



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.



September 28, 2025
16th Sunday after Pentecost

For Your Prayers –Sep 29-Oct 5, 2025

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – Sep 29: Amos 6:8-14; Revelation 3:14-22; Psalm 62

Tue – Sep 30: Hosea 10:9-15; James 5:1-6; Psalm 62

Wed – Oct 1: Hosea 12:2-14; Matthew 19:16-22; Psalm 62

Thu – Oct 2 : 2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36; Revelation 2:8-11; Psalm 37:1-9

Fri – Oct 3 : 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37; Revelation 2:12-29; Psalm 37:1-9

Sat – Oct 4: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 20:29-34; Psalm 37:1-9

Next Sunday: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9 (5) 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Preston Burton, Kristin Carter, Bob & Ginny Cummings, Edith Haecker, Jonathan Hallman, Sharon Jacobs, 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, David Carr, Karin Cavanaugh, 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, Phyllis Graf, The family of Scott Hadly, 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, Jim Monteith, 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, Charley Underdahl, Brenda Webster, Pat Whelan, Roselee Williams, Caleb Winig, and Elaine Wrich .

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Welcome

Centering Music

Christ, Be Our Light

Setting, Sally Drennan Mossing

Call to Worship

God calls us together in truth and courage

Beckons us toward transformation

Asks us to grow in love

Welcomes us toward freedom

The journey takes different shapes

For different people in different contexts

Salvation incarnates in many forms

For some, it is an un-doing or pouring out

And for others, a reclaiming and rising up

God guides our paths according to our needs

Blessed is the One who makes all things new!

Opening Prayer

Divine Justice, we pray that we may become ready, as you have asked of us. Ready to release what does not belong to us. Ready to take each other in as our own. Ready to show up with all we have. Ready to confront and be confronted. Ready to take risks for our neighbors. It is Love that makes us ready! Come, Love, and move in body, mind, and spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

O God of Mercy, God of Light

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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 God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

⁵ Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

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

Psalm 18: 1-6



¹ I love you, O LORD my strength,
O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven;
² **my God, my rock in whom I put my trust,**
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge. REFRAIN
³ I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.
⁴ **The breakers of death rolled over me,**
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.
⁵ The cords of Sheol entangled me,
and the snares of death were set for me.
⁶ **I called upon the LORD in my distress and cried out to my God for help.**
From the heavens the LORD heard my voice; my cry reached God's ears. REFRAIN

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-17

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

¹⁰ Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; ¹¹ put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, ¹² for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of

righteousness ¹⁵ and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 5: 13-16; 11: 28-30

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

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

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Sermon: *"Keep your lamps burning in a world full of Candle Snuffers"*

- Rev. Dr. Mary Anderson

Hymn of the Day

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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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

As followers of Christ, we put our hope in things we cannot yet perceive. We profess that the evil which steals life and lives away for the sake of power and profit will not last forever. We can participate in this transformation. With this faith, let us gather our offerings together to be in service of justice, redistribution, and compassion.

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	Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning	John Helgen
	Women's Retreat Choir	

Offertory Prayer

Blessed Redeemer, it is your grace that transforms our understanding. Whether we struggle with greed or entitlement, shame or ignorance, internalized oppression or a spirit of domination, you come to set us free. To rebalance us and the world. To authentically and justly heal the wounds of generations. We thank you for equipping us. May our offerings be a harvest of love, blessed to the flourishing of all people. **Amen.**

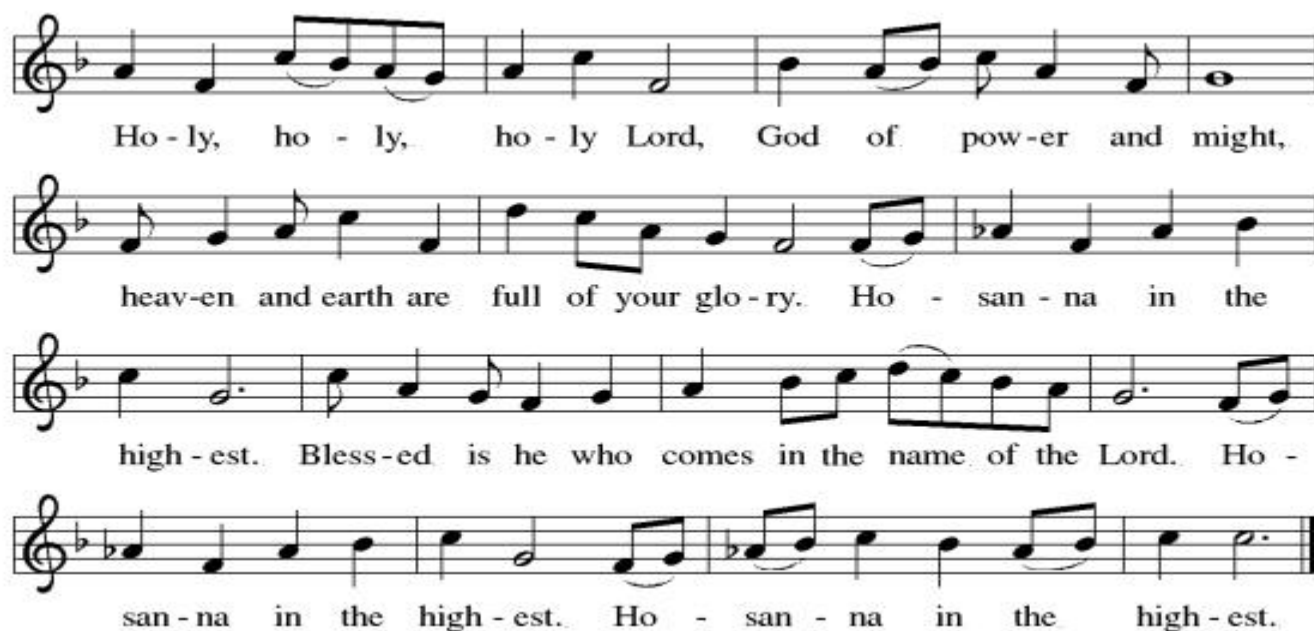
The Great Thanksgiving

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

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.*

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.

Communion Hymn *Christ, Be Our Light*

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Table Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared 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

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.**

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

Sending Hymn *This Little Light of Mine*

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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.**

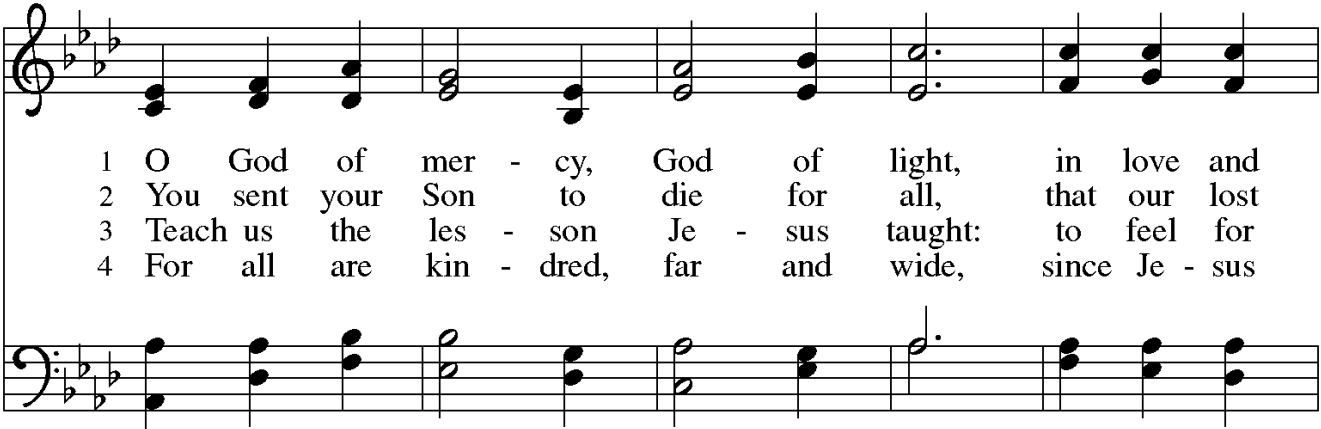
Dismissal

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

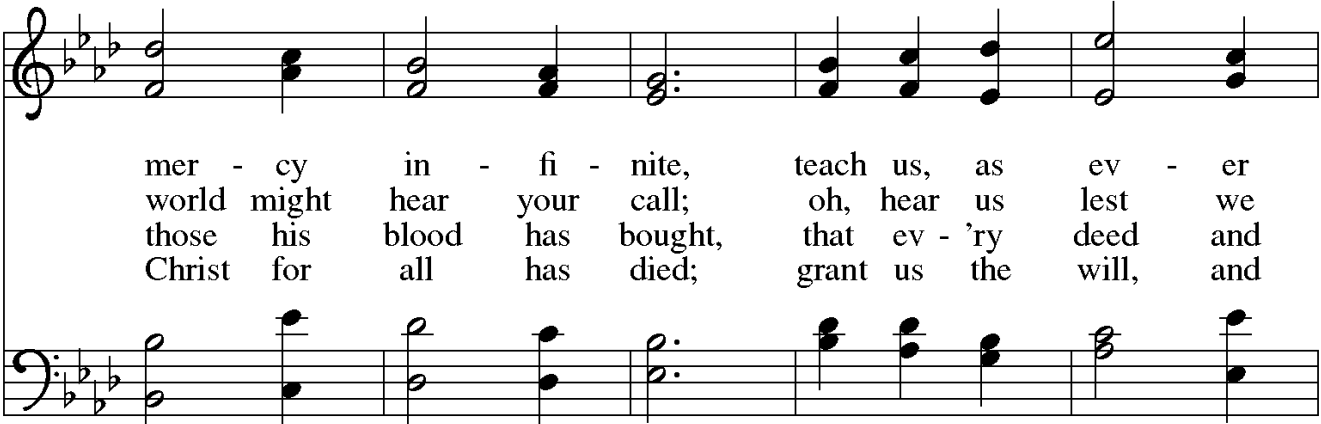
Postlude *This Little Light of Mine*

Setting, Mark Hayes


O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
word and thought may work a work for you.
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

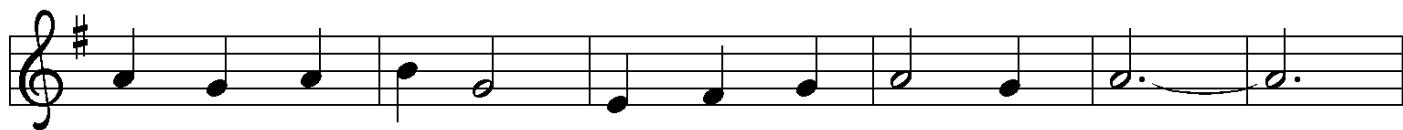
Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

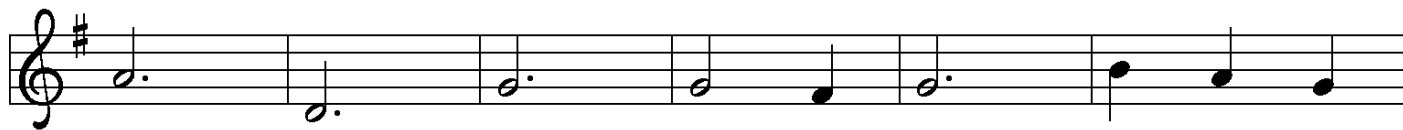


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935

Arr. © Horace Clarence Boyer, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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 by Stan York in honor of Stan and Soni's anniversary.

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

Upcoming

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.

Monthly Breakfasts. Come to build and deepen relationships – **at the Colonial Pancake House**, on the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road. Gatherings take place at **8:00AM**.

- **Thursday, October 2 - Men** are invited to join together for breakfast
- **Tuesday, October 7 - Women** are invited to join together for breakfast

Blessing of Pets. Join us on the forecourt (weather permitting) at **10:00AM** on **Saturday, Oct 4th** for a Blessing of Pets and Animals. October 4 is the feast of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment. This will be a brief service of blessing and thanksgiving for animals and animal companions. Well behaved pets are welcome to be blessed! We will also be remembering and giving thanks for pets who are no longer with us. You are encouraged to bring a picture or memento for that remembrance.

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.** Sessions run 60-90 minutes (depending on our discussion!). Each session is an independent topic, so it is not an issue if you miss a month. No registration, no homework. Just come and bring a friend!

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.

The Kitchen Keepers will resume in October. If you are interested and able to assist with cleaning the kitchen each month please indicate your availability and interest on the white sheet. You can contact Chris Punchard for more information. On the white sheet I would like to check off interest and preferred day/time. My preference is: second and fourth Mondays at 3:00 or second and fourth Tuesdays at 1:00

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.

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

SUNDAY, September 28 ~ 16th 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)
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion
6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College room)

MONDAY, September 29

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

TUESDAY, September 30

WEDNESDAY, October 1

8:55 AM Yoga (Gathering space)
5:00 PM Girl Scouts (Preschool room)
5:15 PM Faith Formation Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
7:00 PM AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, October 2

8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast (Colonial Pancake house)
11:30 AM Bulletin Review (Office)
5:30PM-7:30PM Preschool spirit night (Shoofly Dairy Bar)

FRIDAY, October 3

SATURDAY, October 4

10:00 AM Blessing of the Animals/Pets (Forecourt)
5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 PM AlAnon (Gathering Space)

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)
10:00 AM 6th Grade pre-AoB (Pastor’s Office)
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism (Library)
10:15AM Faith Formation (Preschool Bog Room)
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) Corey Knestrick
.....(11:00) Alina Dabel
Altar Guild (8:30)
.....(11:00) Gerri Bass and Pam Buckley
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Tobias Janke and Liam Janke (11:00) Charles Osborn
Bread Baker..... Sharon Powell
Cantors (8:30) Karen Shoberg (11:00) Sandy Croushore
Communion Assistants (8:30) Ellen Bushman and Karen Sanderlin
..... (11:00) Jennifer Dabel and Alina Dabel
Flower Delivery Carol Wiers
Greeters/Hosts(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Lectors.....(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00) Cynthia Touhsaent
Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Mary Anderson
Presider Rev. Jon Nelson
Tellers..... Tom & Sandy Peterkin and Sandy Croushore
Ushers..... (8:30) Bill Dichtel and George Martin
..... (11:00) Jim Weilmuenster and George Bass



Pastor Mary W. Anderson has been serving as a LCA/ELCA pastor for 42 years. A native of and current resident of Columbia, SC, she is still working full-time for the South Carolina Synod as one of its interim pastors. Now in her fifth interim setting, she is in her third year serving at Pilgrim Lutheran in Lexington, SC. She has served congregations during her career in both the SC Synod and the Metro Chicago Synod. Pastor Mary also served on the church-wide staff during its beginning years in the Commission for Women, and has served on the teaching staff at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, now in Hickory, NC. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia (now United Seminary) and a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching degree from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

She is the volunteer chaplain at Transitions, A Homeless Recovery Center in Columbia and a weekly mentor in reading to young elementary school students in under-performing schools. She produces regular content on her website, MyPocketPreacher.com, including the podcast "You're On Mute" that she co-hosts with her daughter, Pastor Elise Anderson of Abingdon, VA. Her daughter, Colleen, is a nurse in Hickory, NC with one of the homes operated by Lutheran Services Carolinas. Her husband, Frank, is pastor of her home church, St. Michael's Lutheran in Columbia. The whole family are now ELCA employees!

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(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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***Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate
or give it to an usher.***

September 28, 2025

Name: _____

For guests and members with changes:

Address (Home) _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Guests Only:

I belong to _____

Church Address _____

Please check as many as pertain:

_____ Member

_____ First time guest

_____ Regular guest

_____ Guest (out of town)

_____ Student at William & Mary

_____ Looking for a church home

_____ Desire to speak with pastor

_____ Would like more information about Stephen Ministry

Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

Prayer Requests

Please **add** to the prayer list in this month's bulletin and next month's *Quill*:

Name: _____

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

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_____ I/ We need a name tag _____ .

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