



# 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 6, 2025***

## **For Your Prayers – July 7-13 , 2025**

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

***Monday:*** Jeremiah 6:10-19; Acts 19:21-27; Psalm 119:73-80

***Tuesday :*** Jeremiah 8:4-13; Acts 19:28-41; Psalm 119:73-80

***Wednesday:*** Joshua 23:1-16; Luke 10:13-16; Psalm 119:73-80

***Thursday:*** Genesis 41:14-36; James 2:14-26; Psalm 25:1-10

***Friday:*** Genesis 41:37-49; 2 Acts 7:9-16; Psalm 25:1-10

***Saturday:*** Leviticus 19:1-4, 32-37; Luke 9:1-6; Psalm 25:1-10

***Next Sunday:*** Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10 (4); Colossians 1:1-14;  
Luke 10:25-37

**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 and George Vonderheide.**

**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.**

**We hold the family and friends** of **Forrest Fenstermaker**, especially **Ruth Fenstermaker**, in prayer as they grieve his death.

**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, 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 , 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, Kenneth & 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 .

## 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music

*The Call*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Prayer of Confession** (*inspired by Galatians 6:1-10, written by John Birch, and posted on [faithandworship.com](http://faithandworship.com)*)

For missed opportunities, **forgive us.**

For hasty words and voices raised, **forgive us.**

For selfishness and all that hurts, **forgive us.**

For poor harvest from love that's sown, **forgive us.**

Revive us, restore us **and teach us your way,**

that we might walk in it **day by day. Amen**

**Words of Assurance** (*written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies*)

Sing praises to our God, faithful children.

God has heard our prayers and made us whole.

**We will not be silent,**

**but will sing our joy to the One who has forgiven us**

**and made us a new creation.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

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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**

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 66:10-14**

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— <sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. <sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

### **Psalm:**

**Psalm 66:1-9**



- <sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, | all you lands;  
be joyful, | all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> **Sing the glory | of God's name;**  
**sing the glory | of God's praise.**
- <sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.
- <sup>4</sup> **All the earth bows | down before you,**  
**sings to you, sings | out your name." REFRAIN**
- <sup>5</sup> Come now and see the | works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds | toward all people.
- <sup>6</sup> **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- | ter on foot,**  
**and there we re- | joiced in God.**
- <sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- | ver the nations;  
let no rebels ex- | alt themselves.

<sup>8</sup> **Bless our | God, you peoples;  
let the sound of | praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip. **REFRAIN**

## **Second Reading**

## **Galatians 6:1-16**

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

<sup>1</sup> My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads. <sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. <sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**



## **Gospel**

## **Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

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

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ” <sup>16</sup> “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” <sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup> He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

*Response at the conclusion of the Gospel: “Praise to you, O Christ.”*

**Sermon**

Begin with Peace

Pastor Jon Nelson

*Silence for prayer and reflection.*

**Hymn of the Day**

*Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*

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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**

The trees share their nutrients through underground networks. The eagle does not catch more fish than she needs. The mushrooms decompose leaves into soil, rich with life. And so, we too, do our part -- sharing what we have, taking no more than we need, transforming systems of death into systems for life. Let us gather our offerings today, that it may be so.

*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**

*Raise a Hallelujah*

Skaggs, Stevens, Hesler & Hesler

Christina Nelson, Soprano

#### **Offertory Prayer**

Living Christ, we see how the world could be -- ecosystems cherished and preserved; workers in our communities cared for reverently. And yet our minds and spirits anguish over the ways which systems of domination plow over the living. We aim to live differently together. Bless our offerings to our radical, gentle, and precious care for each other. **Amen.**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

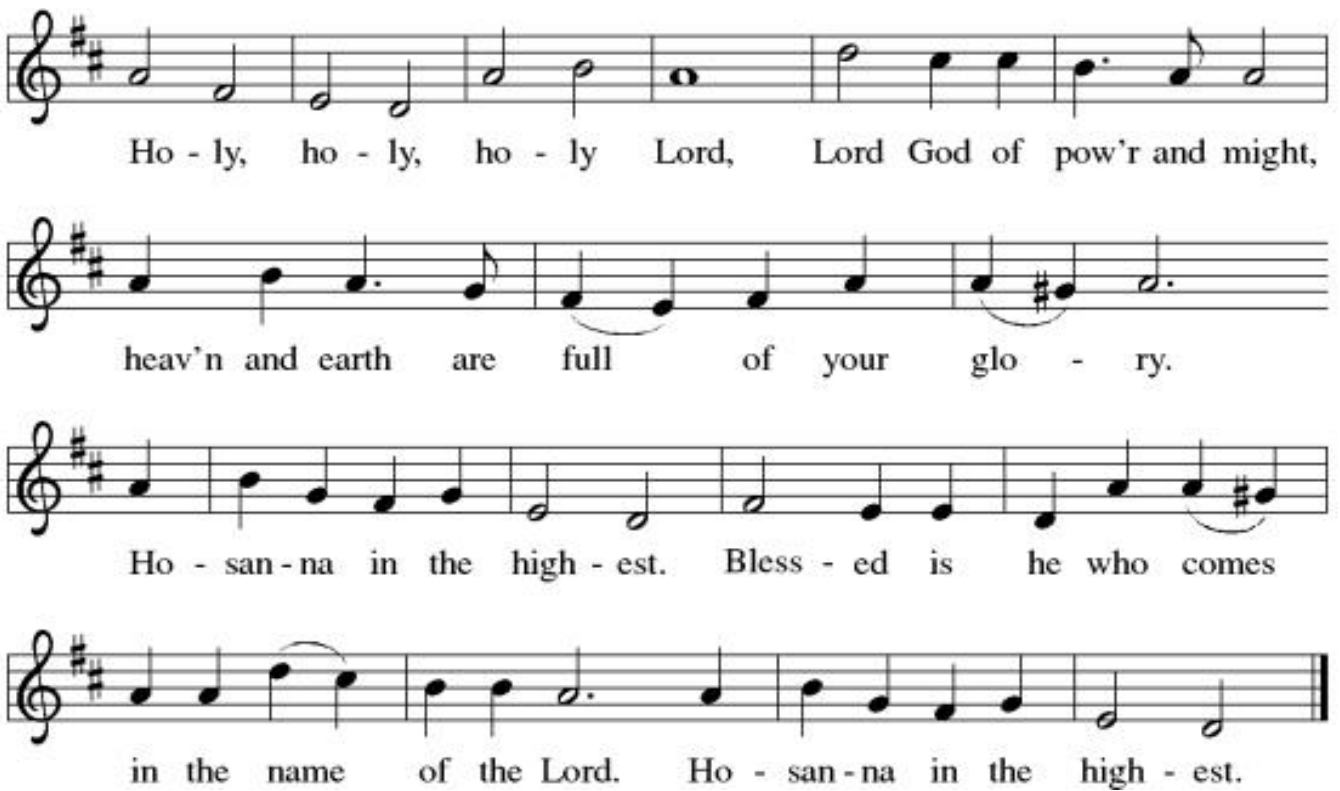
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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



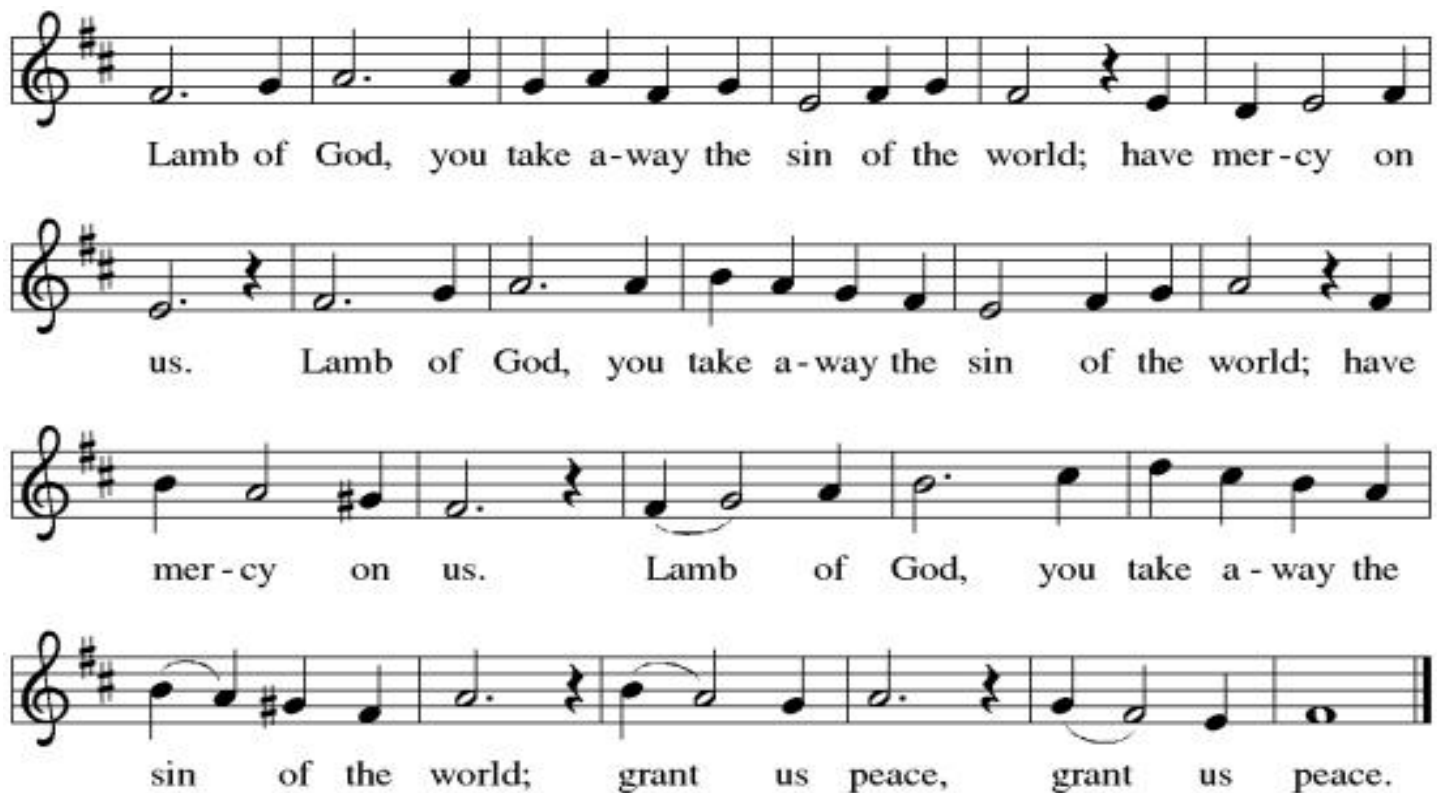


## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**Holy Communion** *When receiving Communion, either stand or kneel at the Rail. Pastor will distribute the bread and a Communion Assistant will come with a tray of pre-filled cups of wine and grape juice. The juice will be in the middle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available as an alternative to bread. All are welcome to the Lord's Supper.*



**Communion Music**

*Healer*

Larry Olson

Christina Nelson, Soprano

**Communion Hymn** *My God How Wonderful Thou Art*

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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** *Go To The World*

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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**

*Praise our God, All Together*

J.S. Bach


# In Christ Called to Baptize



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947  
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876, alt.  
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# Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

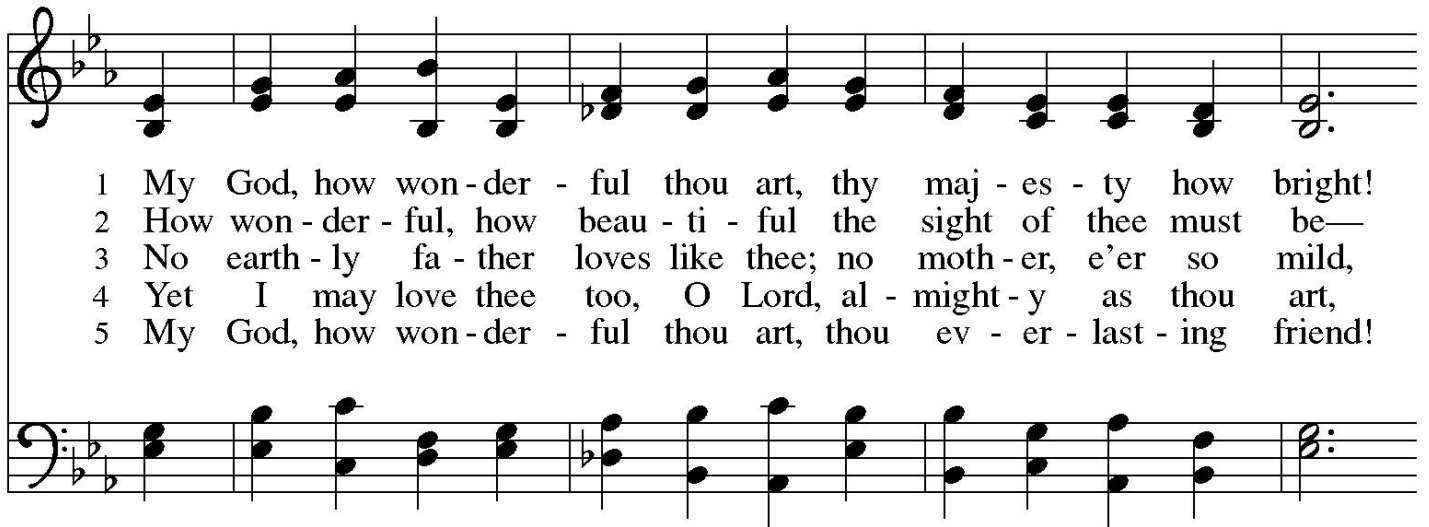
The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) using a grand staff with two treble and two bass staves. The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered lines, each corresponding to a part of the choir. The first system of music covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature.

1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.  
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race  
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,  
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;


Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all.  
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.  
let the gath-'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.  
Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704  
Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

# My God, How Wonderful Thou Art



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!  
2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—  
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,  
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,  
5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



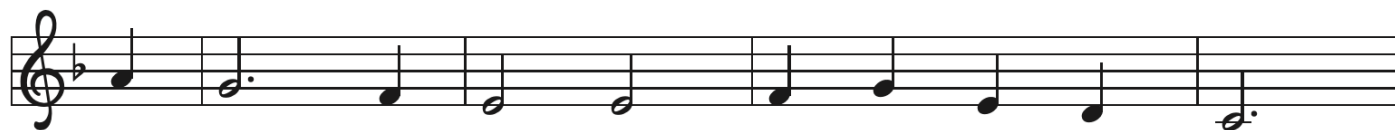
How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!  
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!  
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.  
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

# Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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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 by Julie & Jon Meeks in Honor of Douglas Mayes.

**We welcome Dan Jackson** today while Karen is attending Music Week at Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center in Arden, NC.

## 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.

**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: July 6- 13, 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 6 ~ 4th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

**MONDAY, July 7**

3:00 PM Finance Meeting (Library/Conference room)

**TUESDAY, July 8**

2:00 PM Endowment Meeting (Library/Conference room)

**WEDNESDAY, July 9**

8:45 PM YOGA (Gathering Space)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**THURSDAY, July 10**

**FRIDAY, July 11**

**SATURDAY, July 12**

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM AlAnon (Gathering Space)

**SUNDAY, July 13 ~ 5<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.....	David Nelson
Altar Guild .....	
Audio-Visual Team.....	Tobias Janke and Liam Janke
Bread Baker.....	Ursula Recktenwald
Cantor .....	Christina Nelson
Communion Assistants .....	Lori Janke and Karen Sanderlin
Flower Delivery .....	Flowers will be taken after service
Greeters/Hosts .....	
Lectors.....	Harlan Schone and Elara Strand
Pastor .....	Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers.....	Jane Gingerich, Ursula Recktenwald and Russ White
Ushers.....	JR Lyons and John McCurry

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

### **Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415**

**Sunday, July 6, 2025**

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

### **Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540**

**Friday, July 11, 2025**

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

### **Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931**

**Saturday, July 12, 2025**

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles, and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.



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## ***St. Stephen Lutheran Church***

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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)**

**Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (873-2273; counselors are in Williamsburg on Thursdays)**

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***Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate***  
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***July 6, 2025***

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**For guests and members with changes:**

Address (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Guests Only:**

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

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please check as many as pertain:

\_\_\_\_\_ Member

\_\_\_\_\_ First time guest

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\_\_\_\_\_ Looking for a church home

\_\_\_\_\_ Desire to speak with pastor

\_\_\_\_\_ Would like more information about Stephen Ministry

Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

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