



# 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.



***July 13, 2025***  
**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

## For Your Prayers – July 14-20 , 2025

### Lectionary readings for this week:

**Mon – Jul 14** Job 24:1-8; James 2:1-7; Psalm 25:11-20

**Tue – Jul 15** Proverbs 19:1-17 ;1 John 3:11-17; Psalm 25:11-20

**Wed – Jul 16** Ecclesiastes 9:13-18; Matthew 25:31-46; Psalm 25:11-20

**Thu – Jul 17** Genesis 12:10-20; Hebrews 5:1-6; Psalm 15

**Fri – Jul 18** Genesis 13:1-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; Psalm 15

**Sat – Jul 19** Genesis 14:1-16; Luke 8:4-10; Psalm 15

**Next Sunday:** Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15 (1); Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

**Join your prayers for healing** with God's desires for **Preston Burton, Kristin Carter, Bob & Ginny Cummings, Edith Haecker, Sharon Jacobs, Glen Joppa, Donna Kittelson, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, Traci Powers, George Vonderheide, and Jim Weilmuenster.**

**We hold the** family and friends of **John Olson**, especially **Linda Olson**, in our prayers as they grieve his death.

**Pray for those unable to come to worship:** **Ailene Bartlett, Ed Brown, Ruth 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, Kay C. ,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, 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, Kay Flatin, 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, Jeff Laub, 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, Laura Spencer, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, George and Jewel Thomas, Charley Underdahl, Dave Watts, Brenda Webster, Pat Whelan, Caleb Winig, Elaine Wrich and Lynda Wright .

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

## Welcome

### Centering Music

*Iste confessor*

Thomas Tallis

### Call to Worship

All you brokenhearted

**All you worn out**

All you overwhelmed

All you energized

**All you aligned**

All you at peace

You, many things at once

**You, ebbing & flowing human**

You, containing multitudes:

Come & worship. The God of Compassion awaits & loves us as we are.

### Opening Prayer

Wise Spirit—meet us at the ordinary door of transformation. Steady us, that we might be attentive to the possibility dwelling in this moment. Make plain the inner work asked of us, that we may live expansively and compassionately in the world. Meet us in the places we already are. Deepen our relationships with people with whom we are already in community. For the work of personal & collective liberation is found in the ordinary—in where we place our attention, in how we spend our time, & in whom we call family. **Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn

*God Is Here!*

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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

*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**

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup> when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>11</sup> Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe. *Reader: "The Word of the Lord." Response: "Thanks be to God."*

## Psalm:

## Psalm 25:1-10



<sup>1</sup> To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.

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

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

<sup>4</sup> **Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths. REFRAIN**

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

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

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

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

<sup>9</sup> You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.

<sup>10</sup> **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. REFRAIN**

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. <sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup> This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup> and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *Reader: "The Word of the Lord." Response: "Thanks be to God."*

**Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel**

**Luke 10:25-37**

*Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*

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

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will

live.”<sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.”<sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.<sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.<sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.<sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.<sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’<sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”<sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.” *Response at the conclusion of the Gospel: “Praise to you, O Christ.”*

## Sermon

Transactional or Reciprocal?  
*Silence for prayer and reflection.*

Pastor Jon Nelson

## Hymn of the Day

*Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love*

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**Statement of Faith** *From Oremus III, the worship book of the Lutheran Student Movement, USA (campus ministry).*

Holy Love, Beginning and End, beyond all Names: giver of food and drink, clothing and warmth, love and hope: life in all its goodness, **we praise and adore you.**

Jesus Christ, Wisdom and Word: lover of outcasts, friend of the poor; one of us, yet one with God; crucified and risen; life in the midst of death, **we praise and adore you.**

Holy Spirit, Storm and Breath: building bridges, breaking chains, waking the oppressed, making us one, unseen and unexpected, untamable energy of life, **we praise and adore you.**

Holy Trinity, forever One, whose nature is community, unbounded dance of love; in whom we live and grow and know our neighbor; life in all its fullness, making all things new, **we praise and adore you. Amen.**

## Prayers

*Each petition concludes, “God of grace,” Response: “hear our prayer.”*

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

### Offering Invitation

You are invited to bring forth your gifts & offerings today. Invited. As in, not demanded. As in, extended a warm & hopeful curiosity: what is yours that longs to be offered to the collective for the sake of Love? ...for the sake of New Life here amount us? I wonder. You are invited.

*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

*Come, Thou Fount*

Jack Warren Burnam

Marj Gottschalk-Trone, Soprano

## Offertory Prayer

Align our actions with our ethics, Steadfast One, that our lives might be living prayers of liberation. Bless our offerings towards the ordinary work of Love—feeding each other, keeping each other safe, and caring for the land. Forgive us when we are too rigid to trust the grace of reciprocity. Turn us towards the hope found in 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... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

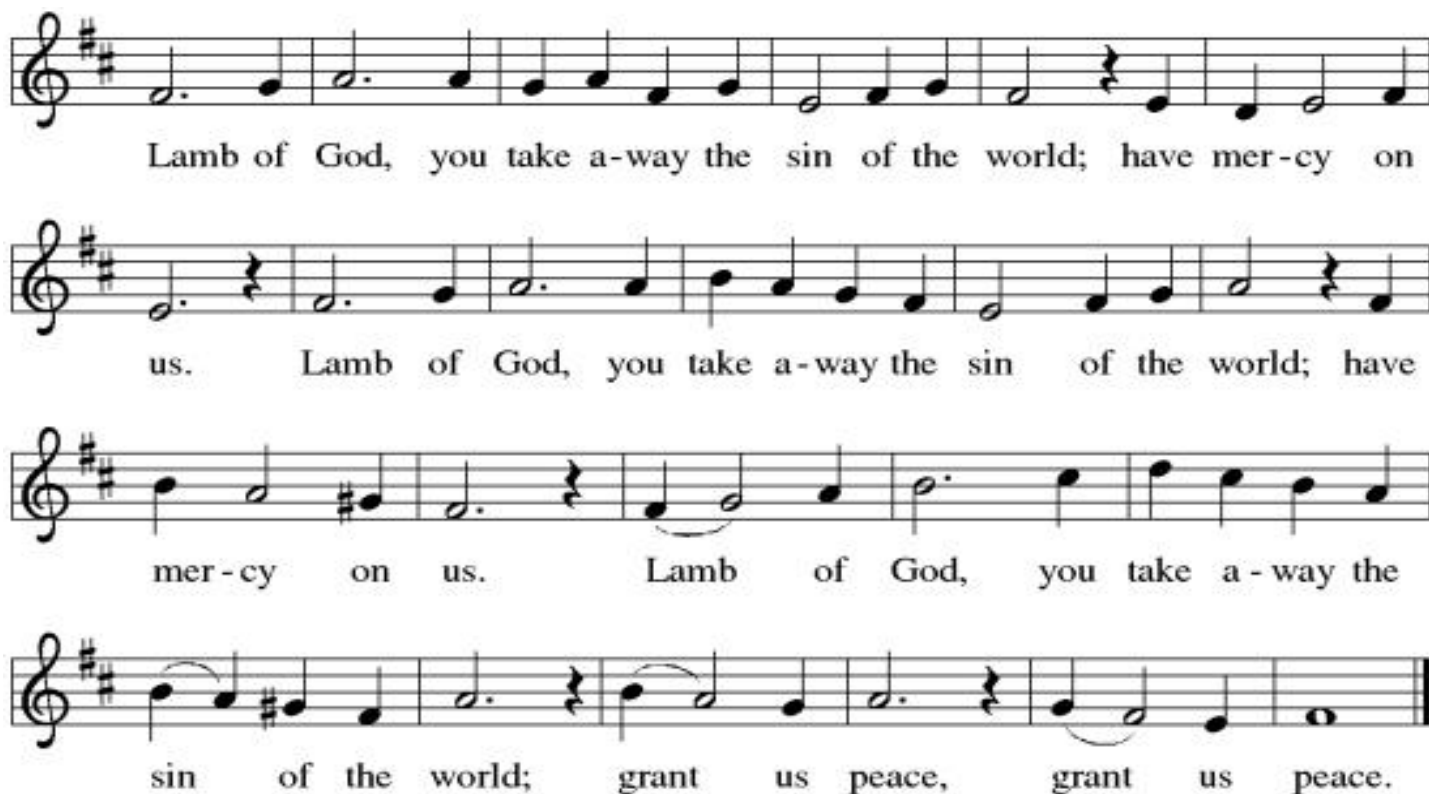
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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 upon request. All are welcome to the Lord's Supper.*



## **Communion Music**

*For The Lord Will Lead*  
Marj Gottschalk-Trone, Soprano

Felix Mendelssohn

## **Communion Hymn** *Spirit Of God ,Descend upon My Heart*

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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**

*If You But Trust In God To Guide You*

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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**

*All praise to God, who reigns above*

Helmut Walcha



# God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en;  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here, in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here, the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000


Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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# Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

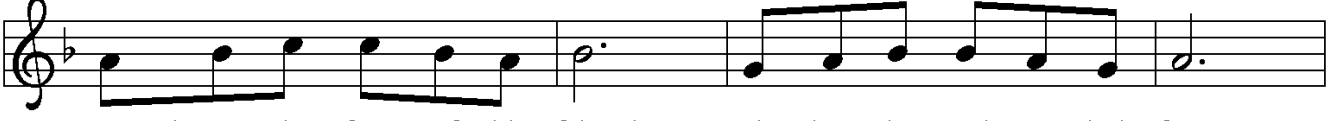
*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

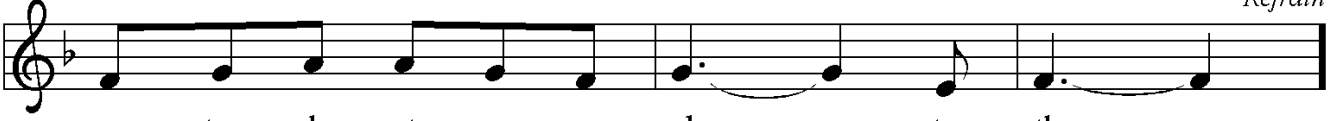


us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

*Refrain*



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

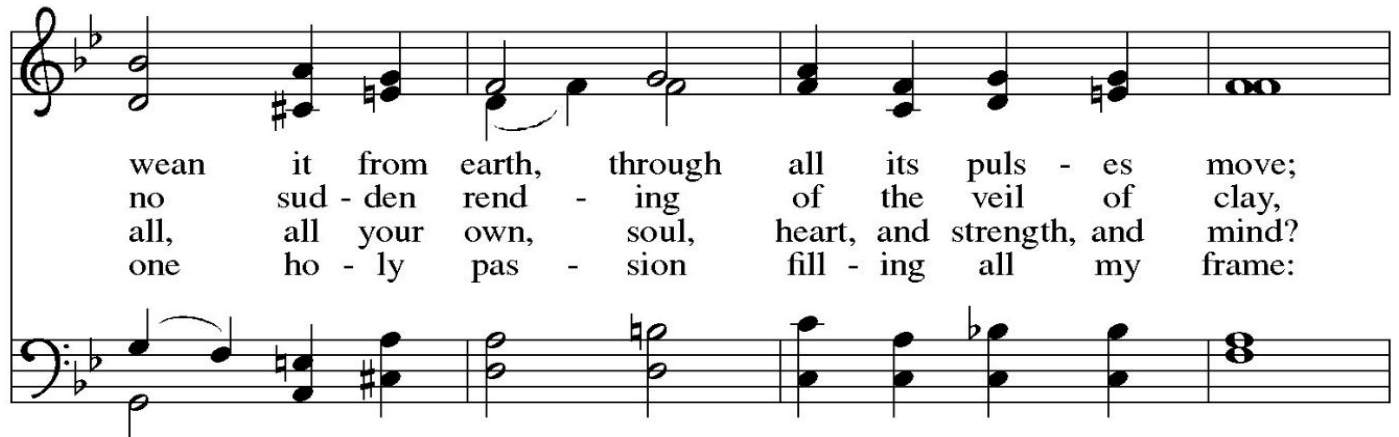
Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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# Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



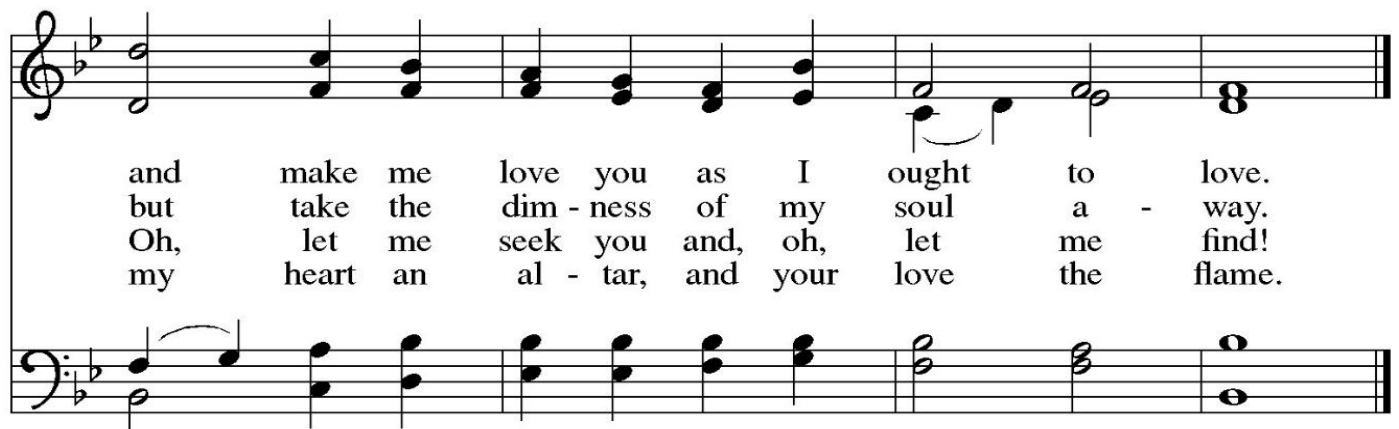
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

# If You But Trust in God to Guide You




1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
 serv - ice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681; tr. composite  
 Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark  
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## 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](http://vibrantfaith.org))
- ❖ When parents and children need to take a break for a few minutes, there's a play area (aka "pryground") 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 in memory of **Walter Heide** by **Nelia Lamoureux** and his loving family.

**We welcome Dan Jackson** today, while Karen is attending the Augsburg Fortress Music Clinic in Columbia, SC.

## Upcoming

**This summer,** Kitchen keepers, Caring cooks, Parish life, gardening and property are our highlighted ministries. Kitchen Keepers help to keep the kitchen clean and organized. Parish life is the group who help with receptions for funerals, etc. Caring Cooks is a group who provide meals for congregants when needed. The contact person for these ministries is Chris Punchard. Property is helping with building upkeep. The contact person for this ministry is Jim Larsen.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE: Preschool's Summer Carnival!** **Saturday, August 23rd, 11:00AM-3:00PM** we will be kicking off our 60th Anniversary year with a summer carnival. Plan to stop by for fun, food, and fellowship! We will also be unveiling the new playground!

**SAVE THE DATE: 2025 Theologian in Residence!** **September 19-21, 2025**, at St. Stephen. We will be welcoming the Rev. Dr. Leah Schade as our Theologian this year. Look for more details soon!

**SAVE THE DATE: 2025 St. Stephen Women's Retreat!** **September 26-28, 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: July 13- 20, 2025

***Our worship service is available on our website [www.saintstephenlutheran.net](http://www.saintstephenlutheran.net), click on “Worship with Us” and “Services.”***

### **SUNDAY, July 13 ~ 5th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

### **MONDAY, July 14**

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

### **TUESDAY, July 15**

9:30 AM Women’s Retreat Planning Meeting (Library/Conference room)

### **WEDNESDAY, July 16**

8:45 PM YOGA (Gathering Space)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### **THURSDAY, July 17**

### **FRIDAY, July 18**

### **SATURDAY, July 19**

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM AlAnon (Gathering Space)

### **SUNDAY, July 20 ~ 6<sup>th</sup> 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.....	Stan York
Altar Guild .....	Amy Bergh and Rita Kristiansen
Audio-Visual Team.....	Tim Judy and Nancy Carter
Bread Baker.....	Paul Kristiansen
Cantor .....	Marj Gottschalk-Trone
Communion Assistants .....	Terri & Jim Larsen
Flower Delivery .....	Carol Wiers
Greeters/Hosts .....	Randy Punchard
Lector .....	Ursula Recktenwald
Preacher & Presider .....	Jon Nelson
Tellers.....	Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher and Jim Larsen
Ushers.....	Corey Knestrick

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566 Thursday, July 17, 2025**

A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Upon arriving in the West, Las Casas was granted a large estate with Indigenous enslaved people whom he freed after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.



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**Love God, Love People, Form Faith.**

*(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)*

**All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms**

**Pastor Jon Nelson (320-295-8861)**

**Karen Ives – Director of Music (757-229-6688)**

**Hollie Jones – Parish Administrator (229-6688)**

**Jessica Kimball – Preschool Director (229-6688)**

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**Doing Ministry in the World**

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***July 13 ,2025***

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Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Guests Only:**

I belong to \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check as many as pertain:

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