

## 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.

9th Sunday after Pentecost July 21, 2024

## For Your Prayers -July 22 -28, 2024

#### **Lectionary readings for this week:**

**Monday:** Jeremiah 50:1-7 Hebrews 13:17-25 Psalm 100 **Tuesday**: Zechariah 9:14—10:2 Acts 20:17-38 Psalm 100

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 5:1-12 Luke 15:1-7 Psalm 100

Thursday: 1 Kings 19:19-21 Colossians 1:9-14 Psalm 145:10-18

*Friday* 2 Kings 3:4-20 Colossians 3:12-17 Psalm 145:10-18 *Saturday*: 2 Kings 4:38-41 John 4:31-38 Psalm 145:10-18

Next Sunday's Lessons 2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18 (16) Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

<u>Join your prayers for healing</u> with God's desires for Trudi Arnold, Karen Bailey, Ed Brown, Steve Bushman, Kristin Carter, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Jim Mayfield, Carol Meyer and Helen Nelsen

<u>Pray for those unable to come to worship</u>: Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Pat Janot, Marilyn Johnson, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Bob Alt, Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, John Black, Sally Blackburn, Linda Bonfiglio, Mary Bloom, Amy Carl, Karin Cavanaugh, Ruth Ann Coski, Judy Craun, Sophia Czajkowski, Judy Drezek, Ginny Mauney Fox, David Gade, Joanne Gaskins and family, Joel Gillespie, Karyn Grinstead, Joan and Frank Goodhart, Sue Hassan & family, Deanna Harbison, Sue Hassan and family, Nick Havola, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Lisa Hill, Jaxon Ireland, The Jacobs Family, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Marnah Lund, Trish and Matthew Macerelli, Laura Margolin, Jack Mayfield, The Keith Meins family, Liz Montalvo, Brian Moore, Becky Murphy, Ed Moninger, Bob Myers, Silvana Oderisi, Denise Ogborn, Lori Ogborn, Paula Rega, Kathy Reynolds, Clarice Rohling, Marci Ries, Sharon Rogers, Betty Roth, Kurtis Schultz, Lou Schuster, Inge Seiter, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, and Caleb Winig.

## 9th Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### Welcome

**Centering Music** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Setting, Jerry van der Pol Erika Cave

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

the God of manna,

the God of miracles.

the God of mercy. Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways

of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding

rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life

and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,

you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,

there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life,

you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

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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.** 

#### **Kyrie**



#### Prayer of the Day

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

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

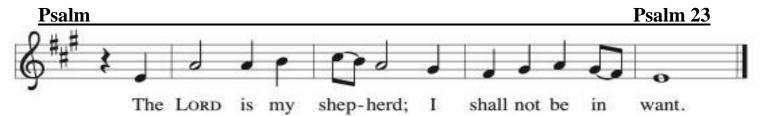
First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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



<sup>1</sup> The LORD | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

- <sup>2</sup> The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.
- <sup>3</sup> You restore my | soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. *Refrain*

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. *Refrain* 

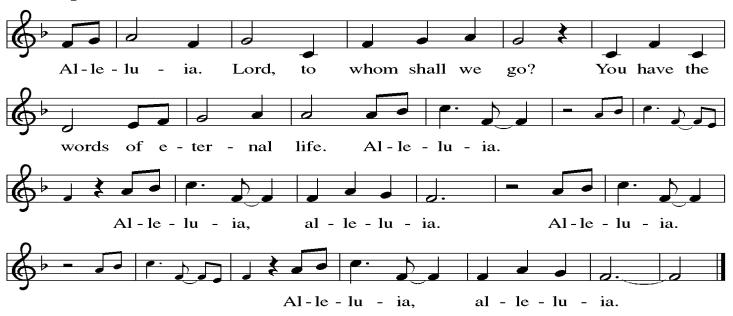
Second Reading Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

<sup>11</sup> Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup> He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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Gospel Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

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

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. <sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

**Sermon** Pastor Jim Larsen

Silence for prayer and reflection.

**Hymn of the Day** Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ELW 611

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#### **Prayers**

Each petition concludes, "In your mercy," Response: "hear our prayer."

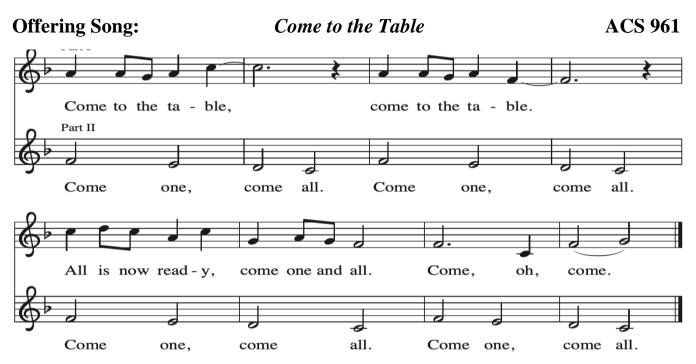
#### III. Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

#### Offering

Offerings are gathered for the mission of the church: preaching and teaching the good news of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ, and caring for the poor. During the offering, the table is set for the Lord's Supper.

**Offering of Music** 

I Am Not Alone Christina Nelson Kari Jobi



#### **Offertory Prayer**

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.** 

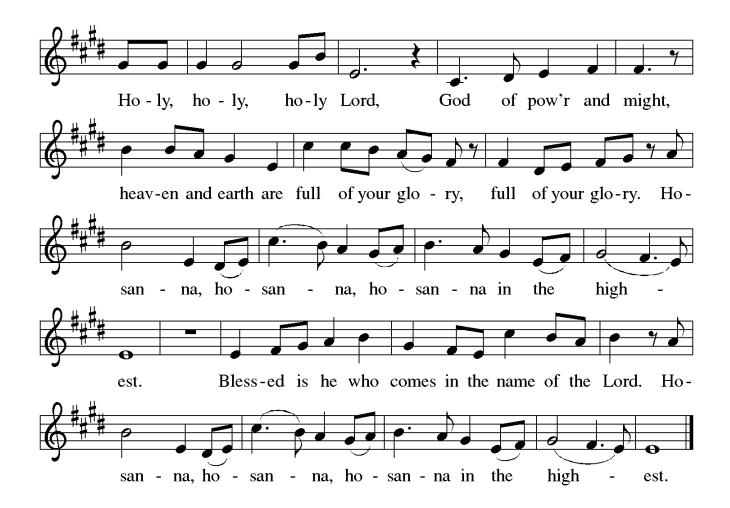
#### The Great Thanksgiving

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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



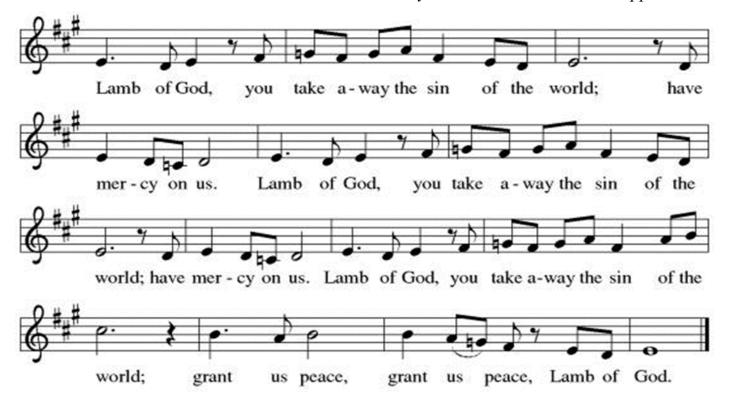
#### **Words of Institution**

#### 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. St. Stephen is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, so all are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper.



**Communion Song** 

Many and One Christina Nelson-Solo

Steve Angrisano

**Communion Hymn** 

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

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**Table Blessing** 

**Prayer after Communion** 

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

**Sending Hymn** Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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Blessing
The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

→ be upon you now and forever. Amen.

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.** 

**Postlude** 

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Erika Cave Zach Unke

A special thank you to **Christina Nelson and Erika Cave** for sharing their talents with us while Karen is away!

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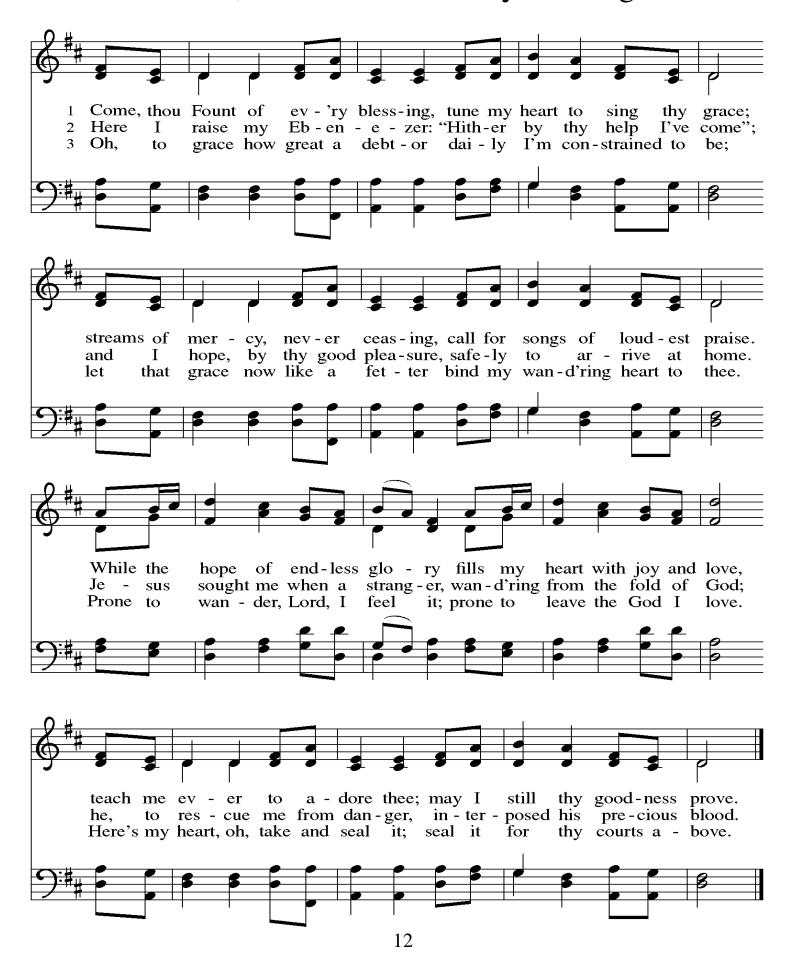
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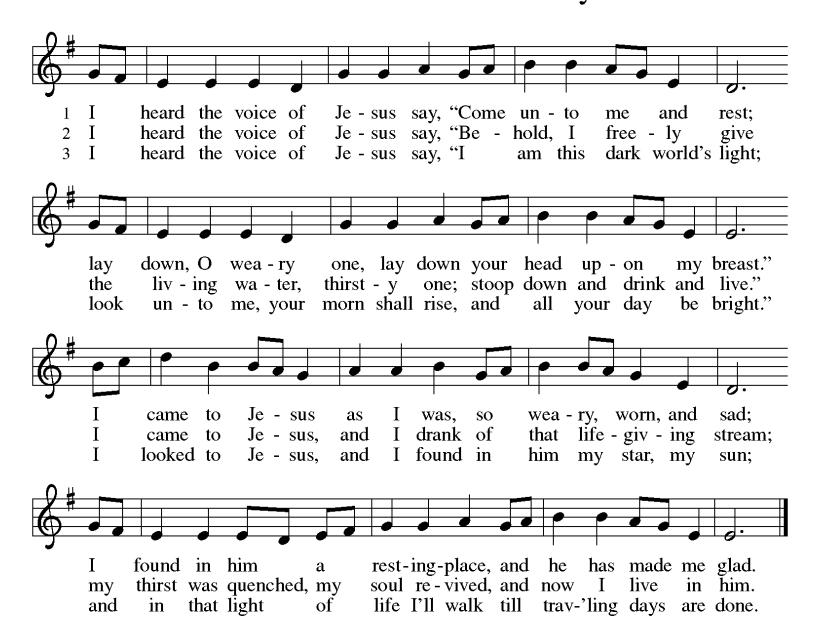
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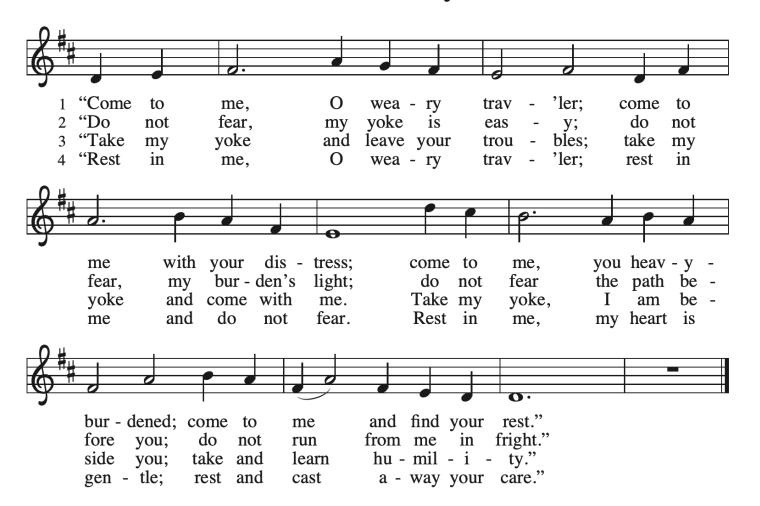
### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



## Come to Me, O Weary Traveler



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

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## Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



- 5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

#### 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**

<u>Flowers this morning</u> are given by Reed & Karen Nester in honor of their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary!

Thank you to **Pastor Jim Larsen** for Preaching while Pastor Jon is recouping from the LYO gathering.

#### **Upcoming**

#### **2024 SUPER SCHOOL SNEAKERS for GROVE!**

This is the 19th year that St. Stephen members have the purpose-filled opportunity to provide sneakers for Grove community students so they can start school this fall in style! 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 but any size will do! Deliver them to the Gathering Space by Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make the check out to St. Stephen Lutheran Church with SHOES FOR GROVE on the memo line. Cash is also accepted in an envelope marked SHOES FOR GROVE. Put envelopes with checks or cash in the offering plate or in the black lockable mailbox outside the church by July 28.

<u>From His Hands and Meals on Wheels "Summer Meals for Kids 2024"</u> needs our help each Tuesday this Summer from June 18th through August 20th to help prepare lunches for local children.



# St. Stephen Fall 2024 Women's Retreat: "Walking the Spiritual Journey"

Friday evening social, Sept. 27 \* Saturday retreat program, led by our own Christina Nelson, Sept. 28 \* Sunday sermon, by Kristen Berkey-Abbott, Sept. 29 Plan to come (and bring a friend!) for part or all of the retreat weekend! A light continental breakfast and box lunch are provided on Saturday. Venue: St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Outreach project: School kits for Lutheran World Relief Registration forms will be available the end

Last Chance to Sign up for Dining Groups! Joining a dining group is an easy and fun way to meet new people at St. Stephen, share a meal together, and build community. All are welcome! Each group will have about eight people, who will decide what works best for them for time and place. Brunch, potluck, dinner, picnic . . . the group chooses what to do. The new groups will be organized in late July, and are asked to meet three times before the end of January 2025. Sign up now on the bulletin insert or call the church office.

#### St. Stephen Calendar – July 21st-28th, 2024

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

#### SUNDAY, July 21 ~ 9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

#### MONDAY, July 22

#### **TUESDAY, July 23**

#### WEDNESDAY, July 24

9:00 AM YOGA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

#### **THURSDAY**, July 25

12:30 PM Staff Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)

#### FRIDAY, July 26

#### SATURDAY, July 27

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

5:30 PM Al-ANON Family Meeting (Gathering space)

#### **SUNDAY, July 28** ~ 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

## **Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today**

Acolyte/Crucifer	Sonja Cave
Altar Guild	Karen Arledge and Nancy Egloff
Audio-Visual Team	Nancy Carter and Charles Osborn
Bread Baker	Janice Mayfield
Cantor	
Communion Assistants	Paula Agor and Sonja Cave
Flower Delivery	Karen Nester
Greeters/Hosts	Linda Vonderheide
Lectors	Tom Peterkin and Marj Gottschalk-Trone
Preacher	Jim Larsen
Tellers	Jeanne Garrison, Linda Vonderheide
Ushers	Tom and Sandy Peterkin

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#### Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

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All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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Williamsburg on Thursdays)

# Welcome to St. Stephen Lutheran Church! Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

July 21, 2024

Name:
For guests and members with changes:
Address (Home)
City/StateZip
Telephone #
E-Mail Address
Guests Only: I belong to
Church Address
Please check as many as pertain:
Member
First time guest
Regular guest
Guest (out of town)
Student at William & Mary
Looking for a church home
Desire to speak with pastor
Would like more information about Stephen Ministry
Would like a Stephen Minister to contact me
Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if
necessary.

# **Prayer Requests**

Name:	
Please <b>remove</b> from prayer concerns:	
Name:	