

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

One of 13,000 Stephen Ministry Congregations Around the World

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.



For Your Prayers – June 16-22, 2025

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Proverbs 7:1-4; Ephesians 4:7-16; Psalm 124 *Tuesday:* Proverbs 8:4-21; Ephesians 5:15-20; Psalm 124 *Wednesday:* Daniel 1:1-21; Luke 1:46b-55; Psalm 124

Thursday: Isaiah 56:9-12;Romans 2:17-29;Psalm 22:19-28 **Friday:** Isaiah 57:1-13;Galatians 3:15-22;Psalm 22:19-28 **Saturday:** Isaiah 59:1-8 ;Matthew 9:27-34;Psalm 22:19-28

Next Sunday: Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28 (22) Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

<u>Join your prayers for healing</u> with God's desires for Preston Burton, Kristin Carter, Bob & Ginny Cummings, Forrest Fenstermaker, Sharon Jacobs, Donna Kittelson, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, Traci Powers and George Vonderheide.

<u>Pray for those unable to come to worship</u>: 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, Rosa, Celeste, and Isaac, Randy Altona, Mary Anderson, Phyllis Andrews, Charles Baugh, Donald and Carol Baum, Robi Bayard, June Brantley, Carol Bergh, Mary Bloom, Doug Bolick, Bob Britcher, Tim Brown, Raymond Bunn, Cagel Family, Karin Cavanaugh, Amaree Cluff, Ruth Ann Coski, Marie Davito, 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, 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, Lou Schuster, Pamela Sharp, Vasili Soultoukis, 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, Elaine Wrich and Lynda Wright.

The Holy Trinity

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

Welcome

Centering Music

Come, Thou Almighty King

Michael Ryan

Call to Worship (based on Proverbs 8)

Doesn't Wisdom call out?

Doesn't Understanding raise Her voice?—

in the gathering crowds of the righteously rageful,

on the path of compassion,

at the corner of the city block

where our unhoused neighbor reaches out Her hand-

To you, O people, I call out;

I raise my voice to all humankind.

I was formed long ages ago,

at the very beginning, when the world came to be.

Bless us with Your song, O Wisdom—

a lullaby awakening our Ancient Knowing,

a song of our Unbreakable Connection.

Opening Prayer

Holy Wisdom, when our fear of doing something wrong keeps us stagnant, move with us courageously. Guide us towards the next right step. Plot with us. Strategize with us. Organize with us towards liberation. Reveal to us what work is ours to do. Practice patience with us. Engage in direct action with us. Make art with us. Rest with us. Heal with us. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

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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.**

Hymn of Praise





Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

¹ Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ² On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴ "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. ²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— ²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

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



¹O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

² you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger. REFRAIN

³ When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

- ⁴ what are mere mortals that you should be mind-|ful of them, human beings that you should | care for them? REFRAIN
- ⁵ Yet you have made them little less | than divine; with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
- ⁶ You have made them rule over the works | of your hands; you have put all things un- | der their feet:
- ⁷ all | flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts | of the field,
- 8 the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.
- ⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **REFRAIN**

Second Reading Romans 5:1-5

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

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

[Jesus said,] ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

Sermon Three in One, and One in me

Silence for prayer and reflection.

Hymn of the Day Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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Pastor Jim Larsen

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Prayers

Each petition concludes, "God of grace," Response: "hear our prayer."

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

Offering Invitation

In Proverbs 8, Wisdom speaks of rejoicing in the world and delighting in humankind. Let us be wise today, rejoicing in the miracle of being alive, despite the sorrows around us. Delighting in each other by devoting ourselves to our mutual wellbeing. We gather our offerings today, giving thanks for the Wisdom found not in isolation, but connection.

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

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Anne Krentz Organ

St. Stephen Ringers Quartet

Offertory Prayer

Cosmic Love, we pray that our gathered resources and gifts may be used wisely. That we may be bold enough to have a disposition not of stinginess, but of abundance. That we may be humble enough to allow resources to flow without our egos causing roadblocks. That all may receive what they need in the web of mutuality. **Amen.**

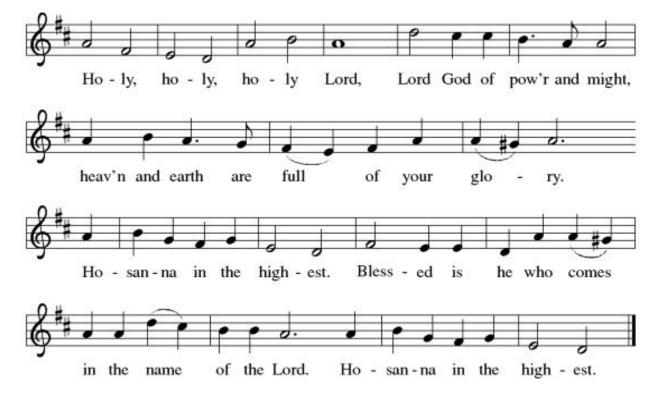
The Great Thanksgiving

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:



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.



Communion Music Come Join the Dance of Trinity
St. Stephen Ringers Quartet

Anne Krentz Organ

Communion Hymn Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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

Sending Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Lord, Dismiss Us With your Blessing

Mitchell and Sandra Eithun

St. Stephen Ringers Quartet

Thank you to our Handbell Quartet:

Jane DeSolms, Paul Reier, Kris Eichenberger, and Marj Gottschalk-Trone

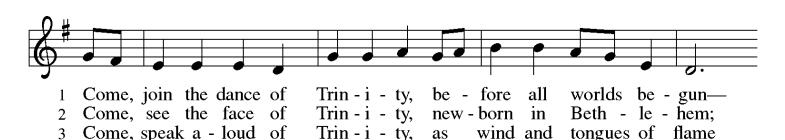
Come, Thou Almighty King



Holy God, We Praise Your Name



Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



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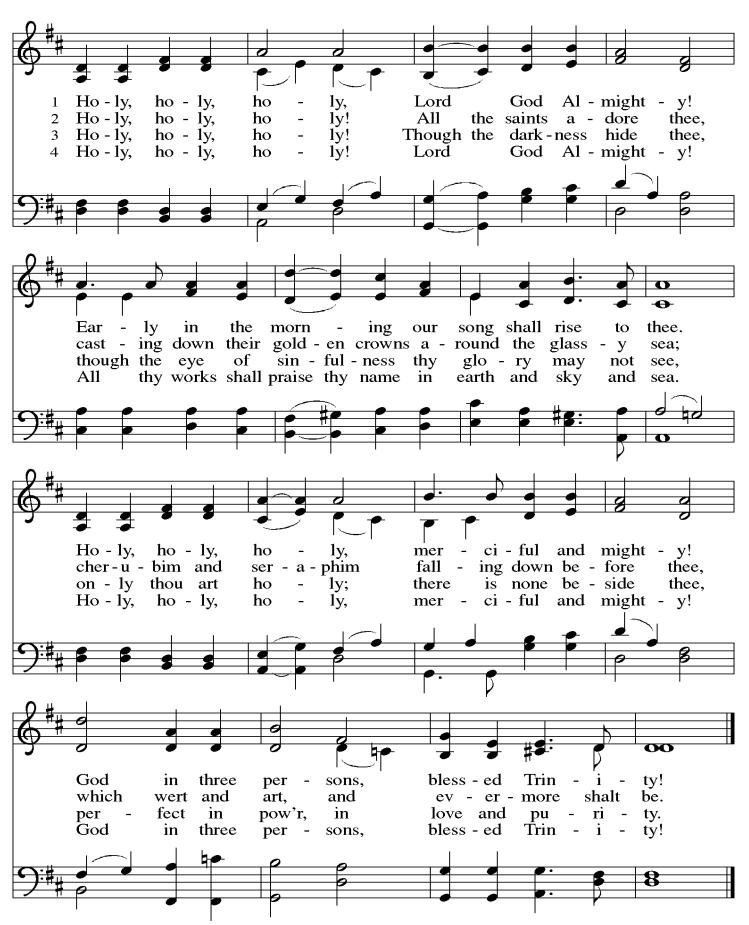
Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



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 "prayground") 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.

<u>Health Update</u>: We always encourage you to monitor yourself for symptoms of illness and to worship from home if you are experiencing any. We have masks and hand sanitizer available for use in our building should you require.

What's Happening Today

Flowers this morning are given by Ruth Fenstermaker to the Glory of God.

Affirmation of Baptism. We look forward to surrounding Alina Dabel in love and prayer as she Affirms the promises made at her Baptism during worship today!

Upcoming

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

<u>Vacation Bible School.</u> 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 years old 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!

<u>Playground HELP!</u> We are seeking volunteers to help install the new playground on **June 30**th. 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.

This summer, we will continue our adult faith formation highlighting ministries for our church. Every 2 weeks 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.

<u>SAVE THE DATE</u> 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.

<u>Bible Study on Hiatus</u> Bible study will be on hiatus for the months of June & July. We plan to resume at some point in August.

<u>Yoga</u> Weekly on Wednesdays at 8:55 AM in the **Gathering Space**, \$10. Please use the office side door.

20th YEAR for SCHOOL SNEAKERS FOR GROVE! This is the 20th year that St. Stephen members have the opportunity to provide sneakers for Grove community students so they can start school this fall in style! We've been assisting them for two decades and can't stop now! If you like to shop, please buy GIRLS sneakers in any size from 6 to 11, or BOYS sneakers any size from 6 to 12, including half sizes for both—these are the most needed sizes. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please write the check out to St. Stephen Lutheran Church with SHOES FOR GROVE on the memo line. Cash is also accepted. Please put envelopes with checks or cash in the offering plate, or in the black mailbox outside the church by Sunday, July 27. Shoes will be collected in the Gathering Space until Sunday, August 3. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Egloff.

St. Stephen Calendar: June 15-22, 2025

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

SUNDAY, June 15 ~ Holy Trinity

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

9:00 AM Handbell Quartet Rehearsal (Worship Space)

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

MONDAY, June 16

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

TUESDAY, June 17

11:00 AM Quilting group

WEDNESDAY, June 18

8:45 PM YOGA (Gathering Space)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, June 19

FRIDAY, June 20

SATURDAY, June 21

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM AlAnon (Gathering Space)

SUNDAY, June 22 ~ 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

11:45 Am Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer	John McCurry
Altar Guild	Diane McCurry
Audio-Visual Team	JR & Diana Lyons
Bread Baker	Amy Bergh
Cantor	Terri Larsen
Communion Assistants	Keith & Nancy Egloff
Flower Delivery	Karen Nester
	(9:45)
Lectors	
Pastor	
Presider	Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers	Jeanne Garrison and Carol Brown
Ushers	Christopher Turner & Sonya Lim and Russ Dabel



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June 15,2025

Name:			_
For guests and membe	rs with changes:		
Address (Home)			
City/State	Zip	_	
Telephone #			
E-Mail Address			
Guests Only: I belong to			
Church Address			
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Regular guest			
Guest (out of town	n)		
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Looking for a chu			
Desire to speak w	th pastor		
Would like more i	nformation about Step	ohen Ministry	
Any comments? Please	be sure your name is a	above, so we may respond	d, 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/we are interested in learning more about Altar GuildI/we are interested in learning more about bread bakers.	
I/We can help with the install on June 30 th of the playground I/We can help unload the truck on June 20 th	

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Prayer Requests

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