



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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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.



June 1, 2025

For Your Prayers –June 2-8, 2025

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Exodus 40:16-38; Acts 16:35-40; Psalm 29

Tuesday : 2 Chronicles 5:2-14; Acts 26:19-29; Psalm 29

Wednesday: Ezekiel 3:12-2; Luke 9:18-27; Psalm 29

Thursday: Isaiah 32:11-17; Galatians 5:16-25; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Friday: Isaiah 44:1-4; Galatians 6:7-10; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Saturday: 2 Kings 2:1-15a; Luke 1:5-17; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (30); Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Ed Brown, Preston Burton, Kristin Carter, Bob & Ginny Cummings, Forrest Fenstermaker, Sharon Jacobs, Donna Kittelson, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, and George Vonderheide.**

Pray for those unable to come to worship: **Ailene Bartlett, Ed Brown, Ruth & Forrest Fenstermaker, Bob and Angie Groom, Pat Janot, Marilyn Johnson, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.**

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Jerry, Susan, Randy Altona, Mary Anderson, Phyllis Andrews, Charles Baugh, Donald and Carol Baum, Robi Bayard, June Brantley, Carol Bergh, Mary Bloom, Bob Britcher, Tim Brown, Raymond Bunn, Karin Cavanaugh, Amaree Cluff, Ruth Ann Coski, Judy Craun, Judy Drezek, Becky Drury, Darrin and Rosemary Dunn, Tanya Fritz, Hollis Fulton, Joel Gillespie, Joan Goodhart, Mason Griffin, Jonathan Hallman, Charee Hampton, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Bradley, Kim, Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Lisa Hill, Doris Hillenbrand, Nancy Hodge, Jaxon Ireland, Lynn Isenburg, Claudia Jacobik, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Jenn Kramer, Elaine Lane, Marnah Lund, Keara Mahony, Jim Monteith, Trish Macerelli, Laura Margolin, Jack Mayfield, Jimmy Mitchell, Liz Montalvo, Mia Monteith, Ed Moninger, Kim Morris, Bob Myers, Jeanette Osborn, Coral Pumley, Kurt Recktenwald, Stephen Rier, Brian Ritter, Pamela Sharp, Vasili Soutoukis, Kenneth & Laura Spencer, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, George and Jewel Thomas, Charley Underdahl, Dave Watts, Brenda Webster, Penny Weld, Pat Whelan, Caleb Winig, and Elaine Wrich.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Welcome

Centering Music *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* Anne Krentz Organ

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ELW 693
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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.**

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



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



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



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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and 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.

Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our 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

Acts 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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



- 1 The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.
- 3 **Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,
burning up enemies on | every side.**
- 4 **Lightnings light | up the world;
the earth | sees and trembles.**
- 5 The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.
- 6 The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,
and all the peoples | see your glory.
- 7 **Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.**
- 8 **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,
because of your judg- | ments, O LORD. REFRAIN**
- 9 For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.
- 10 You who love the | LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand | of the wicked.
- 11 **Light dawns | for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.**
- 12 **Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's | holy name. REFRAIN**

Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

12 "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 16 "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." 17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. 20 The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! 21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

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

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

Sermon

Unity, Not Unanimity
Silence for prayer and reflection.

Pastor Jon Nelson

Hymn of the Day

Thine the Amen

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The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and

the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

Each petition concludes, "Hear us, O God." Response: "Your mercy is great."

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

Offering Invitation

Not empty thoughts & prayers. No shoring up what is ours. But the embodiment of the Living Christ in this world. We gather our offerings devoted to our mutual liberation; turning our attention to how we get free together, in ways ordinary and extraordinary.

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

Hymn of Unity

Raymond Haan

Offertory Prayer

Living God, we are in community to change each other, to be transformed by the experience of our lives intertwined. We are not an island. We are part of the ebb and flow of reciprocity. We are worth inconveniencing others. And others are worth our inconvenience, our organizing, our devotion. Bless our offerings to the bonds between us. **Amen.**

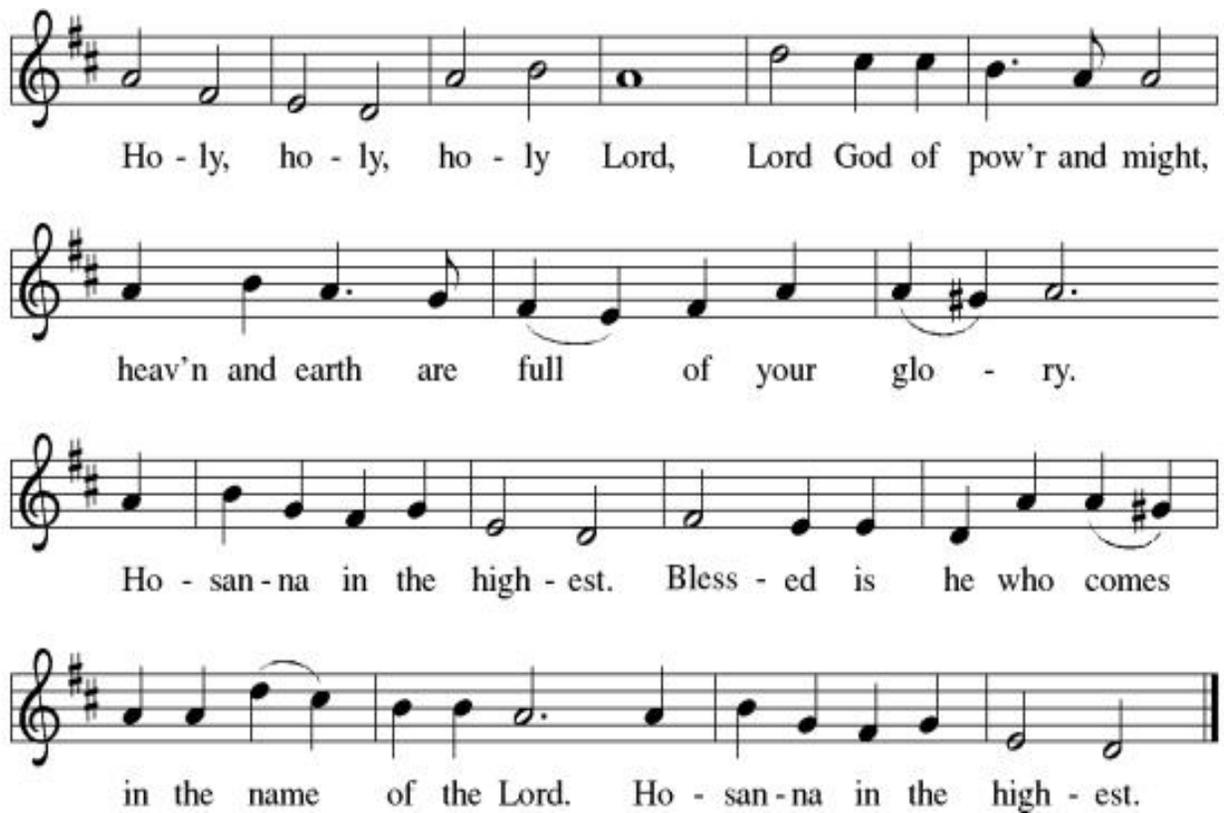
The Great Thanksgiving

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 to you... with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

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. All are welcome to 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, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

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One Bread, One Body

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

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

Sending Hymn *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

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Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. Amen.

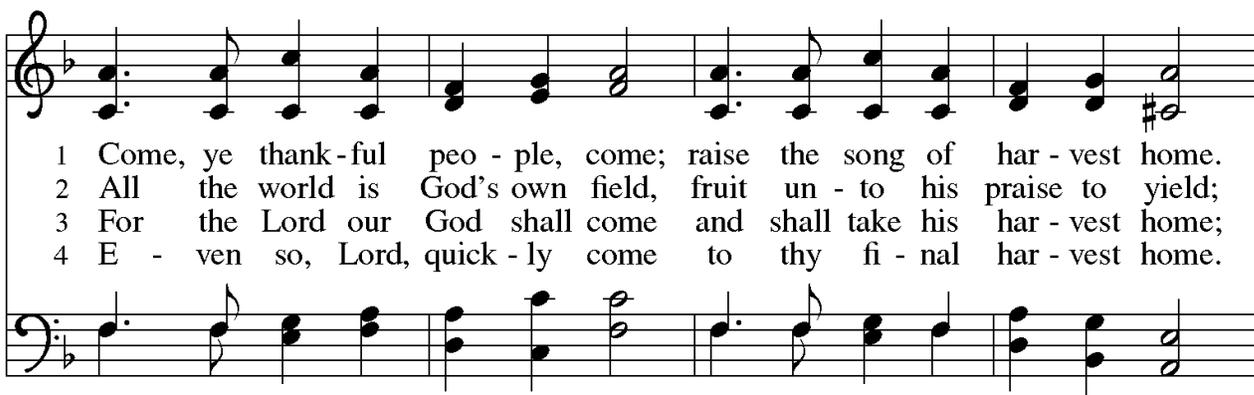
Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

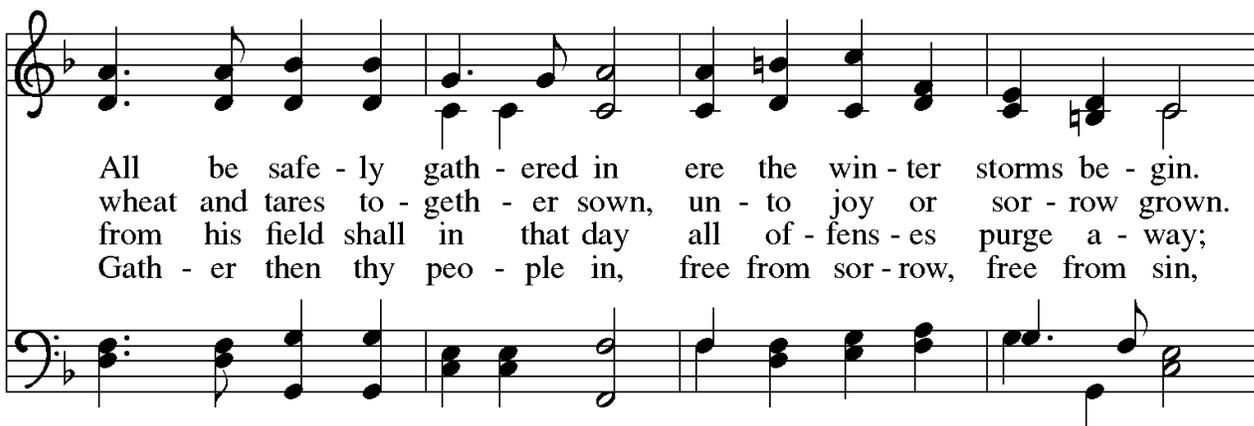
Postlude *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

Walter L. Pelz

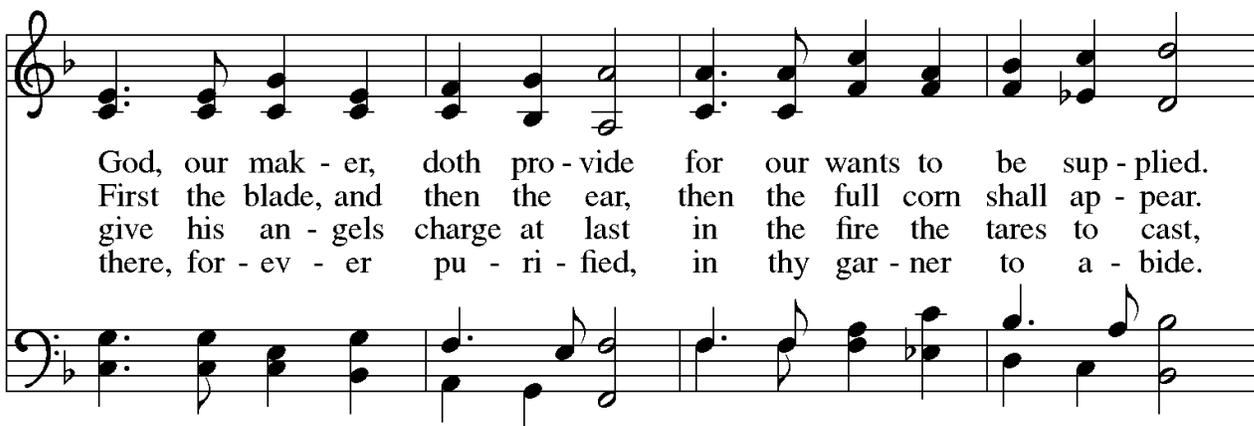
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



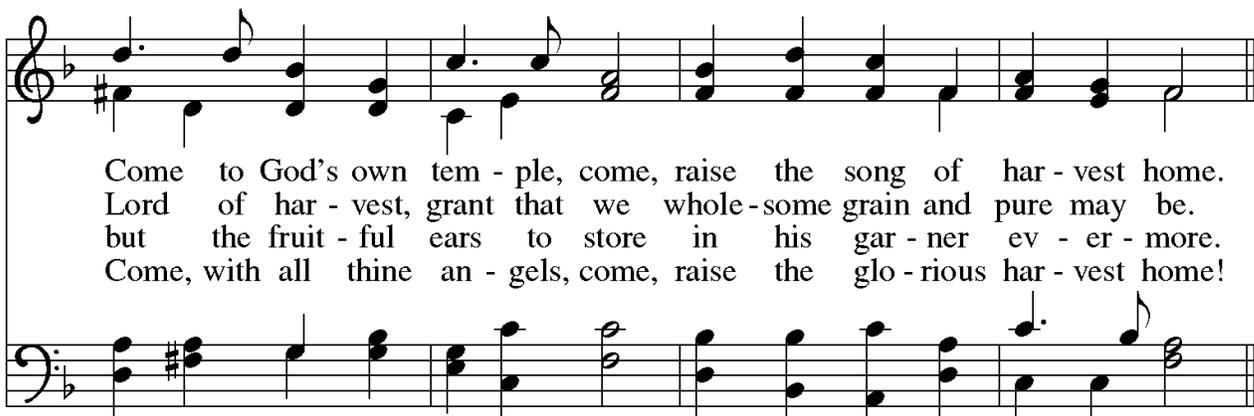
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



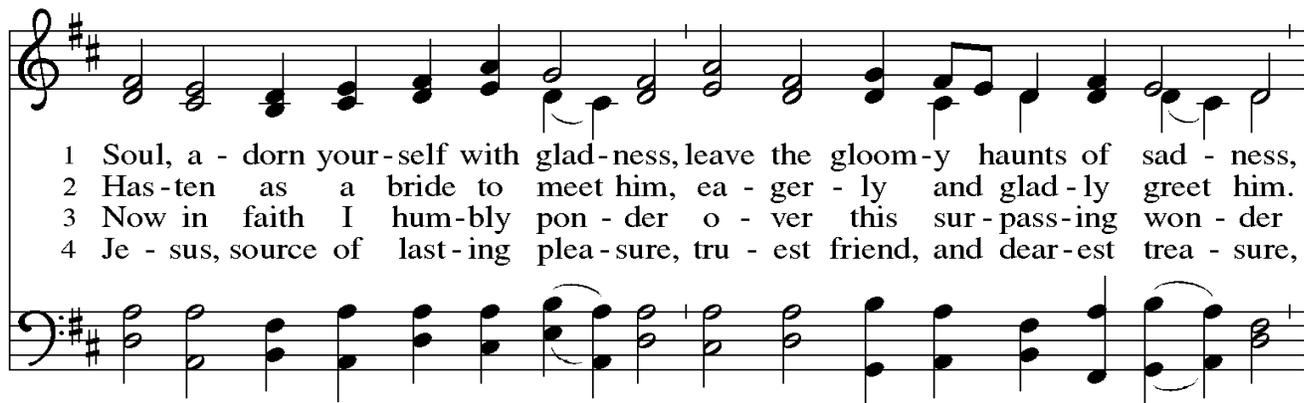
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



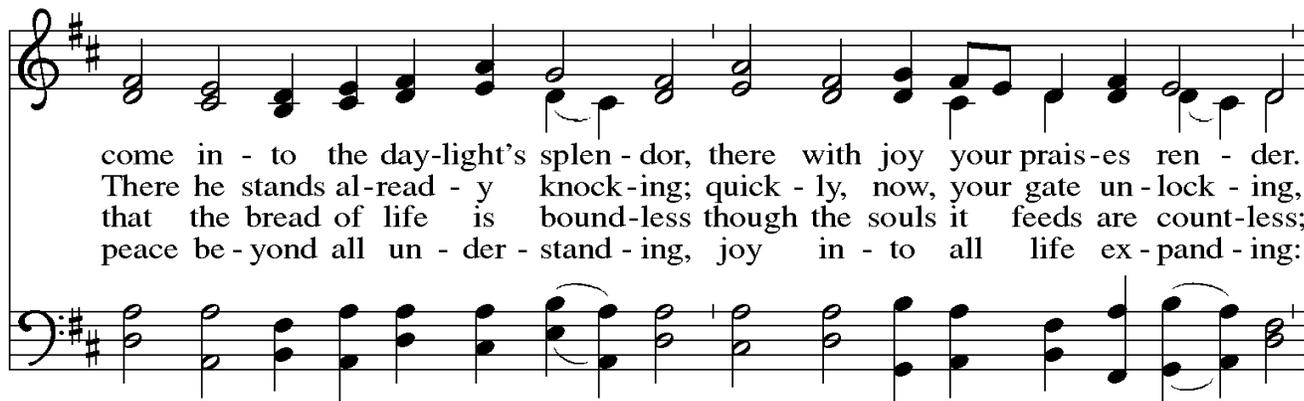
thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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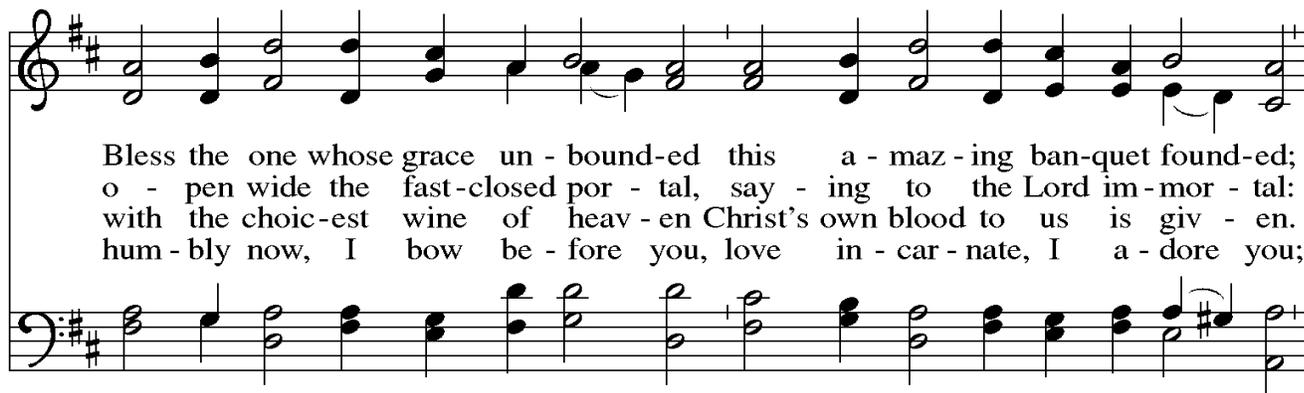
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav' n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

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One Bread, One Body



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



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|---|------------|-----|---------|--------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Gen - tile | or | Jew, | ser - vant | or | free, |
| 2 | Man - y | the | gifts, | man - y | the | works, |
| 3 | Grain for | the | fields, | scat - tered | and | grown, |



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

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Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 2 Though the low - liest form now veil you as of
 3 Pas - chal Lamb, your of - f'ring, fin - ished once for
 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, strick - en

got - ten from the dead, you a - lone, our strong de -
 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there your an - gels
 all when you were slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 rock with stream - ing side, heav'n and earth with loud ho -

fend - er, lift - ing up your peo - ple's head. Al - le -
 hail you, branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le -
 min - ished shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le -
 san - na wor - ship you, the Lamb who died, Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! cleans - ing souls from
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ris'n, as - cend - ed,

liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 join with them; we in wor - ship join with them.
 ev - 'ry stain; cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
 glo - ri - fied; ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

As We Gather

Restrooms & First Aid

- ❖ A gender-neutral, family restroom and a Women's restroom can be found in the hallway behind our Worship Space.
- ❖ Additional Men's and Women's restrooms can be found on the lower level of the church building.
- ❖ A first aid kit and an A.E.D. can be found hanging on the wall in the hallway behind our Worship Space.

Live-streaming

- ❖ We regularly live-stream our services and cannot guarantee that you will not appear on our YouTube channel. Sitting in the East Wing or the NE section of the Worship Space will minimize your chances of being on screen. We can also bring communion to you if you inform an usher of that desire.

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.org)
- ❖ When parents and children need to take a break for a few minutes, there's a play area (aka "playground") with toys and books in the East wing of 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.

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 to the glory of God.

Upcoming

Congregational Meeting. We will hold our June congregational meeting **following worship on Sunday, June 22nd.**

Vacation Bible School. Learn and explore the place and time of Joseph in the exciting land of Egypt. With all the costumes, crafts, stories, music, activities, and snacks that VBS can put together for a fun adventure! Children from 4-10 y/o can participate and older children can be junior and senior crew leaders. **June 23-27, 9:00AM-Noon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.** Go to oslcnorge.org in order to register. Want to help out? Contact Pastor Jon or Pastor Gerry!

Playground HELP! We are seeking volunteers to help install the new playground on **June 30th.** An installer from the company will assist us with the installation, which should only take a day with enough help. Please sign up on the insert if you can contribute. We are also looking for assistance on June 20th to unload the equipment.

Caregivers Support Group. We have identified a potential need for a caregiver support group. The aim of this group will be to provide a safe space for conversation, resource sharing, and mutual support. Interested? Sign up on the bulletin to receive more information and help shape this group.

Picnic in the Park: We will celebrate the start of summer on **Sunday, June 8.** We will gather at the picnic shelter at **Ironbound Park, 150 Carriage Road, Williamsburg, VA at 12:00 p.m.** (Note: Google Maps shows the address as 150 Magazine Road). The park is located off of Ironbound Road behind the Parker View Apartments. Please sign up in the bulletin so we can plan food accordingly. Hamburgers, hot dogs, water, lemonade, and paper products will be provided, please bring a side or dessert to share.

This summer, we will continue our adult faith formation highlighting ministries for our church. Each week there will be a paragraph or so about a ministry or group of ministries. There will be a line on the bulletin insert that you may check if you have questions or are interested in serving. The leader of that ministry will then contact you. This week is altar guild and bread bakers. Altar guild is lead by Carol Wiers and Bread Bakers are lead by Amy Bergh. Both are important for Sunday service to happen. Do you have questions or feel you could be a part of this? Let us know. Expressions of interest are not necessarily commitments. They are just questions.

SAVE THE DATE for the 2025 St. Stephen Women's Retreat! **September 26, 27, and 28, 2025,** at St. Stephen, with retreat leadership by **Rev. Dr. Mary Anderson.** Friday evening pizza social, Saturday program including lunch, and Sunday morning sermon by Pastor Anderson. Registration \$40, with scholarships available. Plan to come and bring a friend! Contact Ina Berkey or Alison Carney with questions.

St. Stephen Calendar: June 1-8, 2025

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

SUNDAY, June 1 ~ 7th Sunday of Easter

- 9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)
- 9:00 AM Matins Choir and Chancel Choir Joint Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 9:45 AM Worship – Holy Communion** (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)

MONDAY, June 2

- 9AM- 12PM Preschool summer camp Week 1(Mon- Fri)
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
- 11:30 AM RIC meeting (Library/Conference room)
- 5:30 PM Piano Recital (Worship Space)

TUESDAY, June 3

- 8:00 AM Women's Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)
- 5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers rehearsal (Worship Space)

WEDNESDAY, June 4

- 8:45 PM YOGA (Gathering Space)
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, June 5

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)

FRIDAY, June 6

SATURDAY, June 7

- 11:00 AM Orcha Band rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM AlAnon (Gathering Space)

SUNDAY, June 8 ~ Pentecost

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Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(9:45) Sonja Cave
Altar Guild(9:45) Rosie Frey
Audio-Visual Team.....(9:45) Charles Osborn and Mike Morgan
Bread Baker.....Paula Agor
Cantor(9:45) Ellen Bushman
Communion Assistants(9:45) Randy and Chris Punchard
Flower Delivery Carol Wiers
Greeters/Hosts (9:45) Ned Neidlinger
Lectors.....(9:45) Chris Punchard and Rosemary Stimson
Pastor.....Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers..... Jane Gingerich, Ursula Recktenwald and Russ White
Ushers..... (9:45) Corey Knestrick and George Bass

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Hollie Jones – Parish Administrator (229-6688)

Jessica Kimball – Preschool Director (229-6688)

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