



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.



August 31, 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost

For Your Prayers –Sep 1-7, 2025

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – Sep 1: 2 Chronicles 12:1-12 ;Hebrews 13:7-21 ;Psalm 119:65-72

Tue – Sep 2: Isaiah 2:12-17 ;Titus 1:1-9 ;Psalm 119:65-72

Wed – Sep 3: Isaiah 57:14-21 ;Luke 14:15-24 ;Psalm 119:65-72

Thu – Sep 4: Genesis 39:1-23 ;Philippians 2:25-30 ;Psalm 1

Fri – Sep 5: Deuteronomy 7:12-26 ;Colossians 4:7-17 ;Psalm 1

Sat – Sep 6: Deuteronomy 29:2-20 ;Matthew 10:34-42 ;Psalm 1

Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1 (3); Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **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 **Elise Emanuel**, especially her daughter Kathy, in prayer as they grieve her 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, Joyce Clemens, 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.

12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music

Gather Us In
Ina Berkey

John A Behnke

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

Gather Us In

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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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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

First Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7a

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

Psalm 112



¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed. REFRAIN**

³ Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance. REFRAIN**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. REFRAIN**

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as

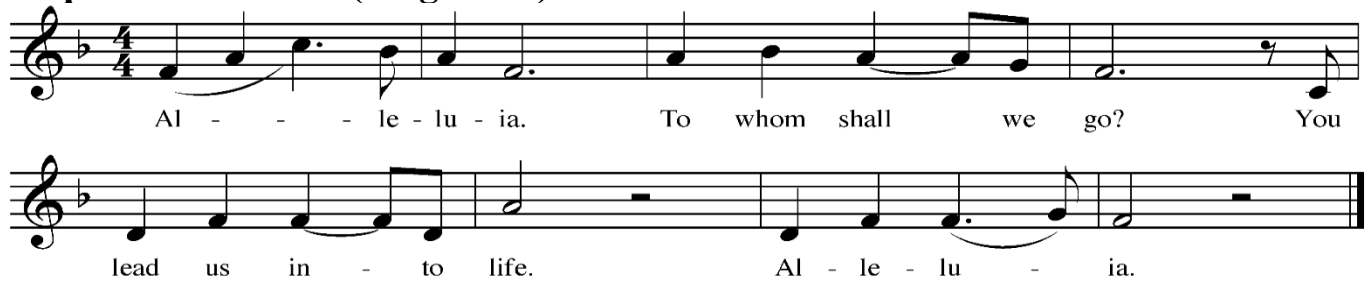
though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

Gospel Acclamation (Sing twice)



Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

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

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

Hymn of the Day

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

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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:



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

Everything we have can be shared in service to love or in service to domination. Everything we are can be an extension of God or an extension of empire. Everything we dream can lead us deeper into community or toward greater planetary destruction. Let us choose each other. Let us choose love and liberation. Let us bring all we have together.

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

Spirit Song

John Wimber

Jim and Terri Larsen

Offertory Prayer

Holy One - we acknowledge how vulnerable we are. We are shaped and influenced by so many forces, some chosen, many not. At times, we lose ourselves. We choose ego or arrogance over connection and humility. We live out of a fear of scarcity rather than a spirit of generosity. We get distracted by the voices of empire. And still, we long to live in the direction of love. Imperfectly but earnestly, bless this offerings to the flourishing of humanity. **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!

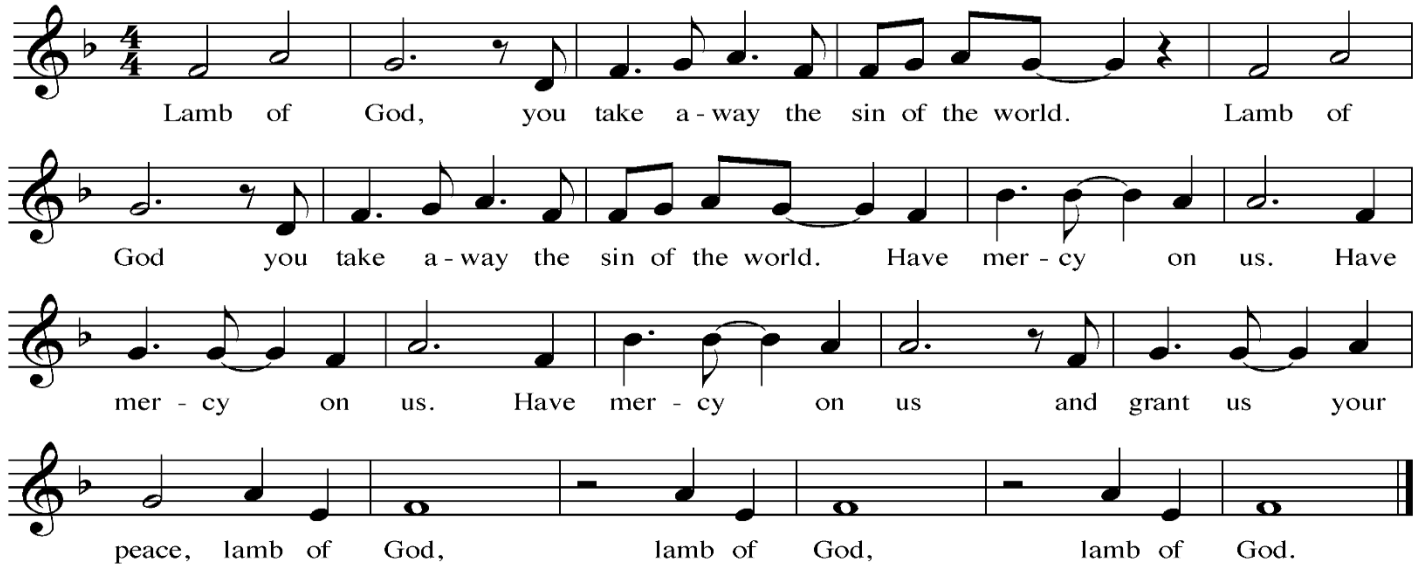
ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! to our God!

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 *Eat This Bread*
Jim and Terri Larsen

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Communion Hymns *In the Singing*
Welcome Table

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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 Now*

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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 *What A Fellowship*
Ina Berkey

David Cherwein

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

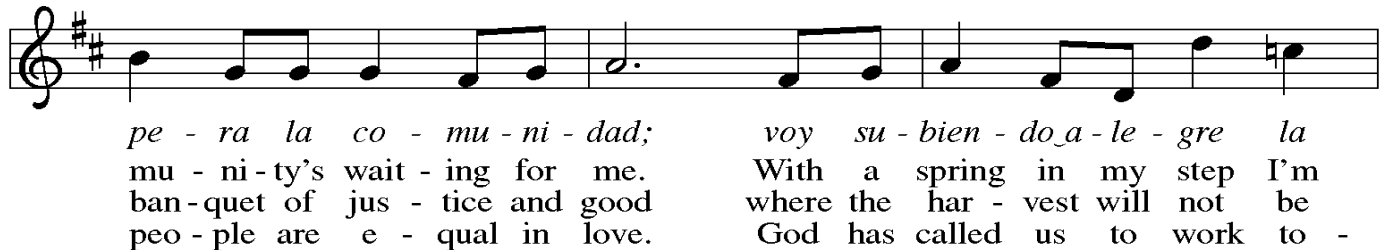
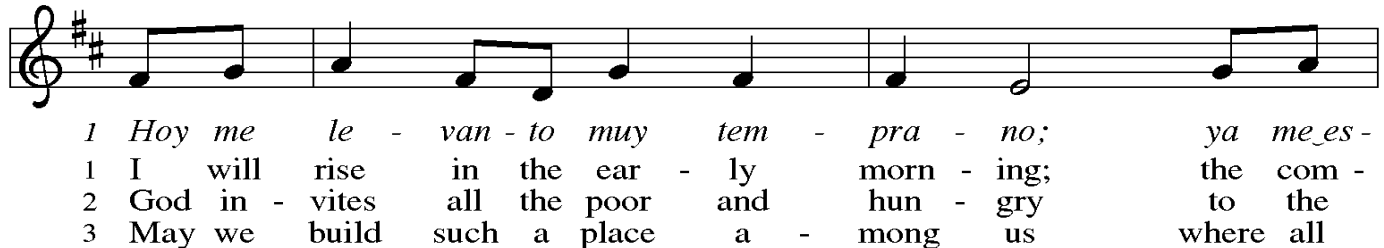
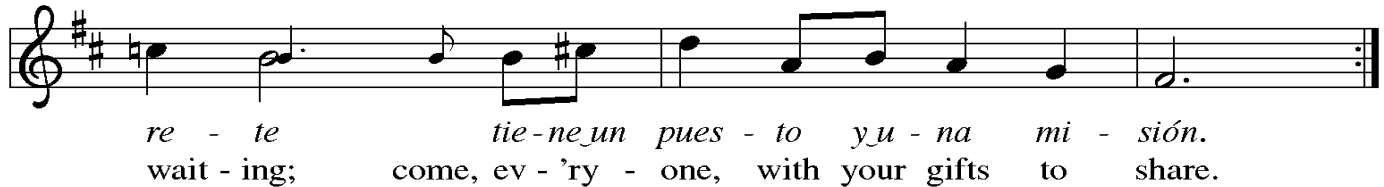
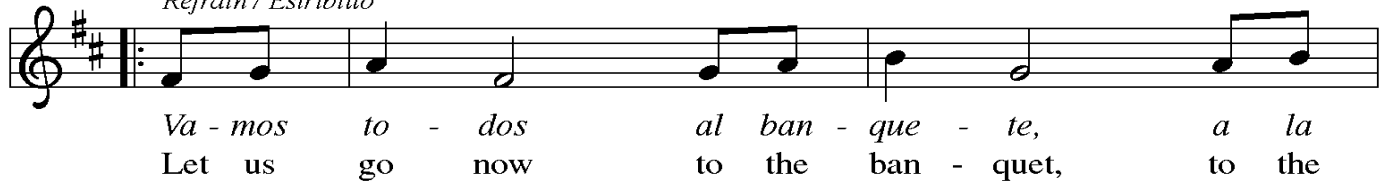
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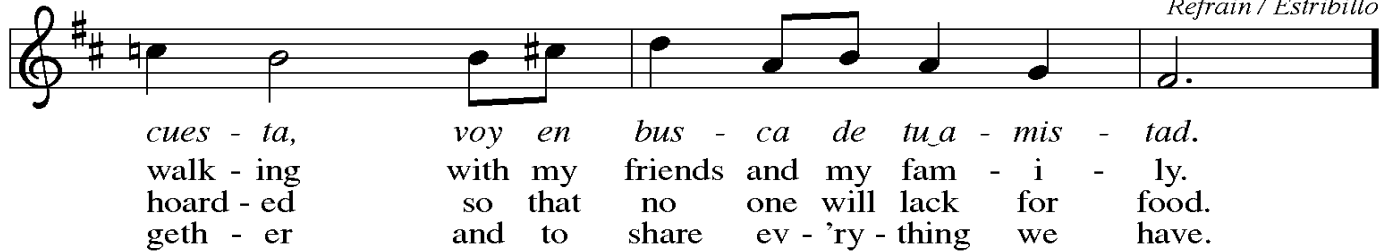
Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Vamos todos al banquete

Refrain / Estribillo



Refrain / Estribillo



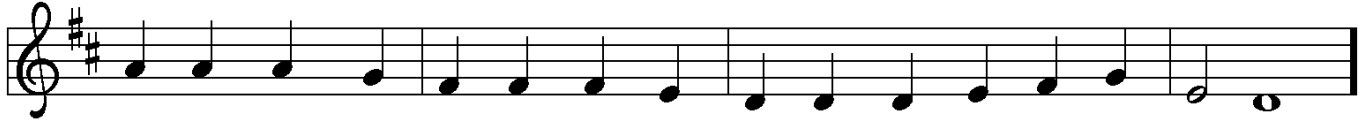
2 Dios invita a todos los pobres
a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo
una mesa donde haya igualdad,
trabajando y luchando juntos,
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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GO NOW

Hans Peterson
Larry Olson

(guitar: capo 5)

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Dm (Am)

Gm (Dm)

Dm (Am)

vs. 1 *Lleno* del *Es - pi - ri - tu* *San - to,* *va - mos con Dios,*
vs. 1 Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it, go now with God,
vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger, go now with God,
vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us, go now with God,
vs. 4 Cross - ing ev' - ry bound' - ry, ev' - ry na - tion, go now with God,

Gm (Dm)

Dm (Am)

va - mos con Dios. *En - tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir,*
go now with God. In - to the world as a serv - ant,
go now with God. Trust - ing in the ris - en sav - ior,
go now with God. Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us,
go now with God. Danc - ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion,

Gm (Dm)

Dm (Am) A7 (E7)

Dm (Am) Refrain

Gm (Dm) Dm (Am)

va - mos con Dios, *va - mos con Dios.* *Va - mos,* *va - mos,*
go now with God. go now with God. Go now, go now,
go now with God. go now with God.
go now with God. go now with God.

A7 (E7) Dm (Am)

va - mos con Dios. Va - mos,
go — now with God. Go — now,

Gm (Dm) Dm (Am) A7 (E7) Dm (Am)

va - mos, va - mos con Dios.
go — now, go — now with God.

Spanish verse 3 (Translation by Jim Trelstad-Porter)

Las aguas de piedad nos acogen
La gracia del Señor nos acompaña

Welcome Table

1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm goin' - a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
 I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953

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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 "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.

What's Happening Today

Backpack Blessing: During our worship Service today.

Church Office & Preschool Closed. Both the church office and Preschool will be closed on Friday August 29th and Monday, Sept 1st, in observance of Labor Day.

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.

Campus Ministry - Our proximity to William and Mary College allows us to have an active student participation rate. The campus ministry is an opportunity to connect with a student and be a "parent" for them in the Williamsburg area. As a parent, you spend time with and get to know a student. There are opportunities to gather as a group and with students individually. For more information, contact Keith or Nancy Egloff, knegloff@verizon.net

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.

RIC - As we continue to move forward in our education of this subject "Reconciling In Christ", you may have noticed the book cart in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to take any book(s) for further understanding of this faith community.

St. Stephen Calendar: August 31-Sept 7, 2025

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

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)

MONDAY, September 1

Preschool and Offices closed

TUESDAY, September 2

8:00 AM Women’s Breakfast (**Capital Landing Pancake House**)

9:00 AM 1st day of Preschool

WEDNESDAY, September 3

8:55 AM Yoga

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Worship Space)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, September 4

8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast (**Capital Landing Pancake House**)

11:30 AM Bulletin Review (Office)

FRIDAY, September 5

SATURDAY, September 6

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM AlAnon (Gathering Space)

SUNDAY, September 7 ~ 13th Sunday after Pentecost & “God’s Work. Our Hands.”

8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)

8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)

9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

9:45 AM “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Project (Gathering Space)

10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)

11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion

3:00 PM “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Hymn Sing (The Landing)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer..... Alina Dabel
Altar Guild Rita Kristiansen
Bread Baker..... Heidi Flatin
Cantors Jim and Terri Larsen
Communion Assistants Jennifer Dabel and Alina Dabel
Lectors Randy Punchard and Jon Hallman
Pastor Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers Tom & Sandy Peterkin and Sandy Croushore
Ushers Russ Dabel and Glenn Joppa

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August 31, 2025

Name: _____

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:

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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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Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

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_____ I/ We need a name tag _____.

I/We _____ would like more information about sponsoring a student.

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