



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.



October 12, 2025
18th Sunday after Pentecost

For Your Prayers –Oct 13-19, 2025

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – Oct 13: 2 Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 26:24-29; Psalm 61

Tue – Oct 14: 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Ephesians 6:10-20; Psalm 61

Wed – Oct 15: 2 Kings 15:1-7; Matthew 10:5-15; Psalm 61

Thu – Oct 16: Isaiah 54:11-17; Acts 17:22-34; Psalm 121

Fri – Oct 17: Genesis 31:43—32:2; 2 Timothy 2:14-26; Psalm 121

Sat – Oct 18: Genesis 32:3-21; Mark 10:46-52; Psalm 121

Next Sunday: Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 (2) 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Luke 18:1-8

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Preston Burton, Kristin Carter, Bob & Ginny Cummings, Edith Haecker, Sharon Jacobs, Terri Larsen, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, Paul Reier, 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, 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 , Eric Farrell, Kay Flatin, Tanya Fritz, Joel Gillespie, Joan Goodhart, Mason Griffin, The family of Scott Hadly, Jonathan Hallman, Charee Hampton, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Bradley, Kim, Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Lisa Hill, Doris Hillenbrand, Michelle Holdsworth, 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, Ellen Martin, Jack Mayfield, Jackie Mazzone, Tom Mifflin, Jimmy Mitchell, Liz Montalvo, Ed Moninger, Kim Morris, Bob Myers, Jeanette Osborn, Maricel Paulin, Coral Pumley, Scott Radley, 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, Jenn Tyson, Brenda Webster, Pat Whelan, Roselee Williams, Caleb Winig, and Elaine Wrich .

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Centering Music

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
St. Stephen Ringers

Cynthia Dobrinski

Call to Worship

People of God, let us not be deceived

Not by evil nor domination

Not by supremacy nor control

Not even by the comfortable familiar!

People of God, let us turn our faces toward the Sacred

Welcoming the Spirit of Truth

Nurturing the Holy Resistance

Practicing the Bold Proclamation of Love

Take heart - every age raises its own prophets, let us worship in faith and courage

Opening Prayer

God of All the Ages, what wonders you have witnessed! Throughout history, the faithful have practiced radical acts of love under the greatest threats of domination. Risking everything in faith. Persisting through fear. Refusing to oblige evil's expectations. May we be inspired to be so brave for each other - not in isolation but rooted in community - sharing together in sorrow, joy, and struggle. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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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.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

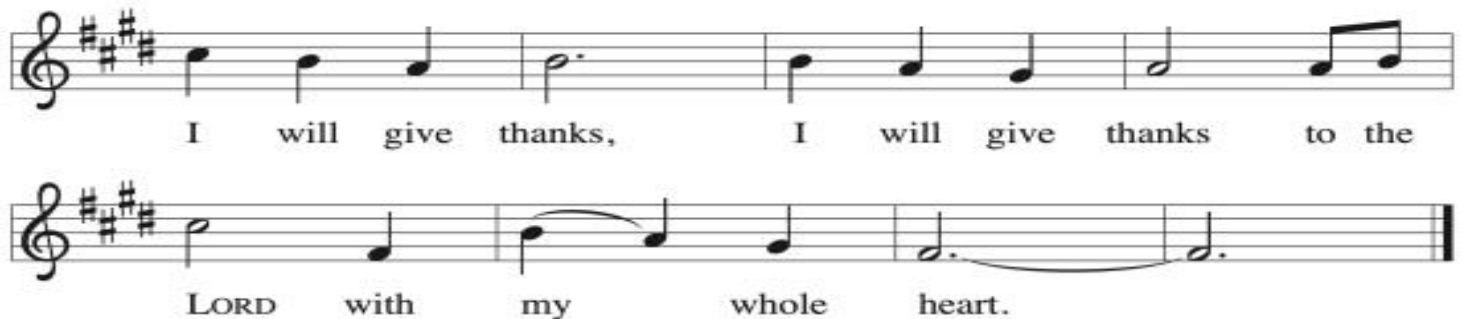
¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man,

though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. ^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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

Psalm 111



¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

² **Great are your | works, O LORD,**
pondered by all who de- | light in them. REFRAIN

³ Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

- ⁴ You cause your wonders to | be remembered;
you are gracious and full | of compassion.
- ⁵ You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.
- ⁶ You have shown your people the power | of your works
in giving them the lands | of the nations. REFRAIN
- ⁷ The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.
- ⁸ They stand fast forev- | er and ever,
because they are done in | truth and equity.
- ⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;
holy and awesome | is your name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures forever. REFRAIN

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself. ¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Give thanks in all | circumstances;* for this is the will of God in Christ Je- | sus for you..
(1 Thess. 5:18)

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

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

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

Sermon:

Rev. Lisa Kipp

Hymn of the Day

Baptized and Set Free

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Affirmation: We Sing of the Spirit *(excerpted from "Song of Faith," United Church of Canada, 2006)*

We sing of God the Spirit, who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation, animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart.

We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untameable, who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.

The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign.

We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world.

We offer worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe and a practice of opening ourselves to God's still, small voice of comfort, to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

Through word, music, art, and sacrament, in community and in solitude, God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world. Amen

Prayers

Each petition concludes: God of grace, receive our prayer.

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

Offering Invitation

Kin in Christ - let us remember the source of our hope. Not wealth, but generosity of spirit. Not moral purity, but hearts seeking each other. Not weapons of the state, but love that protects the targeted. In gratitude for the abundance of God's provisions, let us share what 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 *Now Thank We All our God*

Michael Rosewall

Offertory Prayer

Fierce Advocate, your love does not hesitate to come alongside the targeted and afraid. You, wise in strategy and abundant in clarity, champion the freedom of those oppressed near and far. You are the sand thrown in the machines of war. In honor and praise, we bring our gifts to your holy acts of liberation. Draw us in further, we pray. **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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Kyle Webber

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Prayer after Communion

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Sending of Communion

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

II. Sending: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

Sending Hymn

Voices Raise to You

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Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever. Amen.

Dismissal

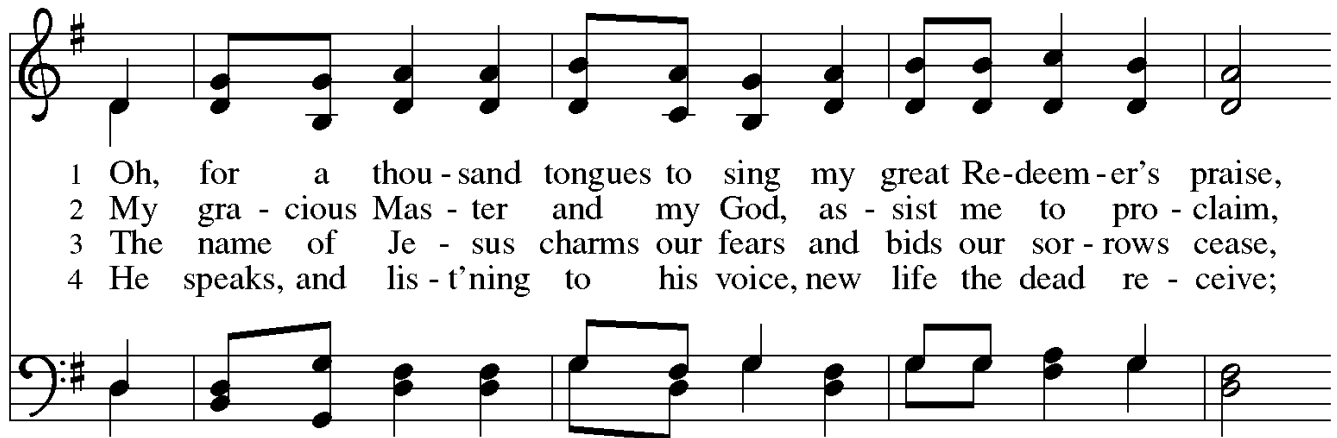
Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God
St .Stephen Ringers

Douglas E. Wagner

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



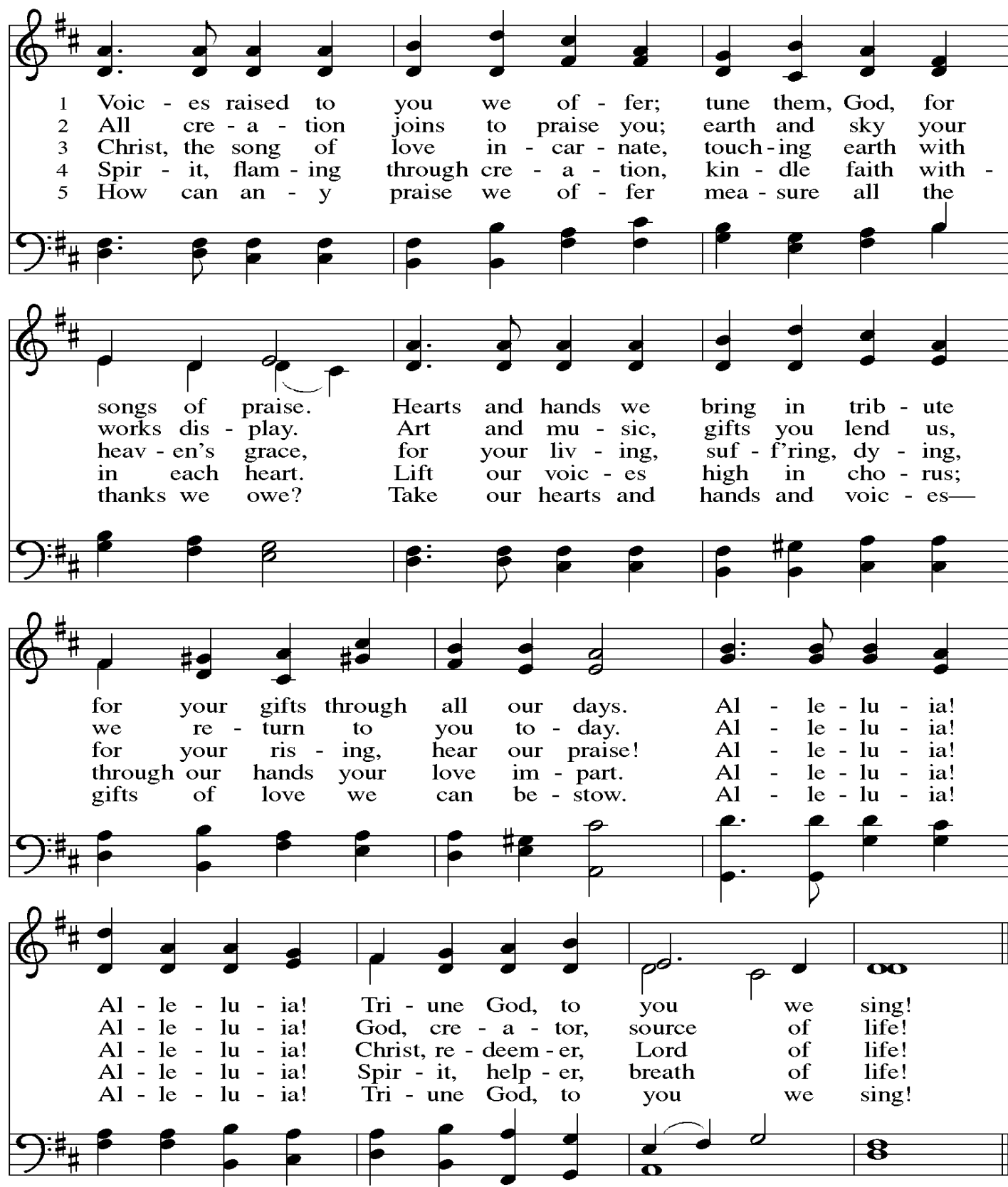
Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
 Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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Voices Raised to You



1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the

songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
 heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—

for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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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 "prayground") 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 by Jim Weilmuenster

LWR Sunday. We are excited to be welcoming the Rev. Lisa Kipp to St. Stephen's pulpit today and thank her for her time.

Upcoming

Grief Group at Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center. Find support, fellowship and hope among others experiencing grief. Join co-facilitators Debra Boyce, LPC, and Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton, graduate student intern, for a short-term grief support group. **On Wednesdays, October 29; November 5, 12, 19 and 26; and December 3 and 10, we will meet at Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center in the conference room from 5-6:30PM.** The group will use the Alan Wolfelt book Understanding Your Grief and its accompanying journal. When you register, select your registration based on if you will purchase your own copies or want PPCC to secure your materials. Please note the November 26 meeting will be a special 2-hour session (5-7PM) to develop coping tools for the holiday season. All are welcome.

Faith Formation Teachers needed. We could use a few more faith formation teachers for our program year this year. If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact Pastor Jon for details. Thank you for considering serving this important ministry.

Giving statements are ready to be picked up in the Gathering Space. Please take your home with you.

“All Saints Sunday” in the gathering space is a list of names of those that we have lost this year. We will remember those individuals on Nov 2. Please feel free to add the name of a loved one to be read aloud during that Sundays service. You can also email the office to have a name added.

Volunteer @ FISH, Inc. St. Stephen works to provide volunteers for the FISH, Inc clothes closets on Tuesdays a month at a time. Our next month to help is November. Interested in helping **November 4, 18, and 25th from 10AM - 12:00PM, and/or Nov 11 from 1 - 3:00PM?** Please contact Jim or Terri Larsen for more details.

LSA Sunday Dinners. Want to get to know our LSA members? Host a meal for them! **Sign up to host a Sunday evening meal for LSA on the chart in the Gathering Space.** If you haven't hosted before, instructions are available.

Care Givers Coffee: To share the mutual joys and frustrations of caregiving OR just to drink coffee with friends. Thursday, **October 16th at 10:30 a.m.** at Panera Bread, 5218 Monticello Avenue. For further info contact Ina Berkey: ina.berkey@cox.net. or 757 603 6643

BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY



a stewardship program for our congregation

"...in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

– I Peter 2:9

God has made us God's own people "in order that" we might proclaim through word and deed all that God has done in our lives. We do that individually as we live our faith in our daily lives. We also do that collectively in our congregation.

Our congregation proclaims God's mighty acts within our walls through worship, through Christian education for our children and youth, through the many groups that meet to learn and serve. Our congregation proclaims God's mighty acts in our community as we make a difference for good in the lives of people around us who are in need. Our congregation proclaims God's mighty acts across our country and around the world as we support important ministries that are making a difference near and far.

Your giving to our congregation makes all of this possible. Because of you, we "proclaim the mighty acts of him" who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

St. Stephen Calendar: October 12-19, 2025

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

SUNDAY, October 12~ 18th Sunday after Pentecost

- 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)
10:00AM Learn about LWR (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion
6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College room)

MONDAY, October 13

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastors office)
1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference room)
3:00 PM Finance Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

TUESDAY, October 14

- 7:00 PM Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, October 15

- 8:55 AM Yoga (Gathering space)
5:00 PM Girl Scouts (Preschool Room)
5:15 PM Faith Formation Meal (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
7:00 PM AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM LSA Bible study (College room)

THURSDAY, October 16

- 11:30 AM Bulletin Review (Office)
5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship Space)

FRIDAY, October 17

SATURDAY, October 18

- 9AM-12PM Alpha Phi Omega Pancake breakfast (fellowship hall)
5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/conference room)
5:30 PM AlAnon (Gathering Space)

SUNDAY, October 19~ 19th Sunday after Pentecost

- 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)
10:00AM Faith Formation (Preschool room)
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion
6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College room)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer..... (8:30) Bill Dichtel
..... (11:00) Liam Janke
Altar Guild (8:30) Rita Kristiansen
..... (11:00) Nancy Egloff and Pam Buckley
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) Tobias Janke and Liam Janke
Bread Baker..... Paula Agor
Cantors (8:30) Karen Shoberg (11:00) Terri Larsen
Communion Assistants (8:30) Karen Shoberg and Diana Tiller-Dichtel
..... (11:00) Lori Janke and Liam Janke
Flower Delivery Nelia Lamoureux
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) Paul & Rita Kristiansen (11:00) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Lectors (8:30) Chris Punchard (11:00) Keith Egloff
Pastor Rev Lisa Kipp
Presider Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers..... Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher and Jim Larsen
Ushers..... (8:30) Jeff & Lisa Bushmire (11:00) Jim Weilmuenster and Glenn Joppa



The Rev. Lisa Kipp serves as the Director of Congregational Engagement at Lutheran World Relief. In her role, she leads a team that connects congregations across the United States with LWR's work of bringing lifesaving aid and long-term hope to our most vulnerable neighbors around the world. As part of this work, she also works closely with Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Ministry, a program that has been a part of the fabric of thousands of Lutheran congregations for the past 80 years. Prior to this role, Rev. Kipp served an ELCA congregation in Rochester, MN, for nearly twenty years. She continues to call Rochester home.

About Lutheran World Relief. Affirming God's love for all people, Lutheran World Relief works with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, LWR tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. They provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives. They partner with local leaders to grow rural economies and build healthy communities, breaking the cycle of poverty so our neighbors all around the world can thrive.

Upcoming Commemorations

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582 Wednesday, October 15, 2025

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115 Friday, October 17, 2025

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

Luke, Evangelist Saturday, October 18, 2025

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

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