gospel

John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

Sermon

Relational Truth

Pastor Jon Nelson

Silence for reflection and prayer in response to the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Built on a Rock

ELW 652

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Statement of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your Gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal;
you overcome death.
You are God. We worship 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

Let the Word Go Forth

Arr. Mark Hayes

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 Anthem: *The Lord Is Our Refuge*

Arr. Hal Hopson

Communion Hymn: *Founded on Faith*

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Prayer after Communion

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

Sending Hymn *The Church's One Foundation*

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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

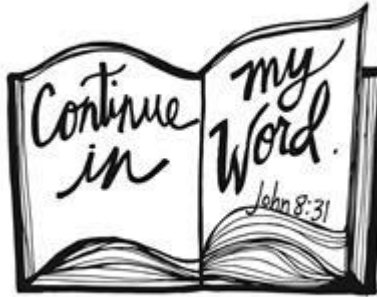
Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Built on a Rock*

Setting, Aaron David Miller

A special thank you to our Orchaband:

Bassoon: Linda Baumgarten
Clarinet: Jeffery Berry, Bill Dichtel, Jane DeSolms
Euphonium: Theo Bergh
Flute: Sonja Cave
French Horn: Rich Brown
Saxophone: Erika Cave
Trombone: Jennifer Dabel
Trumpet: Jim Larsen, Marj Gottschalk-Trone
Violin: Ingrid Brown, Jo Jo Shoenfelt



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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,
 many may come to hear your Word,
 who here this promise is bringing:
 "I know my own, my own know me;
 you, not the world, my face shall see;
 my peace I leave with you. Amen."

Founded on Faith



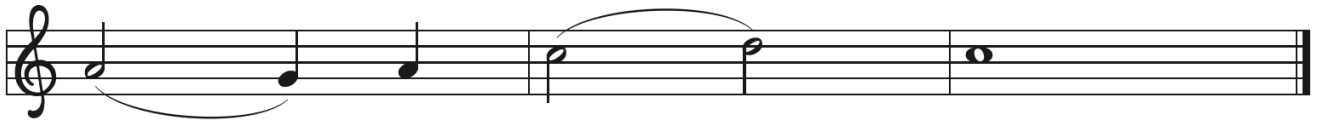
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow' red to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Em - pow' red to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



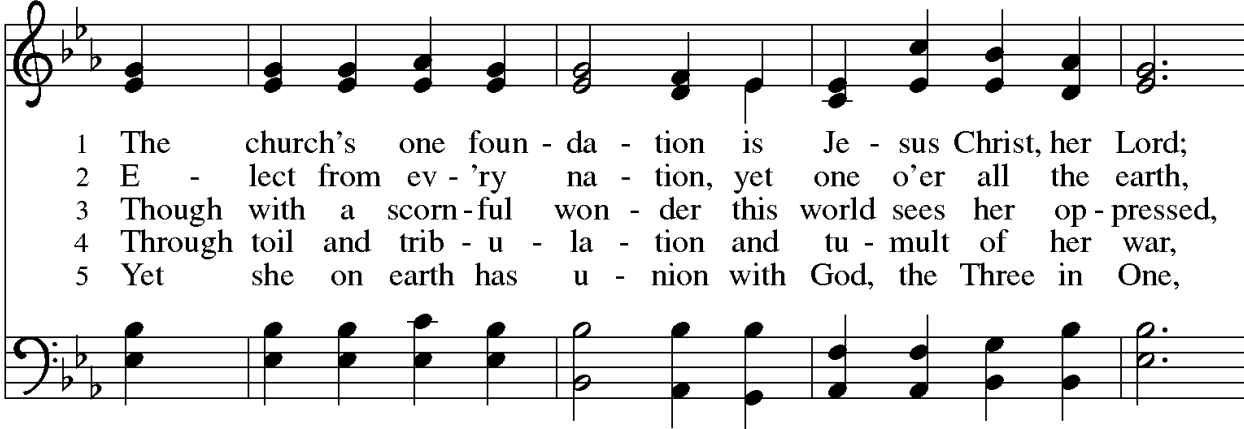
Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul D. Weber, b. 1949

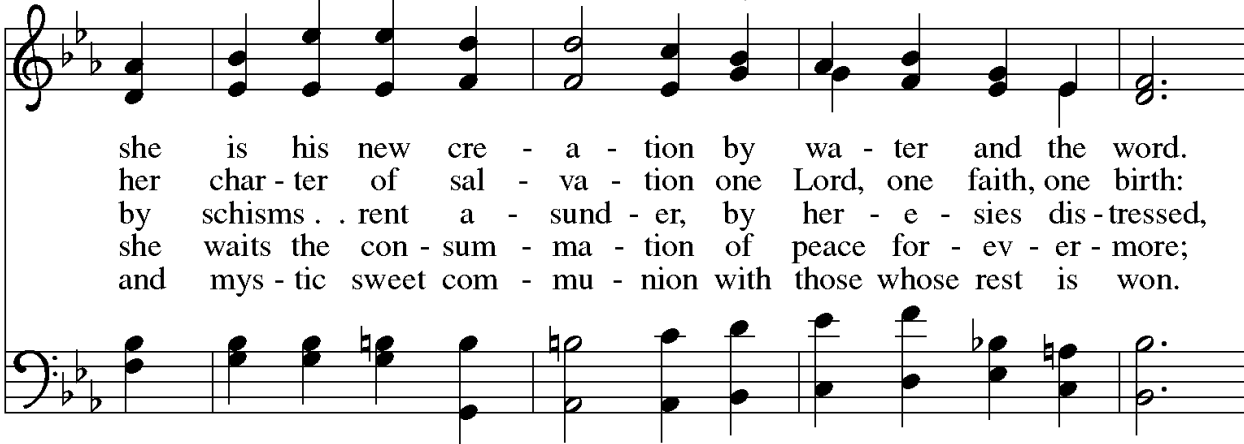
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The Church's One Foundation



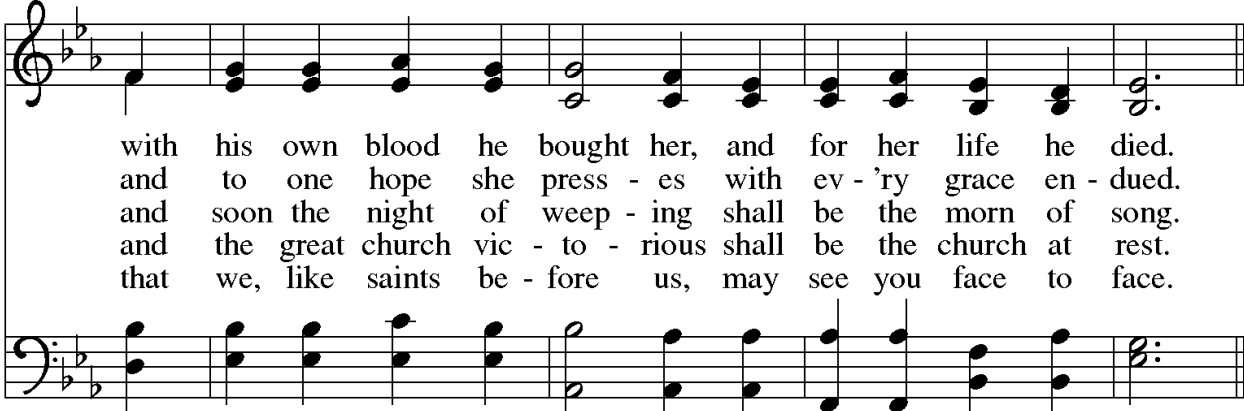
1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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.

Items of Note

Support our St. Stephen Preschool

Is your *Harris Teeter* card linked to St. Stephen Preschool for its "*Together in Education*" program? Our number is **1216**.
See **Holly Ready** if you have any questions!

What's Happening Today

Flowers this morning are given by Tom and Ina Berkey in grateful appreciation of our marriage!

Education: Explore Spiritual Practices. Christina Nelson will lead an exploration of various spiritual practices **for 3 more 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.

Upcoming

Communal Life: Pub & Grub. Join us on **Monday, October 30th at 7:00 PM at Billsburg Brewery** for some food, drinks, and conversation.

FISH Volunteer Opportunity November is the month we volunteer at FISH. Once again, they have asked us to size clothing. The dates are Tuesdays, Nov. 7, 14, & 28, from 10AM to 12PM. We need four people each day. Please sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space or phone, text, or email **Virginia Ivey at 757-608-8989 or vbi104@hotmail.com.**

For all the Saints... All Saints' Sunday is **November 5.** During worship we will name loved ones who have died during the past year. Please write the names of those you wish to remember on the sheet in the Gathering Space, mark the Insert Sheet, or send names to **Hollie Jones** (office@saintstephenlutheran.net).

Support our St. Stephen Preschool Scholarship fund at our PJs & Pancakes Supper **Thursday, November 2nd from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.** Tickets are \$10.00 per person (children 2 and under are free) for fellowship and pancakes. Our Preschoolers invite you to join in their fun as they wear their PJs to have dinner! Can you help in the kitchen or with ticket sales? Please mark the insert if you are able to attend and if you are able to help.

Communal Life: Breakfasts. Come to build and deepen relationships – at the **Colonial Pancake House**, on the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road. Gatherings take place at **8:00 AM.**

Thursday, November 2 - Men are invited to join together for breakfast

Tuesday, November 7 - Women are invited to join together for breakfast



Photo Directory Online Scheduling Available! Monday Dec 11th and Tuesday December 12th. To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to **www.ucdir.com** , click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **VA234** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2_consecutive time slots. Everyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory! Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. If you have any questions please contact Hollie Jones in the office. You can also scan the QR code below and follow the instructions above.

Community Life: Afternoon Fall Social (Come one, come all--drivers are available!)

Reconnect with old friends and make new friends at St. Stephen's Afternoon Fall Social! Come and enjoy an hour of fellowship, with seating at tables in the Fellowship Hall, on Wednesday, November 15, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Finger foods and light refreshments are being provided.

We especially want this social to be welcoming to those of you who may need assistance with transportation; we already have a growing crew of drivers ready to be at your service!

In this fall season of giving thanks, we are grateful for you and look forward to this time together. Sign up on the insert or contact the church office to indicate your interest in attending, as well as whether you need a ride or can provide a ride to others.

Service: Moving Help Needed. A member of the congregation could use some help moving furniture from their old apartment to their new one (all within town). **Are you available Friday morning, Nov. 3rd** to help load furniture on/off a trailer? If so, please contact Pastor Jon.

Health Ministry

Grateful

We are moving into November on the calendar! We celebrate Thanksgiving this month as well as American Indian Heritage Month. November 11 brings Veterans Day. November 24 is Native American Heritage Day. So many things to celebrate and so many opportunities to be grateful. I am grateful for all the opportunities I am offered here at St. Stephen. I am thankful for family. I am thankful for the friendships that have developed over the years we have been at St. Stephen.

One thing I am especially going to be thankful for is the extra hour of sleep we will get this Saturday night because the time changes *back* to Eastern Standard Time. We will turn our clocks *back* on Saturday night. This is important so no one shows up at church an hour early on Sunday. So, remember to set your clocks *back* on *Saturday, November 4*. I will see you on Sunday!

Diana Tiller-Dichtel

Parish Nurse

parishnurse@saintstephenlutheran.net

St. Stephen Calendar –October 22-29 , 2023

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

SUNDAY, October 29

- 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)
- 9:45 AM Explore Spiritual Practices (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation (Preschool Room)
- 11:00 AM** **Worship – Holy Communion**

MONDAY, October 30

- 9:45 AM Preschool Trick or Treat
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor Jon’s Office)
- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)

TUESDAY, October 31

- 9:45 AM Preschool Trick or Treat
- 11:30 AM** **Preschool Chapel (Worship Space)**

WEDNESDAY, November 1

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

THURSDAY, November 2

- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)
- 12:00 PM Bulletin review (Library/Conference Room)
- 5PM-7PM Pancakes and PJ’s (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship Space)

FRIDAY, November 3

SATURDAY, November 4

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference room)

SUNDAY, November 5

- 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)
- 9:45 AM Explore Spiritual Practices (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation (Preschool Room)
- 11:00 AM** **Worship – Holy Communion**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COMMUNITY OF FAITH MISSION HOMELESS EMERGENCY SHELTER

It is season 12 of this ministry and St. Stephen has been able to serve from the very beginning due to everyone's generous support.

This year Host Partners have covered food and volunteers for all but three weeks. With the help of local hotels, COFM is providing shelter for those three weeks. They need meals and volunteer support staff for those three weeks. One of those is the week after Christmas. Temple Beth El is covering Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Because of your generous donations to our Homeless Ministry Fund, the Social Ministry Coordinating Committee has agreed to provide Dinner and bag lunches to the Homeless Guests at the Shelter on **December 26th and 27th**. The hotel will provide breakfast.

For each of those evenings, nights, and early mornings, we need a grand total of eight volunteers in multiple shifts outlined in the schedule in the gathering space. Sign up there, or you can contact Hollie Jones at the church office if you are able to volunteer for any date(s) and shift(s), Office@saintstephenlutheran.net.

We need to have a good estimate of those able to volunteer no later than Sunday, October 29, 2023, since the COFM In-Person Volunteer Training is Wednesday, November 1, 2023 as noted from COFM as follows:

*"...Volunteer Training: **Wednesday, November 1, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00**, Williamsburg Community Chapel, Teen Room/Traditional shelter area (NORTH entrance). Anyone who volunteers at the shelter is required to attend training"*

Please note that if you cannot attend training or if you sign up late, you can watch recorded training on the COFM website (not YouTube). Also, if you decide to volunteer very late you can volunteer on "Sign-Up Genius" on that COFM website (www.cofm.info).

In 2022 there were 419 homeless persons on any given night per Newport News, /Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. To quote COFM, "...our commitment to serving the homeless community remains unwavering..." Sign up if you can and please say a prayer for this special, giving homeless ministry.

Love and peace,
Jim Ivey, Social Ministry Coordinating Committee

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) John McCurry
.....(11:00) David Nelson
Altar Guild (8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel and Diane McCurry
..... (11:00) Nancy Egloff & Karen Arledge
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Nancy Carter (11:00) Doug Moore
Bread Baker..... Janice Mayfield
CantorsChoir
Communion Assistants (8:30) Diane & John McCurry
..... (11:00) Cyndy Touhsaent and Heidi Flatin
Flower DeliveryKaren Nester
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) J.R. & Diana Lyons (11:00) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Lectors (8:30) Diane McCurry (11:00) Gretchen Osborn
Preacher.....Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers.....Stan York, Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher
Ushers.....(8:30) JR Lyons (11:00) Glenn Joppa

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(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)

Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (873-2273; counselors are in Williamsburg on Thursdays)

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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 29, 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: _____

Please add the following name/names to "*For All the Saints...*"

___ I/WE Would like to attend the Afternoon Fall Social, Wed., Nov. 15, 1:00-2:00pm. ___ How many?

___ Would appreciate a ride to the social and back home. ___ Ride needed for how many? ___

___ Will be happy to be a driver for social attendee(s).

___ I/We will Attend the Pancake Nov 2nd Dinner ___ # of attendees.

___ I/We will volunteer to help at the Pancake Dinner
