



# 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 3, 2025***

***8th Sunday after Pentecost***

## **For Your Prayers –Aug 4-10, 2025**

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

**Mon – Aug. 4:** Ecclesiastes 2:1-17 ;Colossians 3:18— 4:1;Psalm 127

**Tue – Aug. 5:** Ecclesiastes 3:16— 4:8 Colossians 4:2-6;Psalm 127

**Wed – Aug. 6:** Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14; Luke 12:22-31; Psalm 127

**Thu – Aug. 7:** Job 21:1-16; Romans 9:1-9; Psalm 33:12-22

**Fri – Aug. 8:** Ecclesiastes 6:1-6 ;Acts 7:1-8 ;Psalm 33:12-22

**Sat – Aug. 9:** Genesis 11:27-32 ;Matthew 6:19-24 ;Psalm 33:12-22

**Next Sunday:** Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 (22) Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

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

**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, Mia Monteith, 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, Dave Watts, Brenda Webster, Pat Whelan, Roselee Williams, Caleb Winig, Elaine Wrich and Lynda Wright .

## *8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

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

#### **Welcome**

#### **Centering Music**

*Martin Luther's Morning Prayer*

Carl Schalk

Quartet: Jim Larsen, Jeffery Berry, Terri Larsen, Karen Ives

#### **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**

*At the Name of Jesus*

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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

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

### First Reading

### Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

### Psalm 49:1-12



- <sup>1</sup> Hear this, | all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,  
<sup>2</sup> **you of high de- | gree and low,  
rich and | poor together.**  
<sup>3</sup> My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.  
<sup>4</sup> **I will incline my ear | to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp. REFRAIN**  
<sup>5</sup> Why should I be afraid in | evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,  
<sup>6</sup> **the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess,  
and boast of | their great riches?**  
<sup>7</sup> One can never re- | deem another,  
or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;  
<sup>8</sup> **for the ransom of a life | is so great  
that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,**  
<sup>9</sup> in order to live forev- | er and ever  
and never | see the grave.  
<sup>10</sup> **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.**  
<sup>11</sup> Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation  
to | generation,  
though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.  
<sup>12</sup> **Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;  
they are like the | beasts that perish. REFRAIN**

## Second Reading

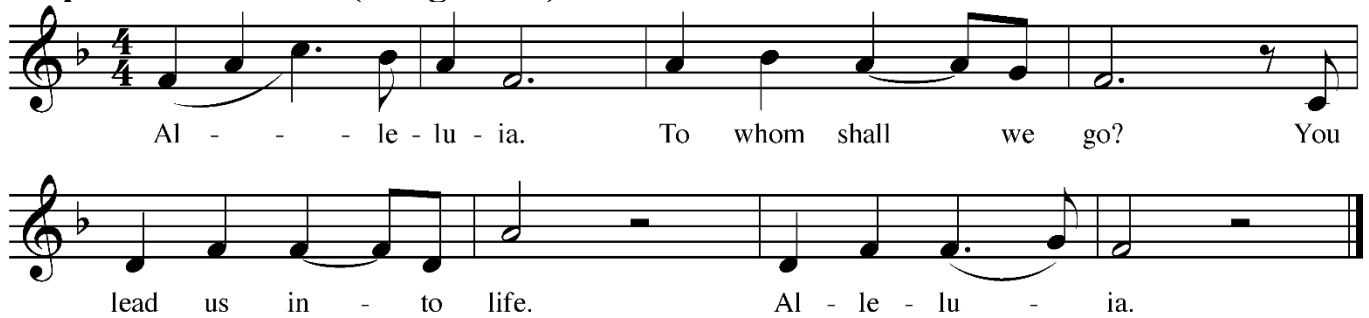
## Colossians 3:1-11

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

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

### Gospel Acclamation ( Sing twice)



### Gospel

### Luke 12:13-21

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

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

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will

they be?’<sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

## Sermon

There’s Nothing Up There  
*Silence for prayer and reflection*

Pastor Jon Nelson

## Hymn of the Day

*“WHAT SHALL I GIVE”*

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 melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: 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**

Let us bring together our offerings, holding these multiple truths: many have too much, many have too little, greed and consumerism steal life away, and no one should have to struggle to make ends meet. Until we build the world anew, let us share all we have in love for each other

*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**

*At the Name of Jesus*

William Bliem

Clarinet: Jeffery Berry

#### **Offertory Prayer**

Holy Maker, we are grateful that you require nothing more from us than becoming our most loving, authentic selves. Forgive our striving to earn our worth - we get ensnared by arrogance and shame, fear and individualism. Draw us deeper into the simple and sacred meaning woven into existence, woven into our being. In gratitude, we offer what we have. **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... with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(1<sup>st</sup> Time: Sing as printed. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup>  
*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!

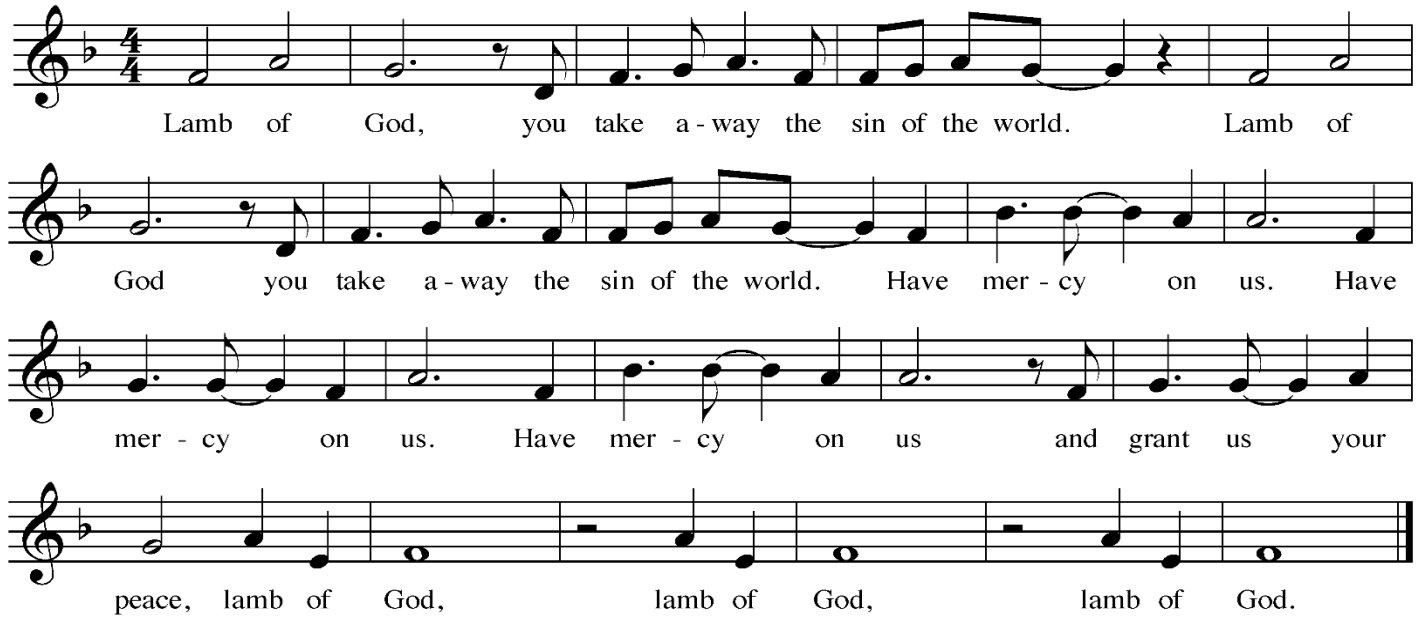
*ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.*  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## 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** *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

Glenn Wonacott

Clarinet: Jeffery Berry

**Communion Hymns** *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

ELW 775

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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** *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

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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

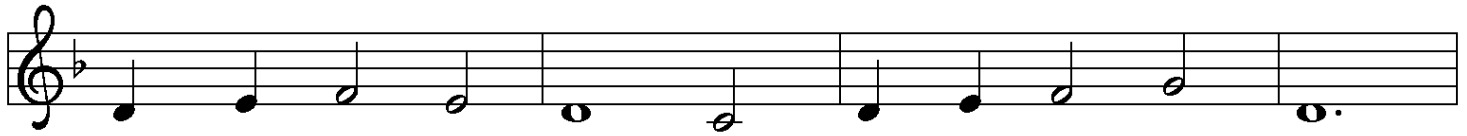
Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

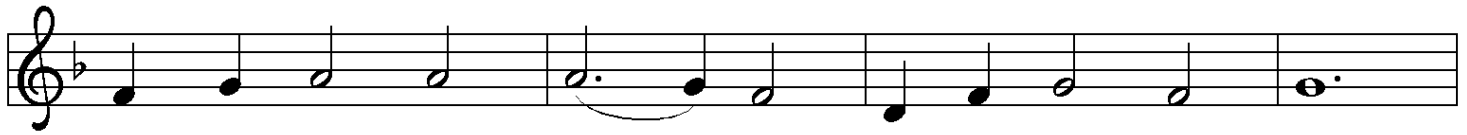
Mark Albrecht

Clarinet: Jeffery Berry

# At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,  
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name  
 4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
 5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.  
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,  
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.  
 on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,  
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;  
 Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.  
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.  
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.  
 and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817–1877

Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Sara Thomsen

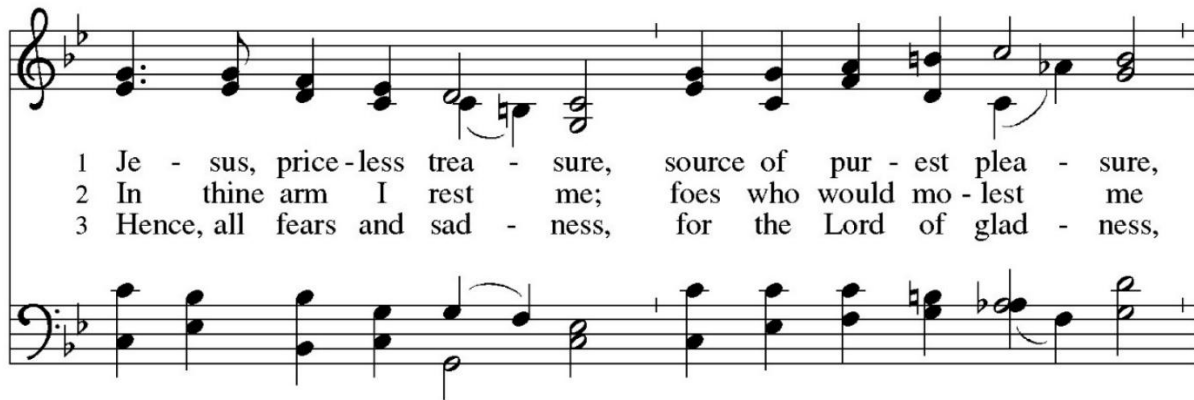
What shall I give to you? What shall I give to you?

Oh, that we could give like the rain,  
Teach us how to give we pray,  
Oh, that like the bread we be - come

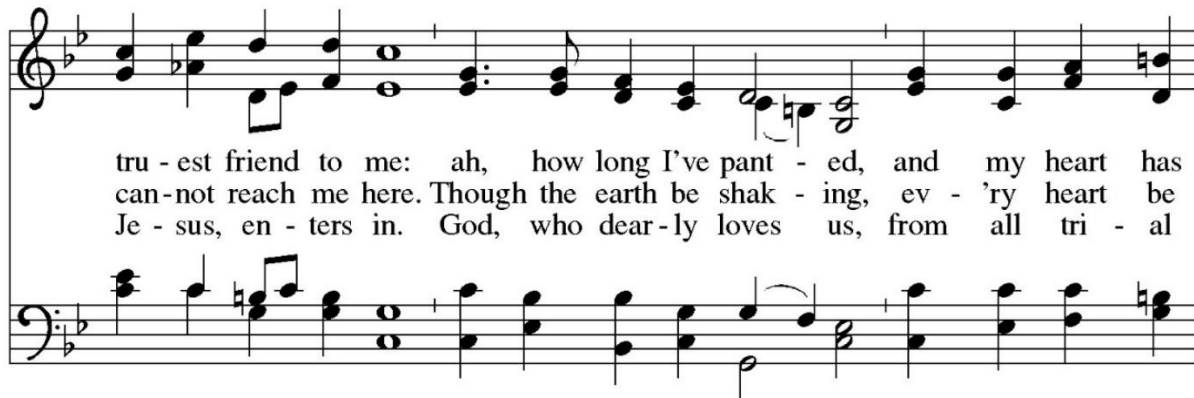
pour - ing out on rich and poor the same. Oh, that we could give like the  
of - fer - ing our work and play. Oh, that we could learn how to  
scat - tered grains all gath - ered in one. With this cup of bless - ing you

sun, care, give, shin - ing light on ev - 'ry one.  
ev - 'ry breath we breathe a prayer.  
fill us and teach us how to live.

# Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me  
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has  
 can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be  
 Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;  
 quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;  
 saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be-side thee.  
 yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662; arr. hymnal version  
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# We Know That Christ Is Raised



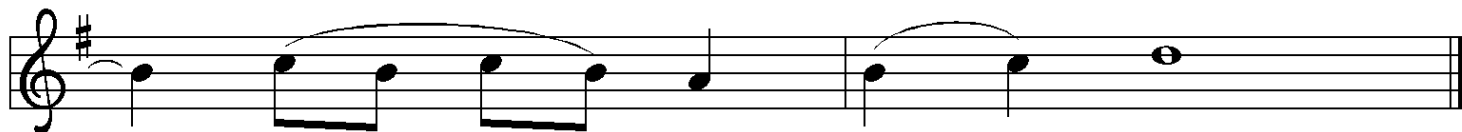
1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

Text © John B. Geyer.

# **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 to the Glory of God!

## 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.**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Preschool's Summer Carnival! Saturday, August 23rd, 11:00AM-3:00PM we will be kicking off our 60th Anniversary year with a summer carnival. Plan to stop by for fun, food, and fellowship! We will also be unveiling the new playground!

**SAVE THE DATE: 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. Look for more details soon!

**Opportunities to serve – Time and Talent-** Here is a place where you can shine. There are so many opportunities in the Music Ministry. We have an early choir (Matins) and a late choir (Chancel). We have cantors and bell ringers. We also have an orchestra band (Orchaband) for those who can play a musical instrument. There are opportunities to play a musical instrument as accompaniment for anthems and postlude. We ask that you prayerfully consider joining the music ministry. You can reach out to our Music Director-Karen Ives to find a place you can make a joyful melody for the Lord.

**Church Closure:** The church offices, Preschool and the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Church will be closed from **August 11<sup>th</sup>- August 15<sup>th</sup>**. The floors will be getting refinished and will not be able to be walked on.

## St. Stephen Calendar: August 3-10, 2025

*Our worship service is available on our website [www.saintstephenlutheran.net](http://www.saintstephenlutheran.net), click on “Worship with Us” and “Services.”*

### **SUNDAY, August 3 ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

### **MONDAY, August 4**

9AM- 12PM Preschool summer camp (Mon- Fri)

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor’s Office)

### **TUESDAY, August 5**

8:00 AM Women’s Breakfast (Capital landing pancake house)

### **WEDNESDAY, August 6**

8:45 PM YOGA (Gathering Space)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### **THURSDAY, August 7**

8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast (Capital landing pancake house)

### **FRIDAY, August 8**

### **SATURDAY, August 9**

2:00 PM Fenstermaker Funeral

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM AlAnon (Gathering Space)

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9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

Acolyte/Crucifer.....	Jeffrey Berry
Altar Guild .....	Rita Kristiansen and Rosalie Frey
Audio-Visual Team.....	Nancy Carter and Charles Osborn
Bread Baker.....	Paula Agor
Cantor.....	Jeffrey Berry
Communion Assistants .....	Harvey Nelson and Emily Rossiter
Flower Delivery .....	Rosemary Stimson
Greeters/Hosts .....	Paul & Rita Kristiansen
Lectors.....	Linda Baumgarten and Jeanne Garrison
Pastor .....	Jon Nelson
Tellers.....	Jane Gingerich, Ursula Recktenwald and Russ White
Ushers.....	Brian Agor and Tom Witt

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221**

**Friday, August 8, 2025**

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.



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**Love God, Love People, Form Faith.**  
*(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)*

**All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms**

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***August 3, 2025***

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

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

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

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