



# 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 19, 2025***  
***19th Sunday after Pentecost***

## **For Your Prayers –Oct 20-26, 2025**

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

**Mon – Oct 20:** 1 Samuel 25:2-22; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Psalm 57

**Tue – Oct 21:** 1 Samuel 25:23-35; James 5:7-12; Psalm 57

**Wed – Oct 22:** 1 Samuel 25:36-42; Luke 22:39-46; Psalm 57

**Thu – Oct 23:** Jeremiah 9:1-16; 2 Timothy 3:1-9; Psalm 84:1-7

**Fri – Oct 24:** Jeremiah 9:17-26; 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Psalm 84:1-7

**Sat – Oct 25:** Jeremiah 14:1-6; Luke 1:46-55; Psalm 84:1-7

**Next Sunday:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

**Join your prayers for healing** with God's desires for **Susan Britcher, 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, 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, Justice Jefferson, Naomi Jefferson 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.

## *19th Sunday after Pentecost*

### **Welcome**

### **Centering Music**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Mark Hayes

### **Call to Worship**

To tussle with God is an ancient tradition

**Saints and prophets wrestle in the night**

Tossing and turning our questions

**Arguing on behalf of our neighbors**

We raise our voices in holy exasperation

**Our hearts race with the fury of love**

God welcomes the conflict and embraces our audacity

**Here we are, to grapple with faith**

In honest pursuit of God, let us worship

### **Opening Prayer**

God of Doubters and Skeptics, God of Fiery Prophets, God of Those Who Dissent and Disagree, today we gather to challenge and be challenged. We come with questions! There is pain we carry. There is anger we feel on our behalf and others. There are so many other ways the world could be! In the confidence of our faith, we bring all our wrestling with what is to you. **Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*What a Friend We Have in 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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

### **First Reading**

**Genesis 32:22-31**

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

<sup>22</sup> The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the

stream, and likewise everything that he had.<sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.<sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.<sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."<sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."<sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed."<sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.<sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved."<sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

## Psalm 121



- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?
- <sup>2</sup> **My help comes | from the LORD,**  
**the maker of heav- | en and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**  
**will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; REFRAIN**
- <sup>5</sup> the LORD watches | over you;  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike | you by day,**  
**nor the | moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> **The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,**  
**from this time forth for- | evermore. REFRAIN**



*The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. <sup>4:1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

### Gospel Acclamation



The word of God is liv- | ing and active,\* able to judge the thoughts and intentions | of the heart. (Heb. 4:12)

### Gospel

### Luke 18:1-8

*Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

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

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And

will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

**Sermon:** What's in a name?

Pastor Jon Nelson

**Hymn of the Day**

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

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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**

Resolute in heart, we refuse to give up on a world that is imperfect but alive with freedom and flourishing. Let us practice this world together, sharing what we have, taking care of each other, bringing all our questions and concerns as honest offerings to God.

*Offerings are gathered for the mission of the church: preaching and teaching the good news of Christ and caring for the poor and oppressed. During the offering, the table is set for the Lord's Supper.*

## Offering of Music

8:30am *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

David Hogan

Matins Choir

11:00am *Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*

Johann Walter

Chancel Choir; Brian Hesse soloist

## Offertory Prayer

Righteous Redeemer, we remember all those who have bravely come toe-to-toe with you regarding injustice. When old ways need shifting, it often requires courageous ones to come and stir the still waters. We give thanks for the skeptics and the questioners. The ones who help us pause. Help us notice. Help us disrupt ordinary patterns that harm. For the blessings that follow the scrappy audacity of the fed-up, we bring our gifts with thanks. **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



## 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** *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

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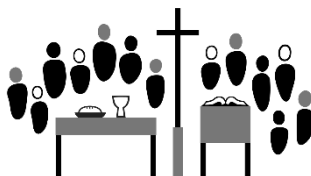
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*Feed Us with Hunger for Justice*

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**Table Blessing**



## Nunc Dimittis



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## 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

*What God Ordains Is Good Indeed*

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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

*Was Gott Tut, Das Ist Wohlgetan*

Johann Gottfried Walther

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

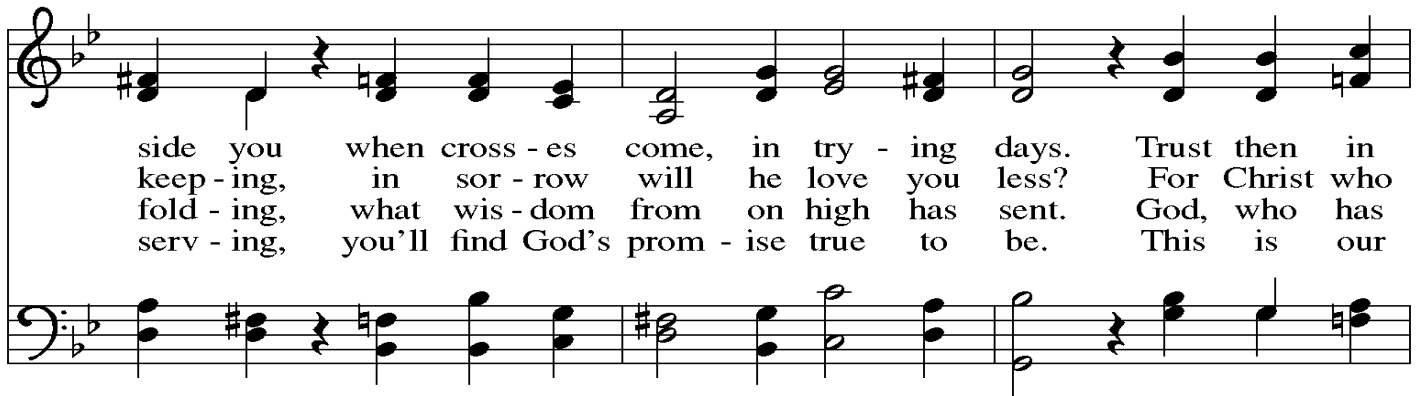
# If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite  
 Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark  
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# There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

*Refrain — All*



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

*Leader or All*



|                   |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 For jus - tice, | for free - dom,   | for mer - cy:   |
| 2 For wis - dom,  | for cour - age,   | for com - fort: |
| 3 For heal - ing, | for whole - ness, | for new life:   |
| 4 Lord, save us,  | take pit - y,     | light in our    |



|                   |                 |           |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| hear our prayer.  | In sor - row,   | in grief: |
| hear our prayer.  | In weak - ness, | in fear:  |
| hear our prayer.  | In sick - ness, | in death: |
| deep - est night. | We call you;    | we wait:  |



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

*Refrain*

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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# Feed Us with Hunger for Justice

*Optional descant*

Feed us jus - tice. Feed us your peace.

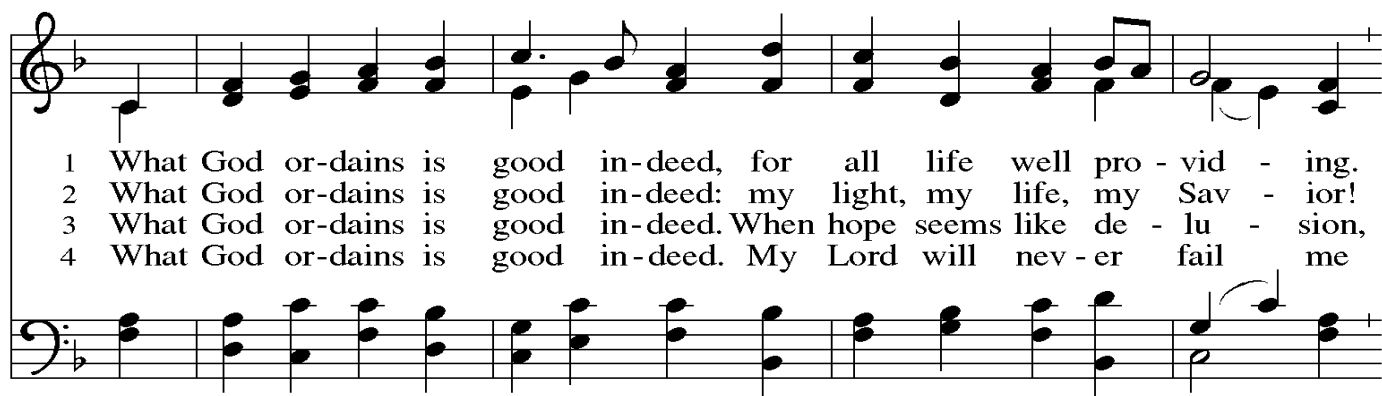
Feed us with hun-ger for jus-tice. Feed us with thirst for peace.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

Music: HUNGER FOR JUSTICE, Anne Krentz Organ

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# What God Ordains Is Good Indeed



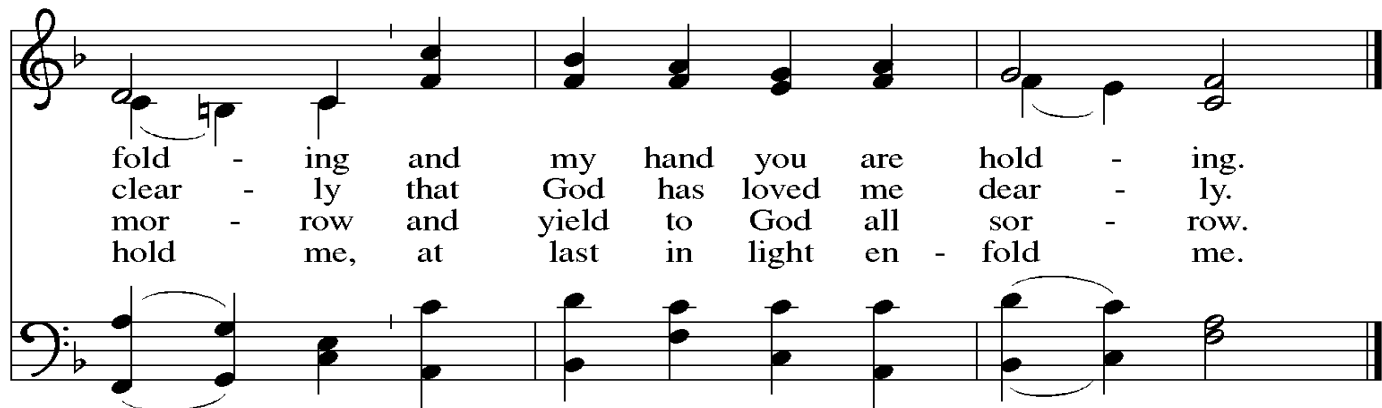
1 What God or-dains is good in-deed, for all life well pro - vid - ing.  
 2 What God or-dains is good in-deed: my light, my life, my Sav - ior!  
 3 What God or-dains is good in-deed. When hope seems like de - lu - sion,  
 4 What God or-dains is good in-deed. My Lord will nev - er fail me



The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con - fid - ing.  
 No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev - er wa - ver.  
 I taste the bit - ter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, con - fu - sion."  
 on dan-ger's path, in deep-est need, when death in grief shall veil me.



My faith - ful God, on ev - 'ry road you know the way un -  
 Through joy and pain I shall at - tain the dawn dis - clos - ing  
 God ends the night, re - stores de - light; by faith I face to -  
 My God so dear will draw me near, in lov - ing arms will



fold - ing and my hand you are hold - ing.  
 clear - ly that God has loved me dear - ly.  
 mor - row and yield to God all sor - row.  
 hold me, at last in light en - fold me.

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649–1708; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951  
 Music: WAS GOTT TUT, Severus Gastorius, 1646–1682  
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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](http://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 Lana Olson in memory of Doug Olson on the 10th anniversary of his death.

## **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.

**“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.



**Community Of Faith Mission:** St. Stephen is partnering with the Williamsburg United Methodist Church to feed and shelter the homeless in our community. The dates of our participation are **Thursday, November 20** through **Saturday, November 22**. We are looking for volunteers for four shifts each night.

The shifts are:

**5:30 to 9:00 PM.** This shift involves check in of guests and feeding them dinner. Several volunteers needed.

**9:00 PM to 1:00 AM.** First overnight shift. Requires one male and one female.

**1:00 to 5:30 AM.** Second overnight shift. Requires one male and one female.

**5:30 to 9:00 AM.** Feeding breakfast to guests and checking them out. Again, several volunteers needed. Please scan the QR code to sign up for your date and time or call the office if you are having trouble.

If you would like to sign up to help prepare the meals please sign up on the insert sheet. We need help with the Dinner and Breakfast. Food may be prepared at home and brought to St. Stephen or prepared at St. Stephen. Meals will be assembled at St. Stephen then delivered and served at the UMC at the COFM designated time. ( breakfast - 6:00 am; dinner 7:00pm) The preschool will be providing the lunch. For questions or more information contact Jeanne Garrison Phone: (423) 505-5397 or Email [Jeannewg@verizon.net](mailto:Jeannewg@verizon.net)

## **St. Stephen Calendar: October 19-26, 2025**

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

### **SUNDAY, October 19 ~ 19<sup>th</sup> 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)  
10:10 AM 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)

### **MONDAY, October 20**

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastors office)  
10:00 AM Fire Dept at Preschool (Fire truck will be blocking driveway)  
1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference room)  
4:00PM Stephen Ministry meeting (Library/Conference Room)

### **TUESDAY, October 21**

- 11:00 AM Quilting group (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30 PM Worship and Music Committee (Library/Conference room)

### **WEDNESDAY, October 22**

- 8:55 AM Yoga (Gathering space)  
5:00 PM Girl Scouts (Preschool Room)  
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 23**

- 9AM- 12PM Preschool Assessments (Library/Conference room)  
11:30 AM Bulletin Review (Office)  
5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship Space)

### **FRIDAY, October 24**

Preschool field trip to Hollyfork Farms

### **SATURDAY, October 25**

- 1PM-5PM AA Conference (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/conference room)  
5:30 PM AlAnon (Gathering Space)

### **SUNDAY, October 26 ~ Reformation Sunday**

- 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) Amy Bergh  
..... (11:00) Brett Powers  
Altar Guild ..... (8:30) Amy Bergh  
..... (11:00)  
Audio-Visual Team.....(8:30) Tim Judy (11:00) Mike Morgan  
Bread Baker..... Amy Bergh  
Cantors ..... (8:30) Paula Agor (11:00) Marj Gottschalk-Trone  
Communion Assistants ..... (8:30) Amy & Brian Bergh  
..... (11:00) Traci Powers and Cyndy Touhsaent  
Flower Delivery .....Karen Nester  
Greeters/Hosts ..... (8:30) J.R. & Diana Lyons (11:00) Beth Grant  
Lectors ..... (8:30) Harlan Schone (11:00) Elara Strand  
Preacher & Presider ..... Pastor Jon Nelson  
Tellers..... Jeanne Garrison and Carol Brown  
Ushers..... (8:30) Tom Witt and JR Lyons (11:00) George Bass and Russ Dabel

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

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