



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.



July 27, 2025

7th Sunday after Pentecost

For Your Prayers – July 28-Aug 3, 2025

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – Jul 28: Esther 5:1-14 ;Colossians 2:16—3:1 ;Psalm 55:16-23

Tue – Jul 29 : Esther 6:1—7:6 ;Romans 9:30 —10:4 ;Psalm 55:16-23

Wed – Jul 30 : Esther 7:7—8:17 ;Matthew 5:43-48 ;Psalm 55:16-23

Thu – Jul 31 : Proverbs 23:1-11 ;Romans 11:33-36 ;Psalm 49:1-12

Fri – Aug 1: Proverbs 24:1-12 ;Ephesians 4:17-24 ;Psalm 49:1-12

Sat – Aug 2 : Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 ;Mark 10:17-22 ;Psalm 49:1-12

Next Sunday: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 (3) Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

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.**

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, Marnah Lund, Keara Mahony, Trish Macerelli, Laura Margolin, Jack Mayfield, Jackie Mazzone, 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, 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 .

7th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music

We Pray now to the Holy Spirit

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

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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

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

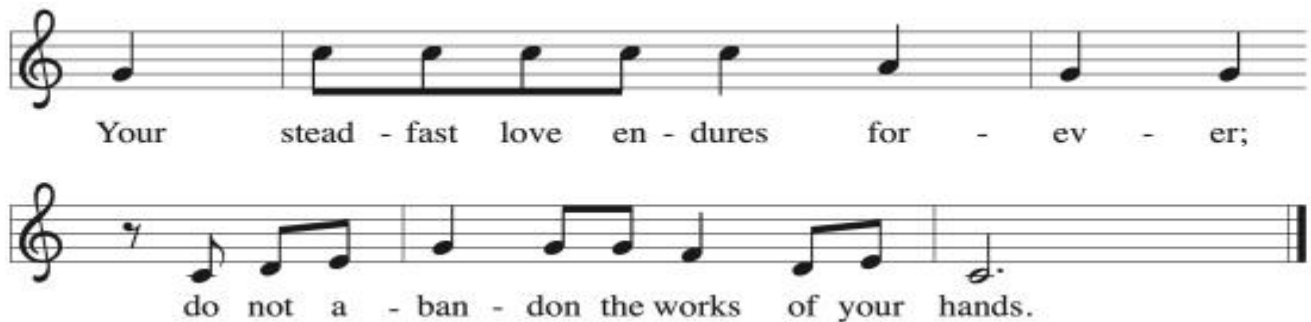
Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

²⁰ Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know." ²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before

the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶ And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷ Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”
Reader: “The Word of the Lord.” Response: “Thanks be to God.”

Psalm 138



¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with [|] my whole heart;
before the gods I will [|] sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast [|] love and faithfulness;**

for you have glorified your name and your word a- [|] bove all things. REFRAIN

³ When I called, you [|] answered me;
you increased my [|] strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise [|] you, O LORD,**
when they have heard the words [|] of your mouth.

⁵ They will sing of the ways [|] of the LORD,
that great is the glory [|] of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares [|] for the lowly,**
perceiving the haughty [|] from afar. REFRAIN

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you [|] keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right [|] hand shall

save me.

⁸ You will make good your pur- | pose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading

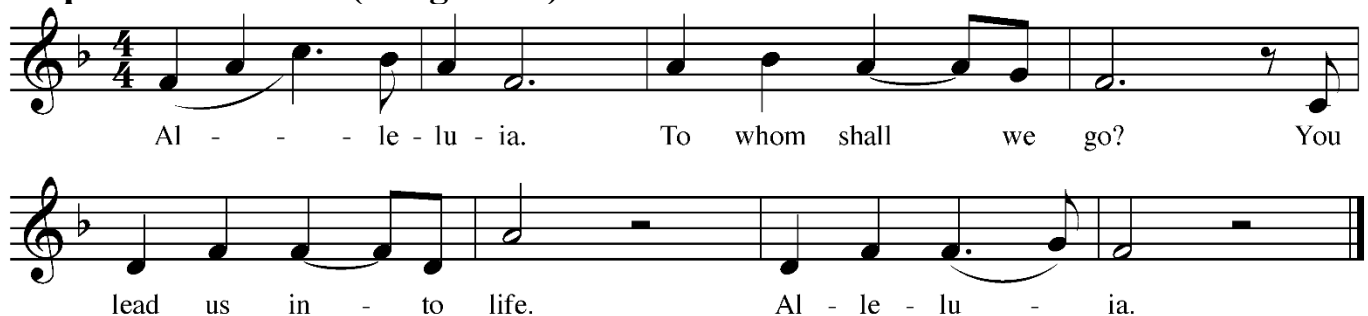
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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

Gospel Acclamation (Sing twice)



Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

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

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come.
³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” ⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

Sermon

Lord, Teach us to Pray
Silence for prayer and reflection

Deacon Ina Berkey

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright

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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.

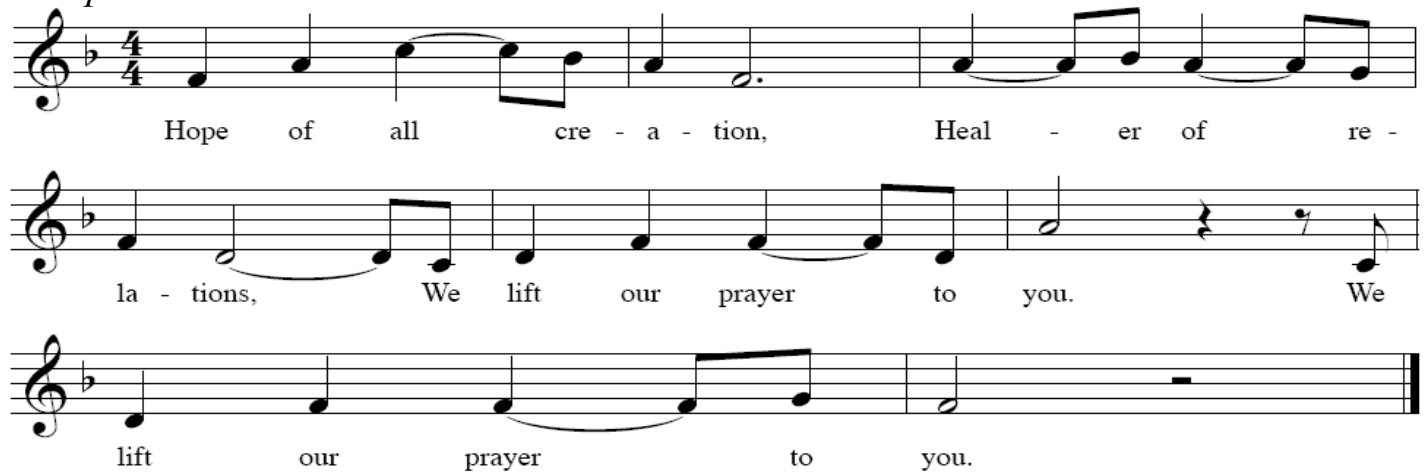
God, embodied in a human life, we believe and trust in you. Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary, you confronted the proud and the powerful, and welcomed as your friends those of no account. Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation, you emptied yourself of power, and became foolishness for our 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:



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

Offering Invitation

It need not be complicated, friends. There need not be hoops to jump through nor boxes to check. Aid for one another can flow like water. Care for one another can be freely given. We collect our offerings in the spirit of joy and the mindset of abundance.

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Mark Burrows

St. Stephen Pick up Choir

Yesu kwetu ni rafiki : What a friend we have in Jesus.; Maombi asikia :Take it in prayer.

Offertory Prayer

We dedicate our offerings to our works and our contemplation, oh Steadfast Hope. May our care for one another and our spiritual practices expand out in the world—weaving wiley and expansive ways of life. **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:

(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!

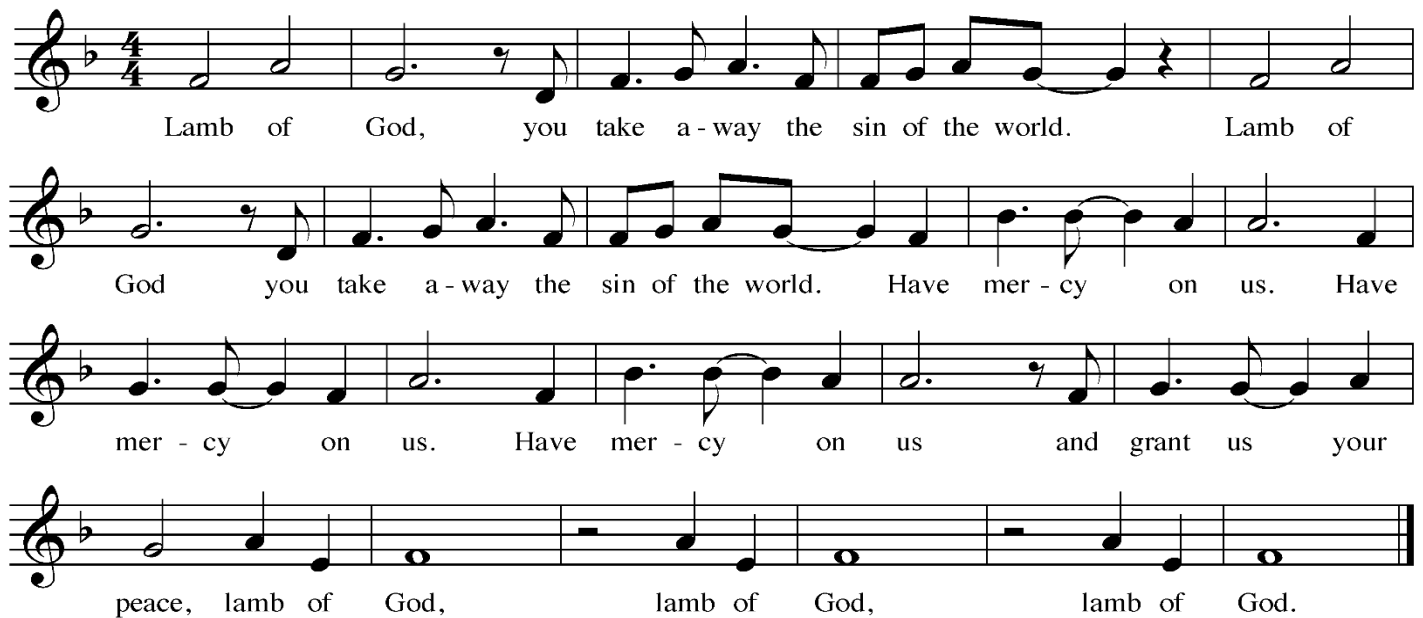
Words of Institution

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 Hymns *Open My Heart*

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For the Troubles and the Sufferings

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Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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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 *Your Will Be Done*

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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 Friend We Have in Jesus*

Mark Hayes

Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray



1 Now to the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
 2 O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;
 3 Tran - scen - dent com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light,



for true faith, most need - ed on our way:
 set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow,
 help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed,
 that we Je - sus Christ may know a - right,



Guide us and de - fend us when life is end - ing
 that with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er,
 that we may not fal - ter, nor cour - age fail us
 cling - ing to our Sav - ior, whose blood has bought us,



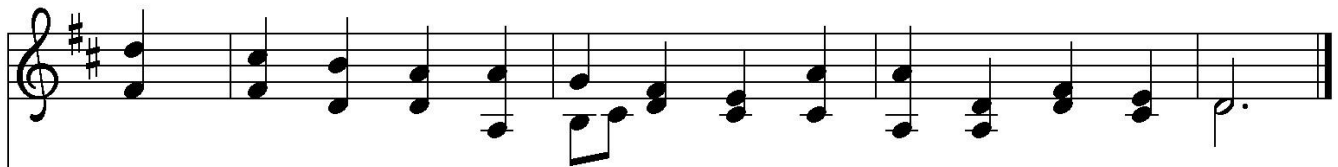
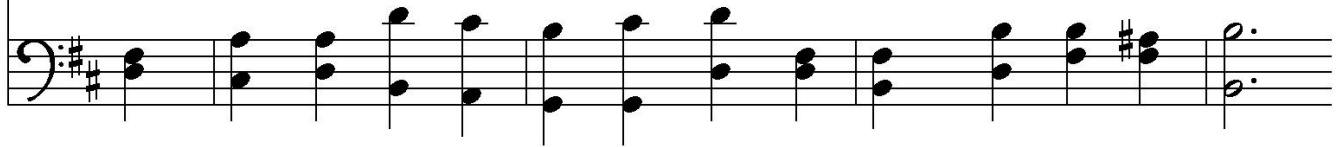
and our jour - ney home - ward is tend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!
 ev - 'ry strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
 when the foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!
 who to our true home - land has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: Medieval German *Leise*, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–4; tr. composite
 Music: NUN BITTEN WIR, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524
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Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright



- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, with rev - 'rence and with fear.
- 2 We per - ish if we cease from prayer; oh, grant us pow'r to pray.
- 3 Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense of god - ly sor - row give;
- 4 Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice that can for sin a - tone;
- 5 Give these, and then your will be done; thus strength - ened with all might,



Though dust and ash - es in your sight, we may, we must draw near.
And when to meet you we pre - pare, Lord, meet us on our way.
a strong de - sire, with con - fi - dence, to hear your voice and live;
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ a - lone.
we, through your Spir - it and your Son, shall pray, and pray a - right.



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
Music: SONG 67, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

Open My Heart

Part I



O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

Part II



O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

Part III



O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.



O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.



O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.



O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

Text: Ana Hernández, b. 1957

Music: OPEN MY HEART, Ana Hernández

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For the Troubles and the Sufferings



Pe - las do - res des - te mun - do, ó Se - nhor,
For the trou - bles and the suf - f'ings of the world,

im - plo - ra - mos pi - e - da - de. A
God, we call up - on your mer - cy: the

um só tem - po ge - me a cri - a - ção. Teus ou -
whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain! Lend an

vi - dos se in - cli - nem ao cla - mor des - sa
ear . . . to the ris - ing cry for help from op -

gen - te o - pri - mi - da. A - pres - sa - te com
pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come! Has - ten your sal -

tu - a sal - va - ção. A tu - a paz,
va - tion, heal - ing love! We pray for peace,

ben - di - ta e ir - ma - na - da co'a jus -
the bless - ed peace that comes from mak - ing

ti - ça a - bra - ce o mun - do in - tei - ro.
jus - tice, to cov - er and em - brace us.

Tem com - pai - xão! O teu po - der
Have mer - cy, Lord! We pray for pow'r,

sus - ten - te o tes - te - mu - nho do teu po - vo.
the pow'r that will sus - tain your peo - ple's wit - ness:

Teu rei - no ve - nha a nos! Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son!
un - til your king - dom comes. Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son!

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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Your Will Be Done

Mayenziwe

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Text: South African, based on the Lord's Prayer

Music: MAYENZIWE, South African traditional, as taught by Gobingca George Mxadana; transc. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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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

Flowers this morning are given by Susan Bosworth in thankfulness for friends, family, and our St. Stephen Lutheran Church community.

Upcoming

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.
Please scan the QR code to fill out the Interest form.



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 – An important ministry is Stephen Ministry. Recently we commissioned a new Stephen Minister. They provide support to members who are going through hardship. Contact Bill Dichtel if you have questions. Home communion is a ministry to provide communion to those who cannot attend church. Diana Tiller-Dichtel is the person to contact. Prayer shawls are given to those who need comfort. Amy Bergh is the contact. The banner team is led by Janice Mayfield. The quilting team is led by Carol Brown and Donna Kittleson.

St. Stephen Calendar: July 27- August 3, 2025

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

SUNDAY, June 27 ~ 7TH Sunday after Pentecost

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

9:00 AM Pick-up Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

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

MONDAY, July 28

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

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

TUESDAY, July 29

WEDNESDAY, July 30

8:45 PM YOGA (Gathering Space)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, July 31

FRIDAY, August 1

SATURDAY, August 2

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM AlAnon (Gathering Space)

SUNDAY, August 3 ~8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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## Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(9:45) Corey Knestrick  
Altar Guild .....(9:45) Diana Tiller-Dichtel and Nancy Egloff  
Audio-Visual Team.....(9:45) JR & Diana Lyons  
Bread Baker..... Sharon Powell  
Cantors .....(9:45) Pick up Choir  
Communion Assistants .....(9:45) Karen Shoberg and Rosalie Frey  
Flower Delivery .....Karen Nester  
Greeters/Hosts .....(9:45) Rosalie Frey  
Lectors..... Rosemary Stimson  
Pastor.....Deacon Ina Berkey  
Presider ..... Rev. Elizabeth Radke  
Tellers..... Carol Brown, Jane deSolms and Susan Britcher  
Ushers..... (9:45)

### ***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)**

**Doing Ministry in the World**

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or give it to an usher.***

***July 27, 2025***

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

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

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

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

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

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Please check as many as pertain:

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