



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

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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.



August 24, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost

For Your Prayers –Aug 25-31, 2025

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – Aug. 25 : Ezekiel 20:1-17;Hebrews 3:7— 4:11;Psalm 109:21-31

Tue – Aug.26 : Ezekiel 20:18-32;Revelation 3:7-13;Psalm 109:21-31

Wed – Aug. 27 : Ezekiel 20:33-44;Luke 6:6-11;Psalm 109:21-31

Thu – Aug. 28 : Proverbs 15:13-17;1 Peter 3:8-12;Psalm 112

Fri – Aug. 29 : Proverbs 18:6-12;1 Peter 4:7-11;Psalm 112

Sat – Aug. 30 : Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26;Matthew 20:20-28;Psalm 112

Next Sunday: Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 (4) Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Ina Berkey, Preston Burton, Kristin Carter, Bob & Ginny Cummings, Edith Haecker, Sharon Jacobs, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, Traci Powers Carl and Mitchell Stauffer, and George Vonderheide.**

We hold the family and friends of **Gene Silberhorn**, especially Sue Silberhorn, in prayer as they grieve his death.

Pray for those unable to come to worship: **Ailene Bartlett, Ed Brown, 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, Sam Areheart, Randy Altona, Mary Anderson, Phyllis Andrews, Charles Baugh, Donald and Carol Baum, Robi Bayard, June Brantley, Carol Bergh, Mary Bloom, Doug Bolick, Kay Braman, 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, 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, Pat Layton, Marnah Lund, Keara Mahony, Trish Macerelli, Laura Margolin, Jack Mayfield, Jackie Mazzone, Tom Mifflin, Jimmy Mitchell, Liz Montalvo, Ed Moninger, Kim Morris, Bob Myers, Jeanette Osborn, Coral Pumley, Kurt Recktenwald, Brian Ritter, Lou Schuster, Pamela Sharp, Vasili Soultoukis, Kenneth & Laura Spencer, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, Janis Stevenson, George and Jewel Thomas, Karli Wallace Thompson, Charley Underdahl, Brenda Webster, Pat Whelan, Roselee Williams, Caleb Winig, Elaine Wrich and Lynda Wright .

11th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music

Call to Worship

God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.

Send forth your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world.

Open up the soil of our hearts to your word of life.

**May we be strengthened by this time together
and grow into who you are creating us to be.**

Confession

Siblings in Christ, we come to the God of mercy mindful that the world upon which we all depend is suffering. The sacred creation given to us, the immense beauty surrounding us, the complex web of life supporting us has been broken, not only by others, but by our own hand. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. *(silence)*

Loving God, you have placed us as stewards within your creation. Instead, we have abused your gifts. The beauty and abundance of the earth is falling apart under us. God of all life.... **We confess our part in a broken world.**

You have multiplied your people beyond counting and have provided enough for all. But we have poisoned the waters, exhausted the soils and polluted the air. By our own hand we have spoiled the life-giving resources upon which we all depend. God of all life... **We confess our part in a broken world.**

As Jesus' disciples, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and tend to the sick. Instead, we have taken the wealth of the world into our own houses and left your children in hunger and need. God of all life... **We confess our part in a broken world.**

Words of Assurance

As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved, you are restored. In Christ, you are made new. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Morning Has Broken

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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

Refrain



Have mer - cy on this fal - len world. Have mercy on us. Have
mer-cy on this fal-len world, mer - cy Lord have mercy on us.

Verse



For all of the days that have fal - len a - part, have mer - cy.
For all who have fears that come with the night, have mer - cy.

For ev - e - ry life, for ev - e - ry heart, have mer - cy.
For all those who need to be held in the light, have mer - cy.

For all those who hun - ger and strug-gle each day, have mer - cy.
For all of cre - a - tion through fam - ine or feast, have mer - cy.

to Refrain

For all of the times that we turn a - way.
For all of the world to live in your peace.

Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

Psalm 103:1-8



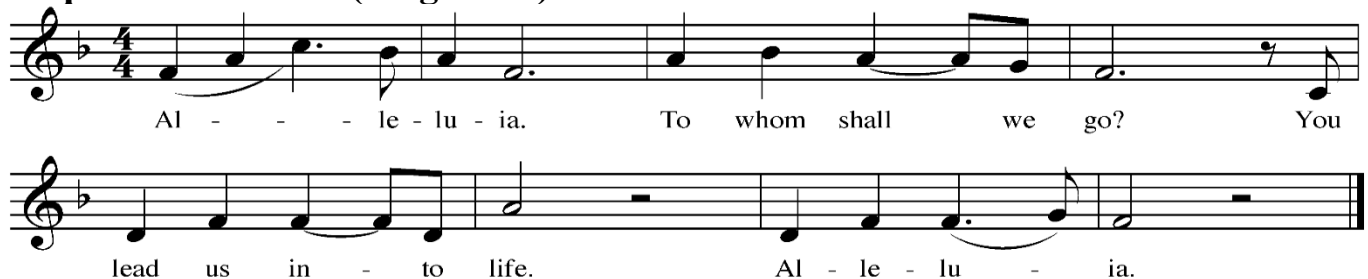
- ¹ Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.
- ² **Bless the LORD, | O my soul,**
and forget not | all God's benefits—
- ³ who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;
- ⁴ **who redeems your life | from the grave**
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy; REFRAIN
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
- ⁶ **O LORD, you provide | vindication**
and justice for all who | are oppressed.
- ⁷ You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.
- ⁸ **LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,**
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love. REFRAIN

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

Gospel Acclamation (Sing twice)



Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

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

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites!

Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

Sermon

Liberating Gospel
Silence for prayer and reflection

Pastor Jon Nelson

Hymn of the Day

From Now On

Dakota Road

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Statement of Faith

God, the source of our being and the goal of all our longing, we believe and trust in you. The whole earth is alive with your glory, and all that has life is sustained by you. Help us to commit ourselves to cherish your world, and to seek your face.

God, embodied in a human life, we believe and trust in you. Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary, you confronted the proud and the powerful, and welcomed as your friends those of no account. Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation, you emptied yourself of power, and became foolishness for our sake. You labored with us upon the cross, and have brought us forth to the hope of the resurrection. Help us to commit ourselves to struggle against evil and to choose life.

God, life-giving Spirit, Spirit of healing and comfort, of integrity and truth, we believe and trust in you. Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation, rushing wind and Pentecostal fire, help us to commit ourselves to work with you and renew our world. Amen.

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Prayers

Each petition concludes:

The musical notation is written on three staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Hope of all cre - a - tion, Heal - er of re -

la - tions, We lift our prayer to you. We

lift our prayer to you.

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

Offering Invitation

Love respects the agency of others. Love celebrates different ways of being in body and mind. Love does not assume where healing is needed or desired. Love listens. Love relates through reciprocity. Let us bring our offerings together, in gratitude to Love.

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

Build Up

Larry Olson/Hans Peterson

Solo; Christina Nelson

Offertory Prayer

Gracious Friend, we give thanks for encounters with neighbors and strangers and kin that change us. We know we cannot grow in isolation. We depend on each other for healing, for accountability, for evolving our world views. In gratitude for the stories and lives that awaken us further, may we be faithful companions in the everyday, ordinary work of justice and liberation. **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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(1st Time: Sing as printed. 2nd Time: Sing as printed or sing part 2 followed by part 1)

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

²
Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

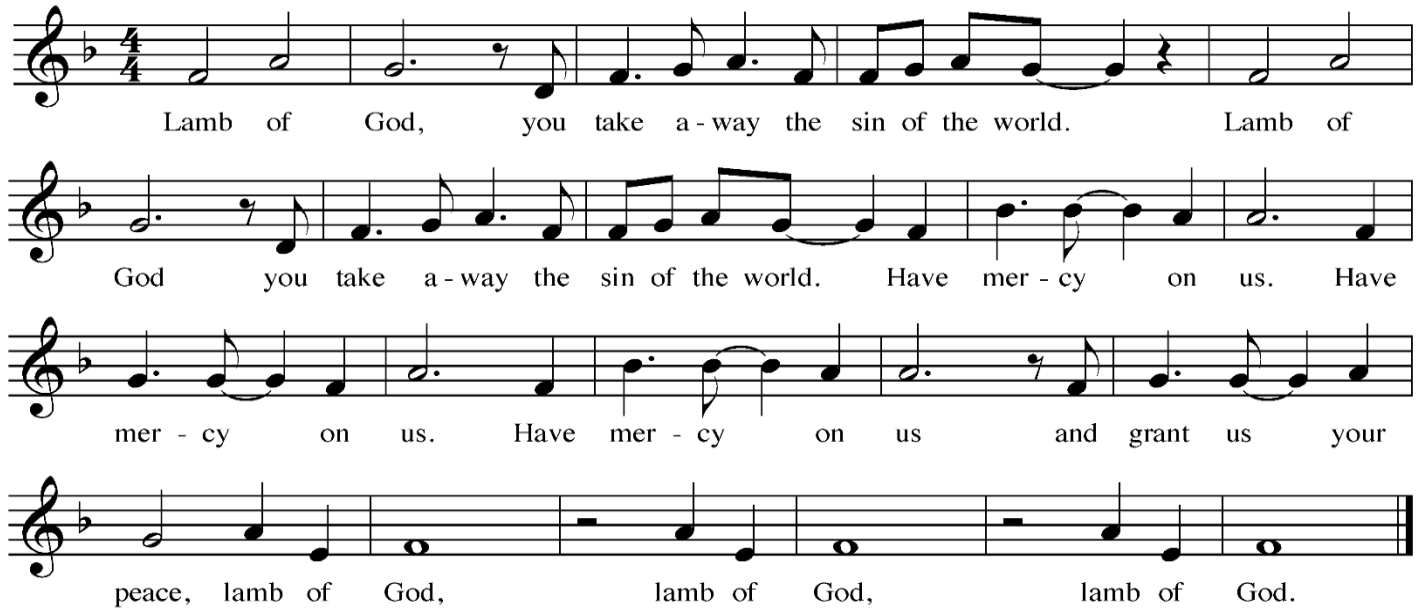
ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! to our God!

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 *Beautiful Things*
Solo; Christina Nelson

Michael and Lisa Gungor

Communion Hymns *Here Is Bread*

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Feed Us With Hunger For Justice

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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 *Come, We that Love the Lord*

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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.

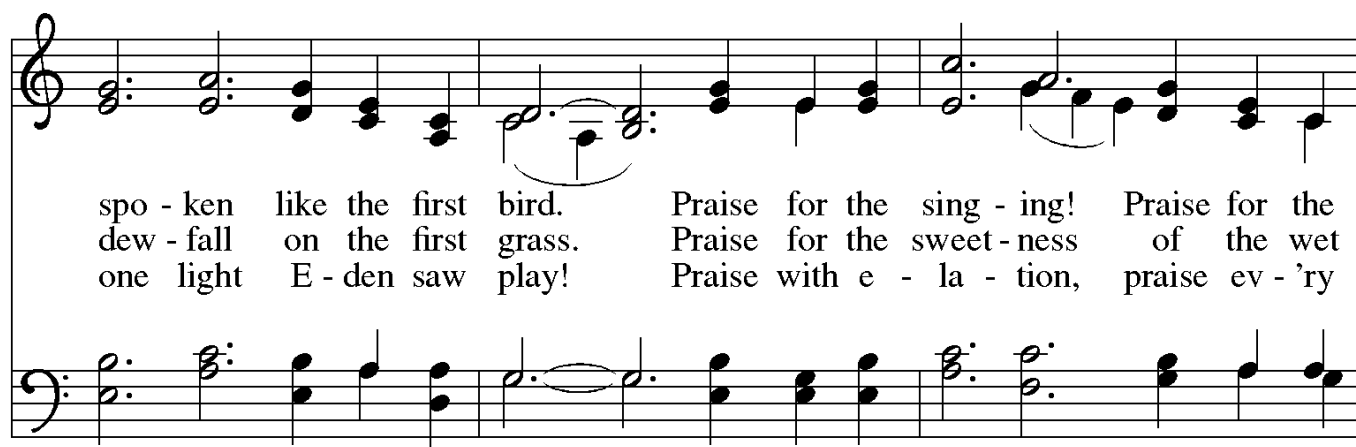
Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. Thanks be to God.

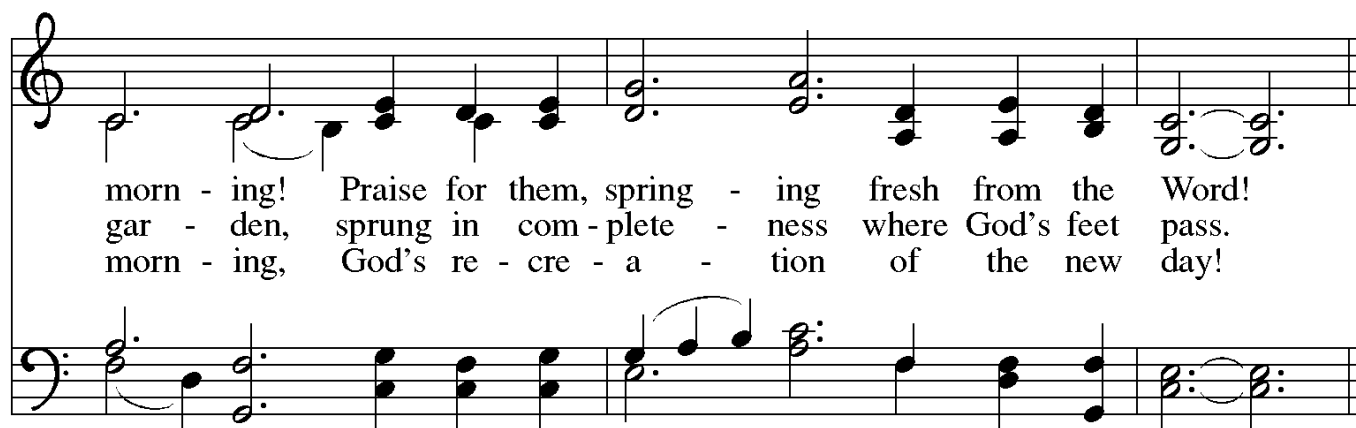
Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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FROM NOW ON

♩ = 100

From now on (I'll be with you till the end of the age). From now on (your king-dom come for this we'll

live and we'll pray). From now on (we'll work for peace un-til the fin-al day). From now

Fine on G chord

on... God's near (God won't for-sake you). Christ cares (giv-ing his life for all peo-ple).

God's here (and knows the pa-ins that face you). Now we're (called to go We share (the love of his that's e-ter-nal). Go there (for he has


out in the wo-rld). Teach and he-al and meet ev-ery need, help the asked us to fol-low). Spread the wo-rd that God's in our land. Spread the

lame to walk and the bli-nd to see. From now mes-sage that will al-ways stand. From now

"Here is Bread" ELW #483



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,



he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,
 he is with us. We'll pro-claim till he comes



Christ is with us here. here.
 feast on Je - sus here.
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is



life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment,



by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Feed Us with Hunger for Justice

Optional descant

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is labeled 'Optional descant' and contains the lyrics 'Feed us jus - tice. Feed us your peace.' The bottom staff contains the lyrics 'Feed us with hun-ger for jus-tice. Feed us with thirst for peace.' The bottom staff includes a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' and a bracket. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time.

Feed us jus - tice. Feed us your peace.

Feed us with hun-ger for jus-tice. Feed us with thirst for peace.

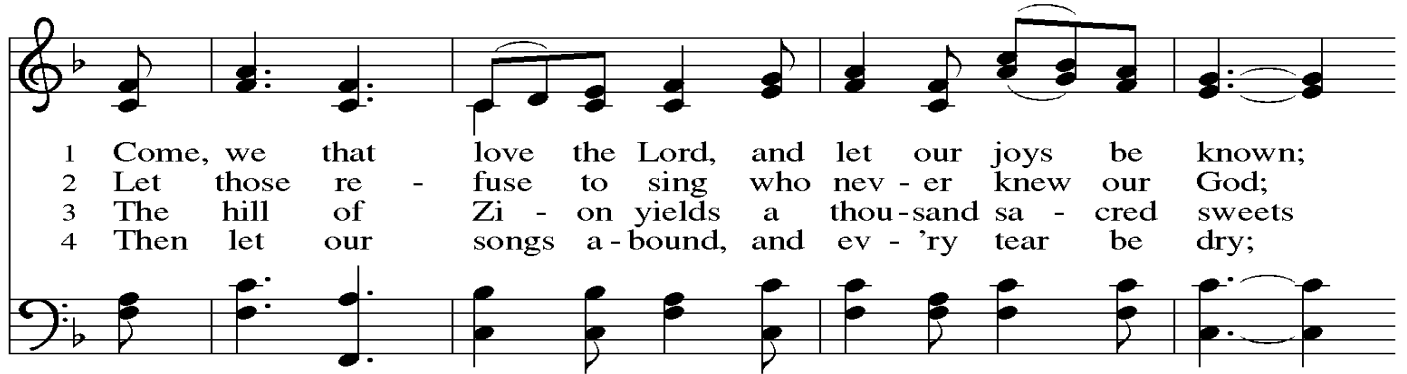
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Music: HUNGER FOR JUSTICE, Anne Krentz Organ

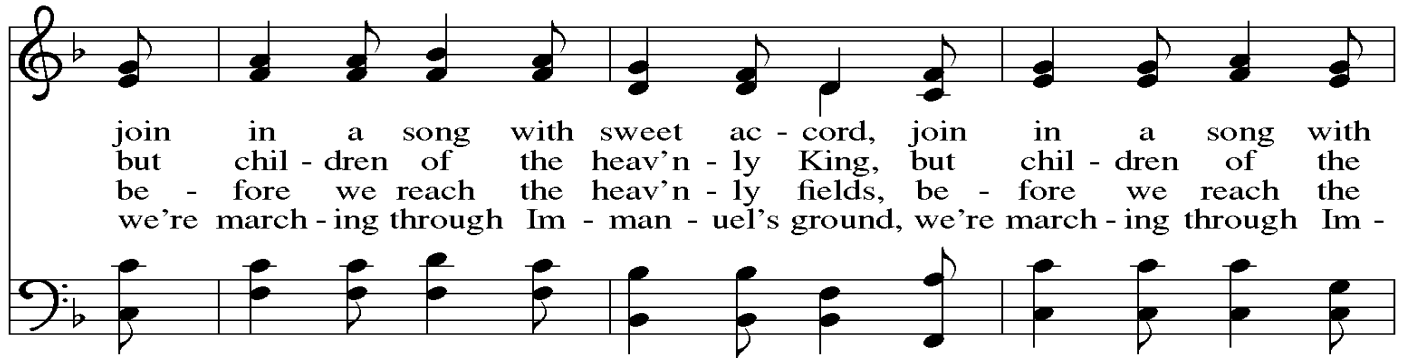
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Come, We That Love the Lord

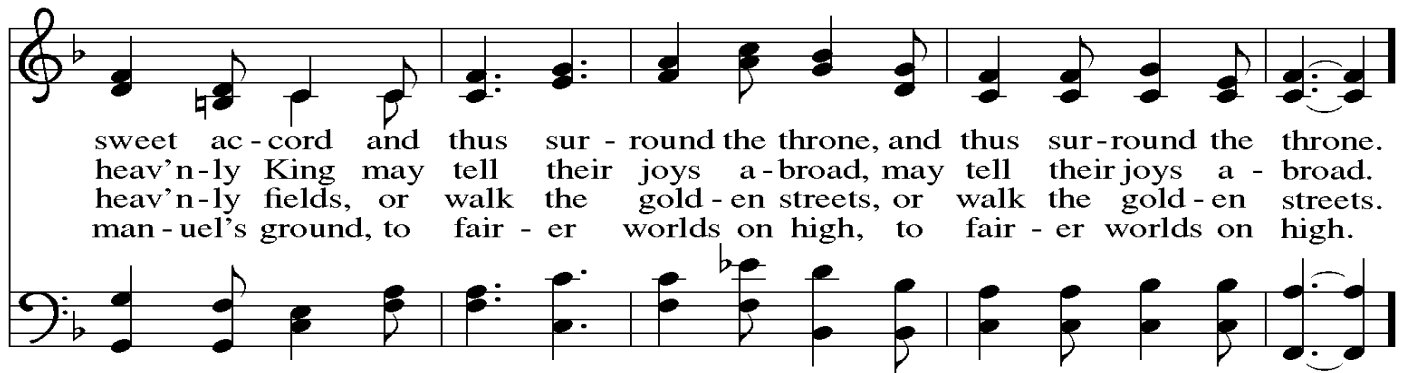
We're Marching to Zion



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of 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 "playground") 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.

Upcoming

Register Now 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. **Registration Forms are located in the Gathering space.** Deadline to submit is **Sept 9th**.

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.

The **Call Committee** will be sending out a survey (via email and in the Gathering Space) beginning September 14th and due back by September 30th. This survey will help shape our call process, so we hope you will prayerfully complete it when you have the opportunity.

Opportunities to serve – Education in our community – Faith Formation - This ministry provides opportunities for our children and their families to grow in faith and fulfills the vows we take when children are baptized! Opportunities are available to lead, assist, share a story or help with service projects. For more information, contact Hollie Jones, Parish Administrator or Pastor Jon Nelson. Preschool - We provide a kind and friendly atmosphere in which each child will expand his or her cognitive, social, physical and emotional development, focusing on positive self-concept and a positive preschool experience. We introduce preschool families to the St. Stephen congregation and ministry, and invite them to become participants in the study of God's word. Opportunities are available to join the Preschool committee that meets monthly, serve as a substitute teacher, volunteer to help for events or donate items to be used in our classrooms. Come read a story, add to a weekly lesson or create your own. If you have questions, contact Jessica Kimball, Preschool Director.

Dining Small Groups Bring More Joy: Sign Up Now for the Next Round, to Run Mid-September 2025 Through End of January 2026. "Science confirms that dining together leads to more joy, better health, and stronger social bonds," according to a 2025 Food & Wine (digital) magazine article: <https://www.foodandwine.com/sharing-meals-world-happiness-report-2025-11705842>. Sign up now for our next round of dining small groups to experience the joy and other benefits! Consisting of about 7-9 people, each dining group will set its own "approach" for meals, such as: dinner out, brunch or lunch at a group member's house, potluck after Sunday worship, take-out, etc. Do whatever works best for the group! Sign up on the bulletin insert or call the church office. Each group to meet three times between September and the end of January. Of course you are free to meet more often if that works for your group.

Men's and Women's Breakfast for September (Women's **Sept 2nd** and Men's **Sept 4th**) will be at the **Capitol Pancake House**, 802 Capitol Landing Road (note the location change - Colonial Pancake House is **closed** this week).

All Committee Meeting: The Church Council is requesting all committees to gather for a potluck lunch and meeting following the 11:00AM service on Rally Sunday, Sept. 14th. We look forward to good conversation and brainstorming together as we look ahead to the 2025-26 program year.

Backpack Blessing: During our worship on Sunday, August 31st

St. Stephen Calendar: August 17-24, 2025

Our worship service is available on our website www.saintstephenlutheran.net, click on “Worship with Us” and “Services.”

SUNDAY, August 24 ~ 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Worship in the Park (Freedom Park)

11:00 AM Picnic in the park (Freedom Park)

MONDAY, August 25

TUESDAY, August 26

12:00 PM Installation of Preschool Teachers (Worship Space)

12:15 PM Reception (Gathering Space)

WEDNESDAY, August 27

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Open House for Preschool

THURSDAY, August 28

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Open House for Preschool

FRIDAY, August 29

Preschool and Offices closed

SATURDAY, August 30

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM AlAnon (Gathering Space)

SUNDAY, August 31 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

9:45 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)
(Blessing of the Backpacks)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer..... Alina Dabel
Altar Guild Rita Kristiansen
Bread Baker.....Heidi Flatin
Cantors Christina Nelson
Communion Assistants Jennifer Dabel and Alina Dabel
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