

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.

10th Sunday after Pentecost July 28, 2024

For Your Prayers -July 29-Aug 4, 2024

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Genesis 18:1-15 Philippians 4:10-20 Psalm 111 *Tuesday*: Exodus 24:1-11 Romans 15:22-33 Psalm 111 *Wednesday*: Isaiah 25:6-10a Mark 6:35-44 Psalm 111

Thursday: Exodus 12:33-42 1 Corinthians 11:17-22 Psalm 78:23-29 *Friday* Exodus 12:43—13:2 1 Corinthians 11:27-34 Psalm 78:23-29

Saturday: Exodus 13:3-10 Matthew 16:5-12 Psalm 78:23-29

Next Sunday's Lessons Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 (24, 25) Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35

<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, June Brantley, Sharon Brown, 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.

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music performed by Erika Cave, Clarinet

Prayer of Confession (by Bruce Prewer, inspired by Psalm 145:17-18)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins. Most Holy God, we confess to you and to each other that we are rarely just in all our ways, and far from being kind in all our doings. What we want to be and what we actually are, are two different things.

Our lives are a miss-mash of astuteness and stupidity, of moral strength and cowardice, of kindness and meanness, of openness and cunning, of sincere love for you, yet also of conniving self-interest.

We need both your justice and your kindness, to convict us of our sins, to forgive and cleanse us, and to save us from the power of evil in the days that lie ahead. We need your mercy to wipe away shame and disabling regrets, your light to give us our bearings, and your friendship to delight with us in our happiness and to comfort us in our sorrows.

Please grant to us, loving God, the grace of a new beginning and the joy of an enlarged love for you. Give us a passion for all your loving ways. Through Christ Jesus our Brother and Redeemer. Amen.

Words of Assurance (by Bruce Prewer, inspired by Psalm 145:17-18)

Sisters and brothers, Holy Scripture says: "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all and his mercy is over all his works."

In the name of the living God, through the grace of Christ Jesus the Son, and with the authority of the Spirit, I declare to you the forgiveness of sins and the life that is eternal!

We will extol you, our God and Savior, and glorify your name forever and ever! Every day we will praise you, and glorify your name forever and ever. Amen.

Gathering Hymn All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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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

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left." ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

Psalm Psalm 145:10-18



- ¹⁰ All your works shall praise | you, O LORD, and your faithful | ones shall bless you.
- 11 They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom and speak | of your power,
- ¹² that all people may know | of your power and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- | out all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works. *Refrain*

- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD, and you give them their food | in due season.

- ¹⁶ You open | wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
- ¹⁷ You are righteous in | all your ways and loving in | all your works.
- ¹⁸ You are near to all who | call upon you, to all who call up- | on you faithfully. *Refrain*

Second Reading Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel John 6:1-21

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."

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

Sermon Totality Pastor Jon Nelson

Silence for prayer and reflection.

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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

performed by Erika Cave, Clarinet



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.**

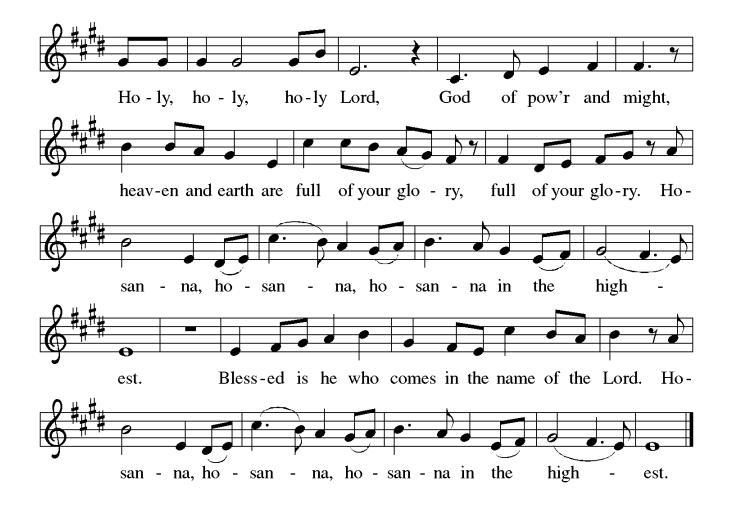
The Great Thanksgiving

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:



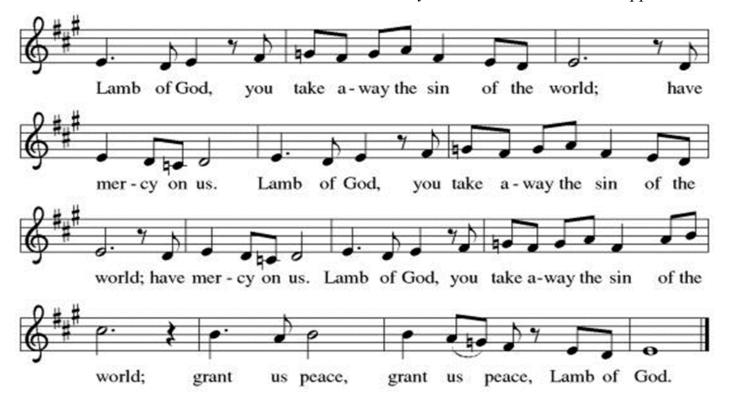
Words of Institution

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 Music

Here Is Bread Erika Cave, Clarinet

Setting, Lynette Maynard

Communion Hymn

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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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 Music performed by Erika Cave, Clarinet

A special thank you to Erika Cave for sharing her talents with us!

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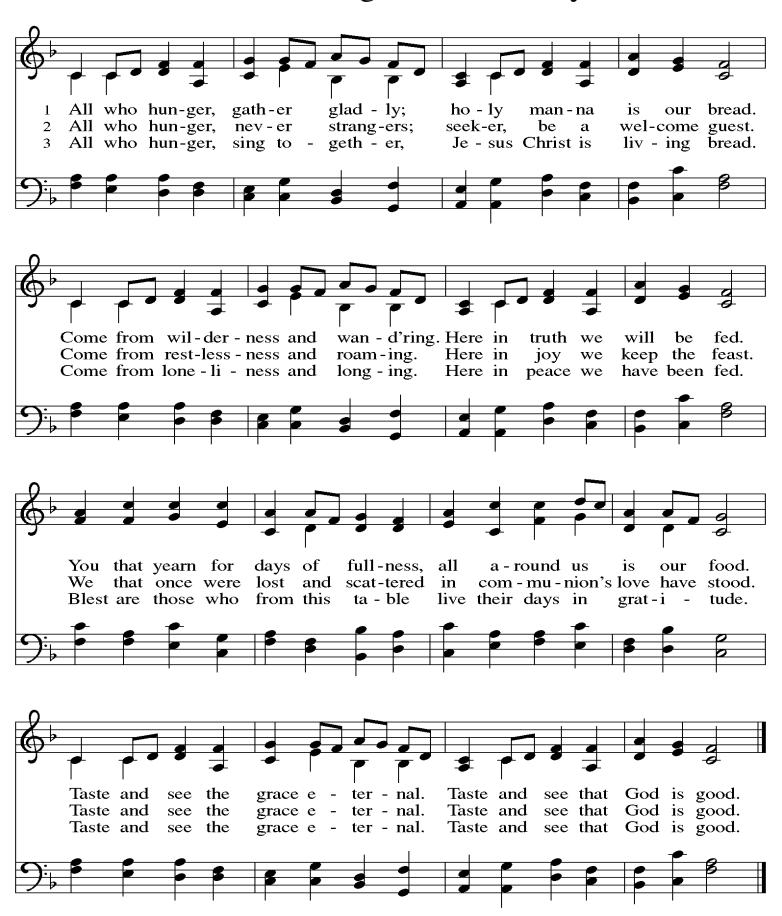
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All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



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Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007 Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat





- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat i tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys-t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor-tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be,



call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and when you re - joice. SO you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food. that cup, one loaf, de-clare our the Lord? one - ness in Do not one the world can - not con-tain comes our hearts to dwell. whom all in truth and char - i - ty. serve each oth - er in your name in to

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal ents and tongues em ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
- Christ is a ble to make us one, at the ta ble he sets the tone, By Je sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt

3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard. love in word and in deed ex-press. God (Im-man-u-el) ev-'ry-where!



Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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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)
- ❖ 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 Margaret and Griff Steel to the glory of God!

Upcoming

2024 SUPER SCHOOL SNEAKERS for GROVE! LAST DAY TO GIVE

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 28th. 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" Registration forms will be sent out the end of July

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

Each kit will contain the following items:

- **70-sheet Spiral Notebooks** of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8"x 10½"; no loose leaf-paper. Note: Four notebooks will be included in each kit.
- **Crayons** − 1 box of 16 or 24.
- $\mathbf{Ruler} 1$ with centimeters, or centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- Pencil Sharpener -1.
- Blunt/Saftey Scissors 1 pair.
- Unsharpened No. 2 Pencils with Erasers 5.
- Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens (no gel ink) 5.
- 2 ½" Eraser 1.

We are asking for donations of these items. Please look for a basket and poster in the gathering space. Monetary donations can be made by writing a check to St. Stephen and putting "Special Campaign - School Kits" on the memo line. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Buckley at 757.869.3373 or GuamMom16@aol.com. Thank you for any help you can give!

Service: Floor Cleaning and Waxing. We are having the floors of the building cleaned and waxed the week of August 12-16. The floors will not be able to be walked on. We are looking for help on Sunday, August 11th, following worship as we seek to empty the Fellowship Hall and the Preschool of a few remaining pieces of furniture. We will also need help the following Saturday, August 17 starting at 10:00AM as we seek to reset the furniture to where it belongs.

SINGERS WANTED NEXT SUNDAY for PICKUP CHOIR next Sunday, August 4

"Next to the word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music." (Martin Luther) I could not have said it better. Come at 9 am next Sunday to learn an easy anthem with me, Karen, around the piano. No prior choir experience necessary. This is a "no judgement" zone and loads of laughter is the only requirement. After all, the anthem's title is "Jubilate Deo" which means "Sing joyfully to God."

YOU'VE GOT TALENT!

Before and after worship next Sunday, **August 4** come check out our "Choir" table in the Gathering Space. It may still be hot outside, however, it is time to start considering those "fall/school year" activities. Make a joyful noise and share your voice in one of our service Choirs: Matins (8:30 worship) or Chancel (11:00 worship). "Choir participation makes our hearts feel squishy and twinkly" so quotes Lutheran Summer Music student Naomi Tracy-Hegg, a classmate of our very own Jeffery Berry who attended this year's Lutheran Summer Music camp. Naomi conducted a choir survey and found that choir participation promotes 1)Community, 2) Aesthetics, 3) Purpose, and 4) Leadership. Please talk to me or one of our choir folk and learn more.

St. Stephen Calendar – July 28th – August 4th , 2024

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

SUNDAY, July 28 ~ 9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

MONDAY, July 29

TUESDAY, July 30

WEDNESDAY, July 31

9:00 AM YOGA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, August 1

8:00 AM Mens Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)

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

FRIDAY, August 2

SATURDAY, August 3

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

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

SUNDAY, August 4~ 11th 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	John McCurry
	Diane McCurry and Rosalie Frey
Audio-Visual Team	JR & Diana Lyons
Bread Baker	Karen Schlicht
Cantor	Erika Cave
Communion Assistants	Heidi Flatin and Sandy Croushore
Flower Delivery	Rosemary Stimson
Greeters/Hosts	
Lectors	John McCurry and Jeanne Garrison
Preacher	
Tellers	Tom Peterkin, Sandy Peterkin, Sandy Croushore
Ushers	Russ Dabel and Glenn Joppa

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All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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

July 28, 2024

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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
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 rem	ove from prayer concerns:	
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