



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 5, 2025
17th Sunday after Pentecost

For Your Prayers –Oct 6-12, 2025

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – Oct 6: Habakkuk 1:5-17; James 1:2-11; Psalm 3

Tue – Oct 7: Habakkuk 2:5-11; 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21; Psalm 3

Wed – Oct 8: Habakkuk 2:12-20; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24; Psalm 3

Thu – Oct 9: Leviticus 14:33-53; 2 Timothy 1:13-18; Psalm 111

Fri – Oct 10: Numbers 4:34 —5:4; 2 Timothy 2:1-7; Psalm 111

Sat – Oct 11: Numbers 12:1-15; Luke 5:12-16; Psalm 111

Next Sunday: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

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, 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, Brenda Webster, Pat Whelan, Roselee Williams, Caleb Winig, and Elaine Wrich .

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Welcome

Centering Music

All Creatures of Our God and King

Setting, John Carter

Call to Worship

Your people are waiting, oh God **for tides to turn towards justice.**

Your people are working, oh God— **loving each other amidst climate collapse and violent systems.**

Hear our pleading question echoing through generations— **How long?**

Answer us with hope.

Join us with courage.

Set your people completely and joyfully free.

Opening Prayer

Ancient wisdom, undo within us ways we add to our own suffering. Instead of isolation, nudge us towards connection. Instead of cynicism, awaken us to wonder. Instead of unkind self-talk, fill our inner thoughts with compassion. Instead of perfectionism, make vivid our holy enoughness. For our own healing ripples out into our relationships. And our relationships create the world to come. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

God of the Fertile Fields

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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

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked

surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ² Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

Psalm 37:1-9



- ¹ Do not be provoked by | evildoers;
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
- ² **For they shall soon wither | like the grass,**
and like the green grass | fade away.
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.
- ⁴ **Take delight | in the LORD,**
who shall give you your | heart's desire. REFRAIN
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD,
and see what | God will do.
- ⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light**
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.
- ⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;**
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.
- ⁹ For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

- ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and

your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

Gospel Acclamation



The word of the Lord en- | dures forever.* That word is the good news that was an- |
nounced to you. (1 Pet. 1:25)

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

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

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all

that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’

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

Sermon:

A Frustrated Social One

Pastor Jon Nelson

Hymn of the Day

What Is the World Like

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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

Peacemaker and poet, Pádraig Ó Tuama, wrote “it occurs to me that courage comes from the same place as fear and where there is fear, there is the possibility of courage.” We collect our shared resources today so that we may build a community rooted not in fear, but in courageous hope.

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

All Creatures of our God and King
St. Stephen Choirs

Arr. David Ledgerwood

Offertory Prayer

To courage amidst fear, healing amidst heartbreak, hope amidst despair, beauty amidst desolation we dedicate our offerings, Living Christ. May we be inspired by your example of steadfast love in a world groaning for liberation. **Amen.**

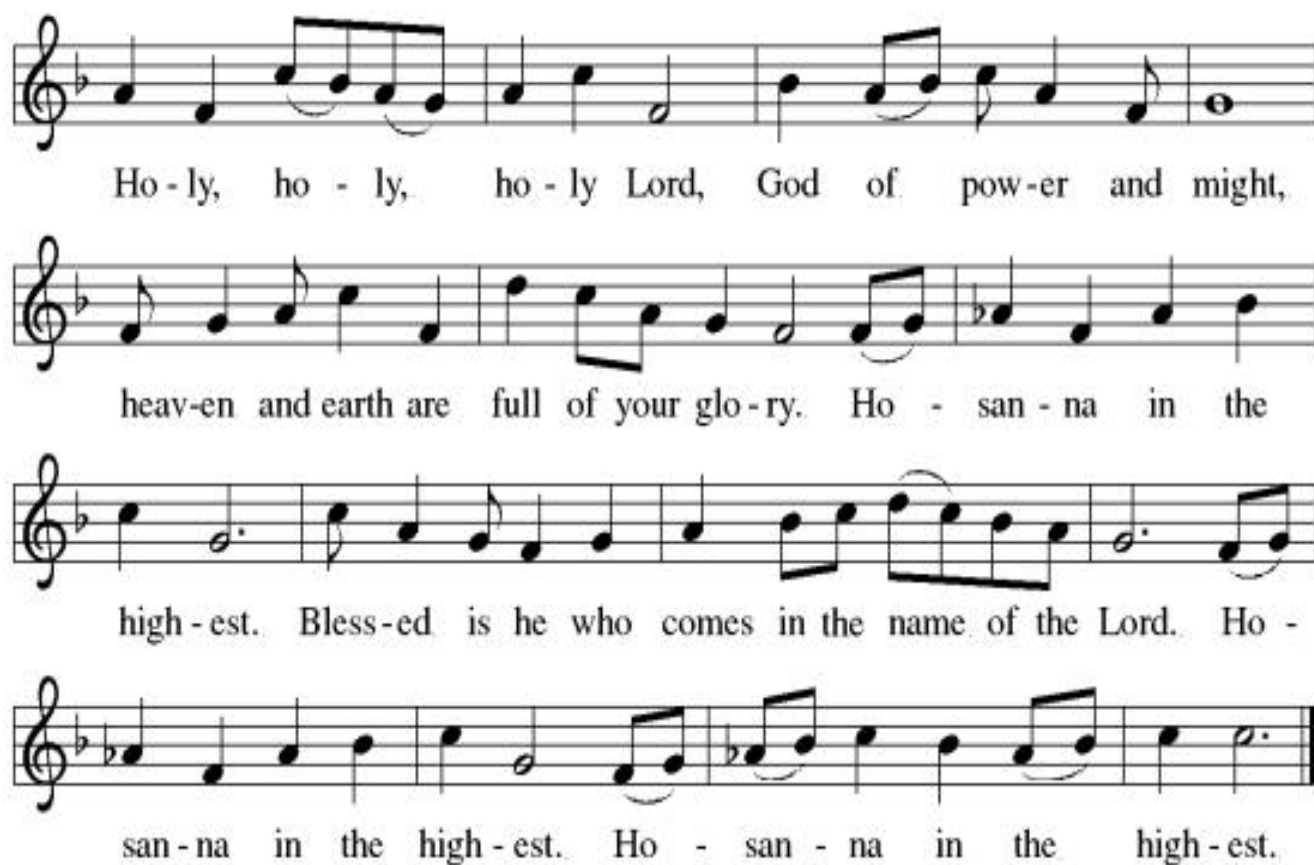
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

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 Hymn *We Walk by Faith*

ELW 635

Communion Music *We Walk by Faith*

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Setting, Valerie A. Floeter

Table Blessing

Nunc Dimittis



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

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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

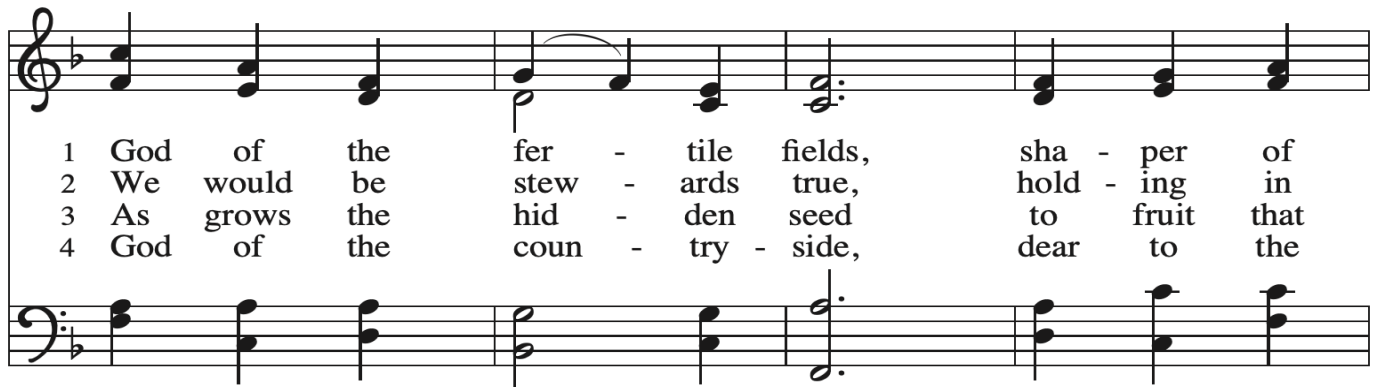
Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

God of the Fertile Fields

Setting, Walter L. Pelz

God of the Fertile Fields



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused, your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

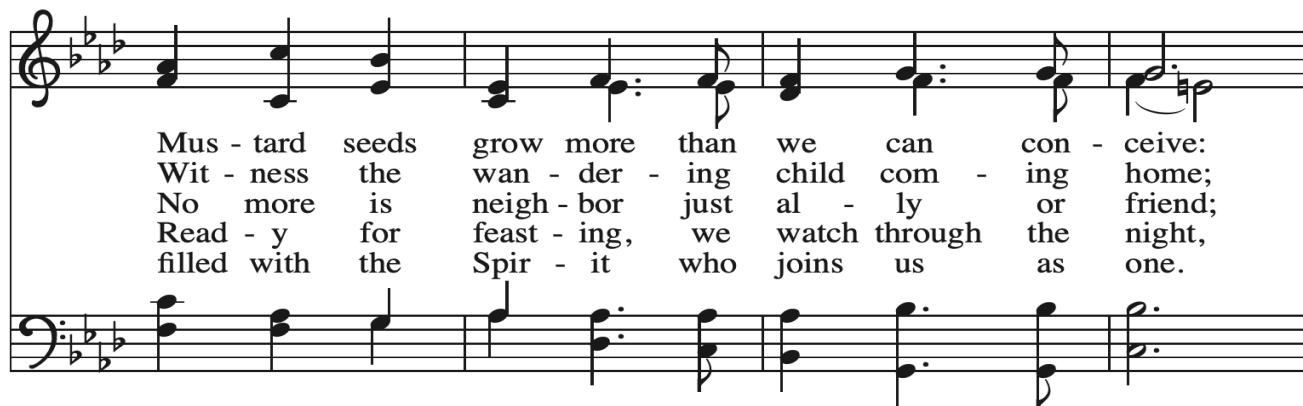
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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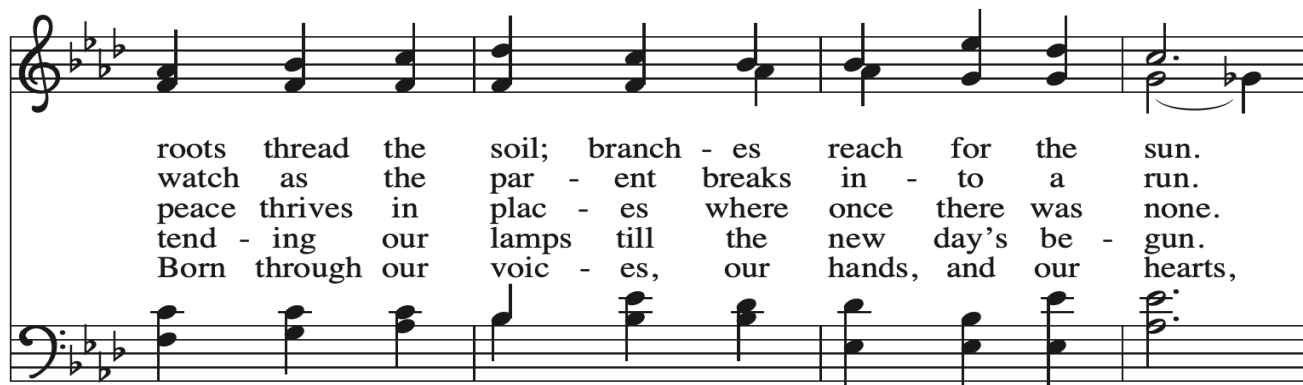
What Is the World Like



1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

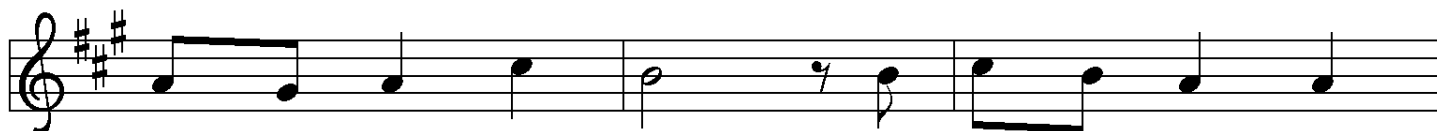
Music: NEW WORLD, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952

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We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Founded on Faith



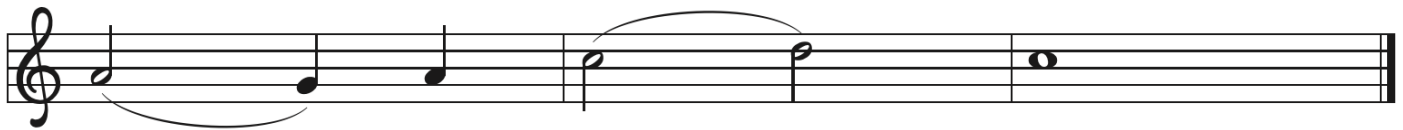
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
 2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
 3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
 4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
 5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow' red to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
 Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
 Em - pow' red to serve with gifts, both great and small,
 we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
 we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
 Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
 we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
 a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
 Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul D. Weber, b. 1949

Music: FOUNDED ON FAITH, Paul D. Weber

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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.

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 Sunday's service. You can also email the office to have a name added.

Upcoming

Monthly Women's Study Group. Our October monthly women's study group will be on **Thursday, October 9**. The group emphasizes nurturing one another on our faith journeys, continuing to explore and learn through spiritual development, study, discussion, and growth. **We hold afternoon (1:00PM) and evening sessions (7:00PM) on the second Thursday of each month in the library.**

Quilting Group meets every 1st and 3rd **Tuesday** of the month in the fellowship hall at 10am. You do not need to have any experience just a passion to learn and apply the talents you have.

Board Game Night. 4:00PM-8:00PM in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, October 11th**. Please bring your favorite board/card game and a dish to share. Water, lemonade, and paper products will be provided.

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.



LWR Sunday. We are excited to be welcoming the Rev. Lisa Kipp to St. Stephen's pulpit **on Sunday, October 12th**. The Rev. 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.

BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY



a stewardship program for our congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people"*

– I Peter 2:9

God's mercy comes to us in countless ways. Our Lord Jesus is chief among these. It is through the love and forgiveness that is ours in our Lord Jesus that we can boldly claim to be God's own people – not because of what we have done, but because of what God has done for us through his only Son.

God's mercy also comes to us in many other ways. Among these are the material possessions we enjoy. They are gifts from God, but more than this, they are entrusted to each of us by God. The Bible teaches us that everything belongs to God. To be a steward is to be entrusted to care for some of what God owns in this world. That steward is you, and it is me, entrusted to care for all that God has placed in our hands.

Because of God's great mercy, we marvel at all we have received.
Because of God's great mercy, we think about how we will respond.

St. Stephen Calendar: October 5-12, 2025

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

SUNDAY, October 5 ~ 17th 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
1:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship space)
6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College room)

MONDAY, October 6

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

TUESDAY, October 7

8:00 AM Women’s Breakfast (Colonial Pancake house)
10:00 AM Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, October 8

8:55 AM Yoga (Gathering space)
5:00 PM Girl Scouts (Preschool room)
5:45 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship space)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
7:00 PM AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, October 9

11:30 AM Bulletin Review (Office)
1:00 PM Women’s Group (Library/Conference Room)
5:30 PM-7:30PM Preschool Spirit night (ShooFly dairy)
5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship space)
7:00 PM Women’s Group (Library/Conference Room)

FRIDAY, October 10

SATURDAY, October 11

4:00 PM Board Game Night (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/conference room)
5:30 PM AlAnon (Gathering Space)

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Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) Stan York
..... (11:00) Matthias Hallman
Altar Guild(8:30) Diane McCurry
..... (11:00)
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Tim Judy and Nancy Carter (11:00) Charles Osborn
Bread Baker..... Ursula Recktenwald
Cantors(8:30) Ursula Rectenwald (11:00) Christina Nelson
Communion Assistants (8:30) Chris & Randy Punchard
.....(11:00) Lori Harms and Emily Rossiter
Flower DeliveryDiane McCurry
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00) Alison Carney
Lectors..... (8:30) Reed Nester (11:00) Russ Dabel
Preacher & Presider Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers..... Jane Gingerich, Ursula Recktenwald and Russ White
Ushers..... (8:30) Reed and Karen Nester (11:00) Corwin Knestrick & Russ Dabel

Upcoming Commemorations

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Monday, October 6, 2025

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1986 (TFF)

Friday, October 10, 2025

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

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