

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.



June 29, 2025

Lectionary readings for this week:

 Monday: Genesis 24:34-41, 50-67;1 John 2:7-11;Psalm 140

 Tuesday: Jeremiah 3:15-18;Ephesians 5:6-20;Psalm 140

 Wednesday: Jeremiah 23:16-22;Matthew 10:16-25;Psalm 140

 Thursday: 2 Kings 21:1-15;Romans 7:14-25;Psalm 66:1-9

 Friday: Jeremiah 51:47-58;2 Corinthians 8:1-7;Psalm 66:1-9

 Saturday: Zechariah 14:10-21;Luke 9:1-6;Psalm 66:1-9

 Next Sunday: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9 (4); Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16;

 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Preston Burton**, **Kristin Carter**, **Bob & Ginny Cummings**, **Forrest Fenstermaker**, **Edith Haecker**, **Sharon Jacobs**, **Glen Joppa**, **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, Pat D'Orazio, Judy Drezek, Becky Drury, Darrin and Rosemary Dunn, Josh Egloff, 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.

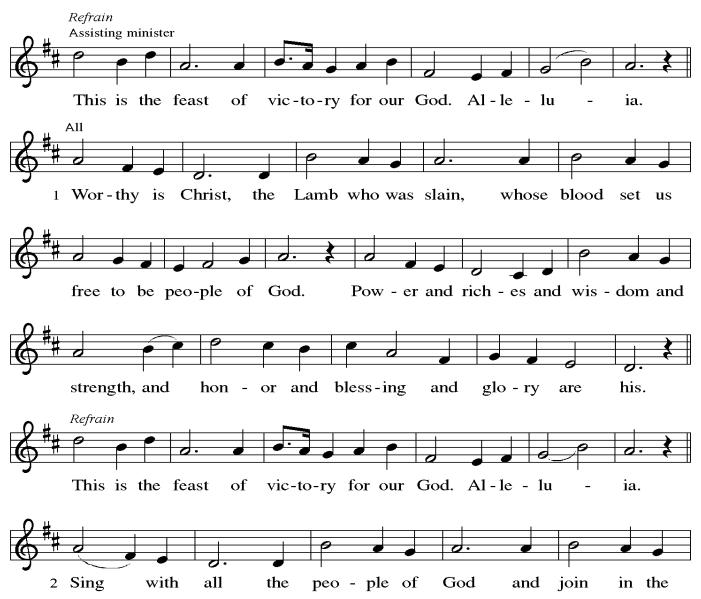
Peter and Paul, Apostles I. Gathering: *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

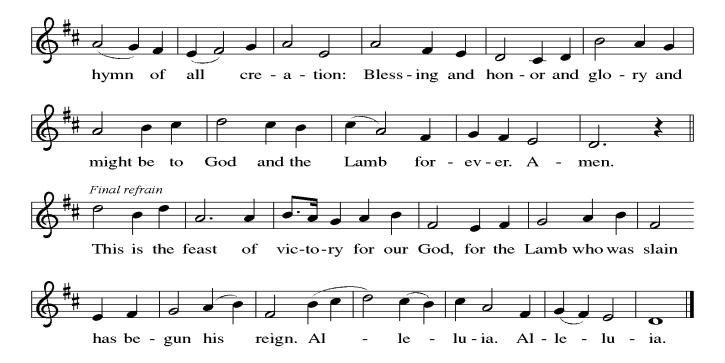
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Greeting

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 God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he 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

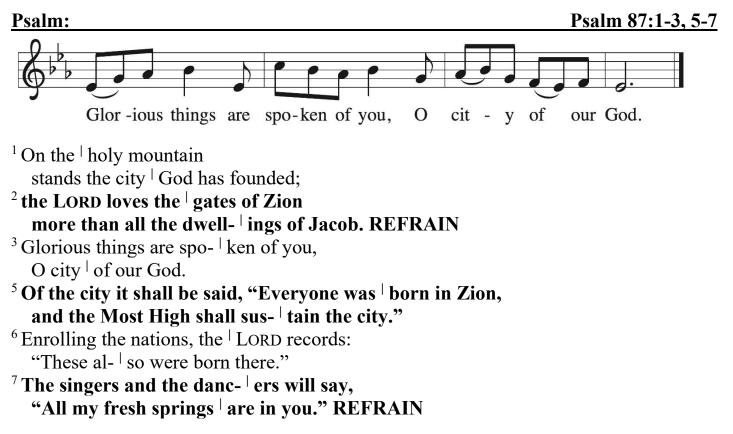
First Reading

Acts 12:1-11

King Herod had James killed and had Peter put in prison, under heavy guard. In what Peter first believes is only a vision, an angel leads him past unseeing guards, out of the prison, and to freedom. ¹About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church.² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.³ After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵ While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. ⁶ The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸ The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹ Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own

accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

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



Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Paul has faithfully persevered in the mission the Lord had given to him. Near life's end he rests in the promise of eternal life, confident that the Lord who has rescued him in the past will bring him into the heavenly kingdom.

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. *Reader: "The Word of the Lord." Response: "Thanks be to God."*



Gospel

John 21:15-19

Jesus invites Simon Peter to declare his love for him three times, in a manner reminiscent of the three times that Peter earlier denied Christ. Jesus commissions him to feed his sheep and predicts that he will die as a martyr for God.

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

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

Sermon	Still Waiting <i>Silence for prayer and reflection</i> .	Pastor Jon Nelson
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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

Feed my sheep and tend to my lambs. This is the invitation of Christ. Together, the church is called to be a people that nourish in body and soul. With hope that God will provide all we need to live so faithfully, let us bring our gifts and offerings.

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 MusicMedley on Resignation and Land of RestMichael HassellThom Recktenwald, Flute

Offertory Prayer

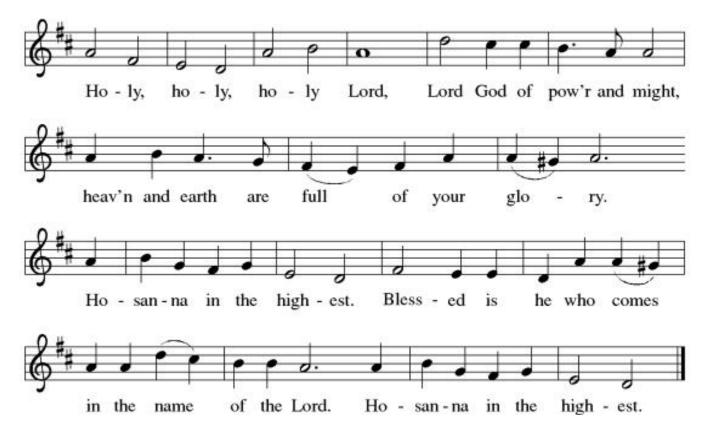
God of wonders, where there is scarcity - of love, of compassion, of generosity - your presence brings about abundance. May these gifts be put to the service of your transformative Spirit, bringing hope where there is despair, relief where there is pain, and liberation where the ways of destruction turn us from each other. **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:

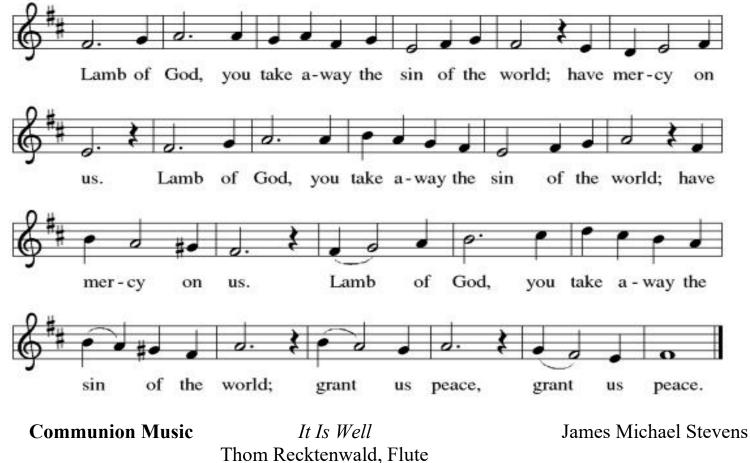


Words of Institution

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 Hymn Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

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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

For All your Saints, O Lord

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Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

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

'Tis the Gift to Be Simple Thom Recktenwald, Flute Robert Powell

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

Glo - rious things Zi of you are spo - ken, cit 1 on, У 2 of See, the streams liv ing wa - ters, spring ing from e -tion hov - 'ring, 3 Round each hab i ta see the cloud and _ Zi Ι of _ on's 4 Sav - ior, since cit _ У through grace а Ð 8 of God! He whose word can be bro - ken our not ter nal love, well sup - ply your and daugh - ters, sons ap - pear cov - 'ring, for glo fire а ry and а ber let the world de _ ride mem am, or pit у, the Rock of formed you for On his own a - bode. Α ges and Who all fear of want re - move. can faint, while such а the Lord show - ing that near. Thus de - riv - ing from their is T will glo - ry your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain in 0 shake your re - pose? found-ed, what can sure With sal their thirst as - suage? Grace which, riv - er ever will ban - ner light night shade by and by day, safe they plea - sures, all their boast ed pomp and show; sol id va - tion's walls sur-round-ed, you smile all foes. may at your fails like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er from age to age. feed up which God on the man - na gives them on their way. last - ing trea-sures none joys and but Ži on's _ chil - dren know.

Faith of Our Fathers

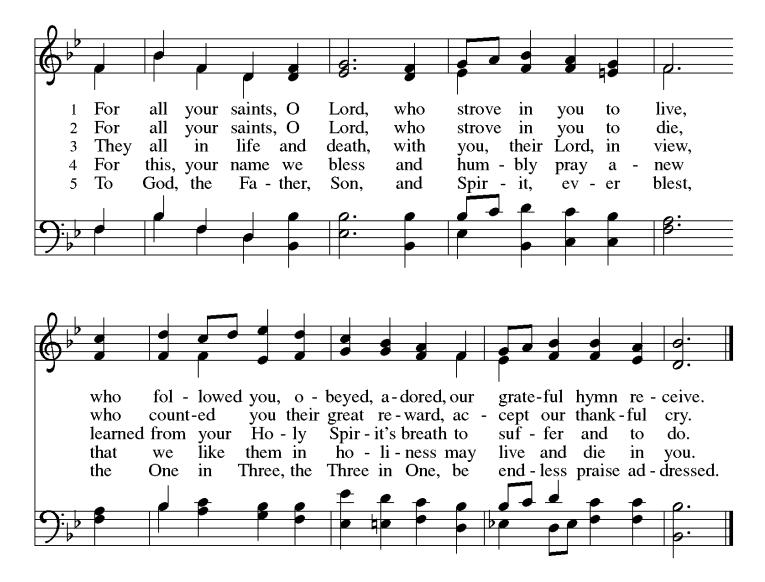


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Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries 1 fol - low 2 Clouds of light sur round the ta - ble; an - cient _ peat - ed 3 Their sad thou - sand sto - ries are re in \mathbf{a} sad - ness, 4 Bring your joy and bring your and pre - pare to - [are weep - ing; con - fess - ing they share one laugh - ing; wres - tled that they bring. Some some are how ар saints ers pear, they com - mon: dif - f'rent ways, but thing in be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed, some have songs they want Oth - ers to sing. ask why they're in – their guilt, their doubt of his and fear. Pe - ter tells de with praise end in thanks and for the host who has in they all who will O pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ vit in - sists they _ Christ was ev - er sight; Paul re - lates his ny ing in his _ vit ed north and south and east and west to con-verge a breaks ittruth and man - na a bove!then pass - es from – and all wel - come. There for one. are is room ev -'ry _ fruit - less ef - forts to ob lit – er ate the light. round this all ta - ble, where life fed blest. is and wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

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For All Your Saints, O Lord



Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt. Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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.

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

What's Happening Today

Flowers this morning are given by Karen Shoberg in memory of Larry Shoberg.

Upcoming

<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.

This summer, The next two weeks we are going to highlight the ministries of Greeter, Ushers, Flower delivery and Audio-Visual. These are important ministries for Sunday morning worship. Greeters need to arrive 20 to 30 minutes before service to greet people as they enter. Ushers also come early to put out signs for traffic and then give out bulletins. Flower delivery is done after the last service. Audio Visual is important for broadcasting the service on either You-tube or Facebook. Contact for greeters is Diana Tiller-Dichtel. Contact for flower delivery is Nelia Lameroux. Contact for Audio Visual is Nancy Carter. Contact for 8:30 Ushers is Karen Nester. Contact for 11:00 Ushers is Glenn Joppa.

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.

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 29-July 6, 2025

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

SUNDAY, June 29 ~ 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

MONDAY, June 30

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

TUESDAY, July 1

8:00 AM Women's Breakfast (Colonial Pancake house)

WEDNESDAY, July 2

8:45 PMYOGA (Gathering Space)9:00 AM - 12:00 PM VBS (Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Norge)7:00 PMAA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, July 3

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

FRIDAY, July 4

Church office closed

SATURDAY, July 5

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM AlAnon (Gathering Space)

<u>SUNDAY, July 6</u> ~ 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer	Bill Dichtel
Altar Guild	Diana Tiller-Dichtel and Pam Buckley
Audio-Visual Team	David Nelson and Mike Morgan
Bread Baker	Carol Wiers
Cantor	Ursula Recktenwald
Communion Assistants	Cyndy Touhsaent and Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Flower Delivery	Nelia Lamoureux
Greeters/Hosts	Alison Carney
Lectors	Karen Nester and Jeane Moore
Pastor	Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers	Beth Grant and Stan York
Ushers	Jim Weilmuenster and Glenn Joppa

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Upcoming Commemorations Peter and Paul, Apostles

Sunday, June 29, 2025

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations. **Thomas, Apostle**

Thursday, July 3, 2025

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

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June 29,2025

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Prayer Requests

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