

## 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.

# 18th Sunday after Pentecost September 29, 2024

#### For Your Prayers -Sept 30-Oct 6, 2024

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

Monday: Zechariah 6:9-15 1 Peter 1:3-9 Psalm 5

*Tuesday*: Zechariah 8:18-23 1 John 2:18-25 Psalm 5

*Wednesday*: Zechariah 10:1-12 Matthew 18:6-9 Psalm 5 *Thursday*: Genesis 20:1-18 Galatians 3:23-29 Psalm 8

*Friday* Genesis 21:22-34 Romans 8:1-11 Psalm 8 *Saturday*: Genesis 23:1-20 Luke 16:14-18 Psalm 8

Next Sunday's Lessons Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

<u>Join your prayers for healing</u> with God's desires for Karen Bailey, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Bob Cummings, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, Helen Nelsen and Jim Nickols.

<u>Pray for those unable to come to worship</u>: Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Pat Janot, Marilyn Johnson, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.

<u>Hold in prayer</u> the family of Lou Byers, especially his daughter Barb Younk as they morn his death.

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Bob Alt, Charles Baugh, Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, Eleftheria Beck, Sally Blackburn, June Brantley, Sharon Brown, Linda Bonfiglio, Mary Bloom, Amy Carl, Karin Cavanaugh, Amaree Cluff, Ruth Ann Coski, Judy Craun, Sophia Czajkowski, Judy Drezek, Darrin and Rosemary Dunn, Mark Flatin, Tanya Friz, David Gade, Joel Gillespie, Greg Gildner, Joan and John Goodhart, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Lisa Hill, Jaxon Ireland, Claudia Jacobik, The Jacobs Family, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Chantal Lacroix, Marnah Lund, Trish and Sara and Matthew Macerelli, Keara Mahony, Laura Margolin, Jack Mayfield, Doug MacKenzie, The Keith Meins family, Liz Montalvo, Ed Moninger, Mya Moore, Kim Morris, Bob Myers, Silvana Oderisi, Denise Ogborn, Lori Ogborn, Coral Pumley, Kurtis Schultz, Lou Schuster, Inge Seiter, Sue Sena, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, Brenda Webster, Caleb Winig and Elaine Wrich.

## 19th Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### Welcome

Centering Music How Shall I Sing That Majesty Daniel Schwandt

#### **Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we

We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

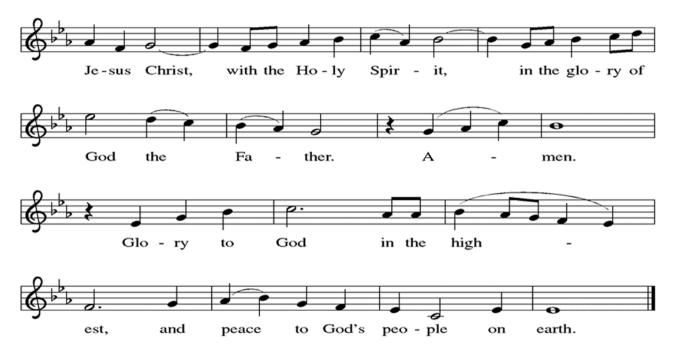
Amen.

**Gathering Hymn** How Shall I Sing That Majesty

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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**

Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever. **Amen.** 

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

#### First Reading

**Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3** 

Daniel trembles in the presence of an angel. That angel tells the prophet about the good and terrible future when the dead will be resurrected and the archangel Michael will usher in the deliverance of the nation.

<sup>10</sup>A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>He said to me, "Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you." So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup>He said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup>But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, <sup>14</sup>and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days. <sup>12:1</sup>"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and

everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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

<u>Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22</u>



<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, <sup>|</sup> O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

<sup>3</sup>who forgives | all your sins and heals all | your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life | from the grave and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires | with good things so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

<sup>20</sup>Bless the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who | do God's bidding, who obey the voice | of God's word. *Refrain* 

<sup>21</sup>Bless the LORD, all you hosts of God, you servants who do God's will.

<sup>22</sup>Bless the LORD, all you works of God, in all places | where God rules; bless the LORD, | O my soul. *Refrain* 

Second Reading Revelation 12:7-12

Armed with the power of God, Michael and the angels of God fight those armed with the power of evil, the devil and the devil's angels. The "blood of the Lamb," our crucified Lord Jesus, gives Michael the power to force the devil from a place in heaven.

<sup>7</sup>War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

<sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

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**Gospel Acclamation** 



Bless the | Lord, you angels,\* you mighty ones who | do God's bidding. (Ps. 103:20)

**Gospel Luke 10:17-20** 

The missionary church ("the seventy-two") is given magnificent power. Greater than this gift of power over the enemy, however, is the gift of salvation: their names are written in heaven.

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

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

Sermon

Kristin Berkey-Abbott

Silence for prayer and reflection.

**Hymn of the Day** 

Let All mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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**Prayers** 

Each petition concludes, "Hear us, O God." Response: "Your mercy is great."

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

#### **Offering**

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** 

Chatter with the Angels
Women's Retreat Choir

Lana Walter

#### **Offertory Prayer**

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.** 

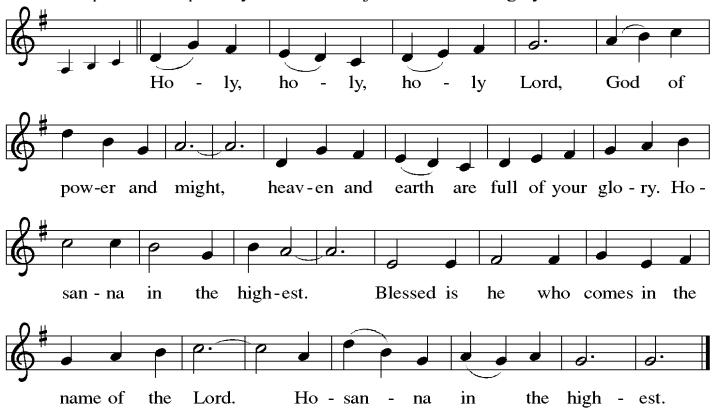
#### The Great Thanksgiving

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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### **Words of Institution**

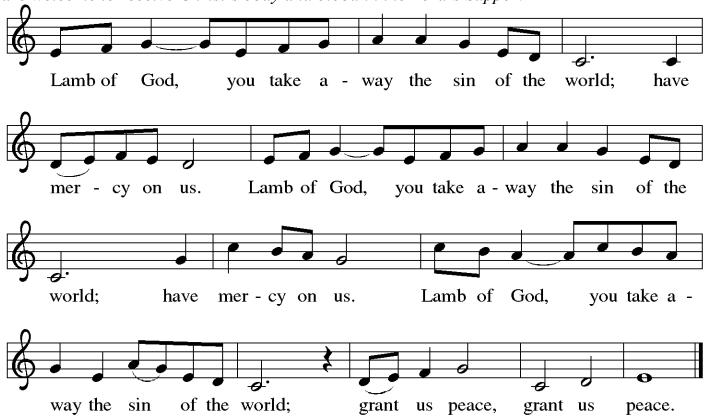
#### The Lord's Prayer

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. St. Stephen is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, so all are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper.



**Communion Music** 

Angels Watching Over Me

Ruth Elain Schram

Duet: Christina Nelson and Terri Larsen

**Communion Hymn** 

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

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#### **Table Blessing**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.** 

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

**Sending Hymn** 

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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**Blessing** 

God all mighty,
God most merciful

+ bless you, keep you,

and give you peace. Amen.

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones Organ/Piano Duet - Ina Berkey and Karen Ives Lloyd Larson

A Special Thank you to Kristin Berkey-Abbott, who as a recipient of the Ballentine Scholarship, has been earning a Masters of Divinity Degree with an emphasis on Theology and the Arts. She should graduate from Wesley Theological Seminary in May of 2025 and will continue to work towards ordination. She has taught college level English classes for many years. You may have seen her writing in Gather magazine and other Lutheran publications.

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## How Shall I Sing that Majesty



## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



- 1 Let all mor tal flesh keep si lence, and with fear and trem bling stand;
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar-y, as of old on earth he stood,
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en spreads its van-guard on the way;
- 4 At his feet the six winged ser aph, cher u bim with sleep less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realm veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease

with bless - ing in his hand the bod - y and the blood, the realms of end - less day, with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de-scend - ing comes full hom-age to de - mand. he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly food. comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark-ness clears a - way. "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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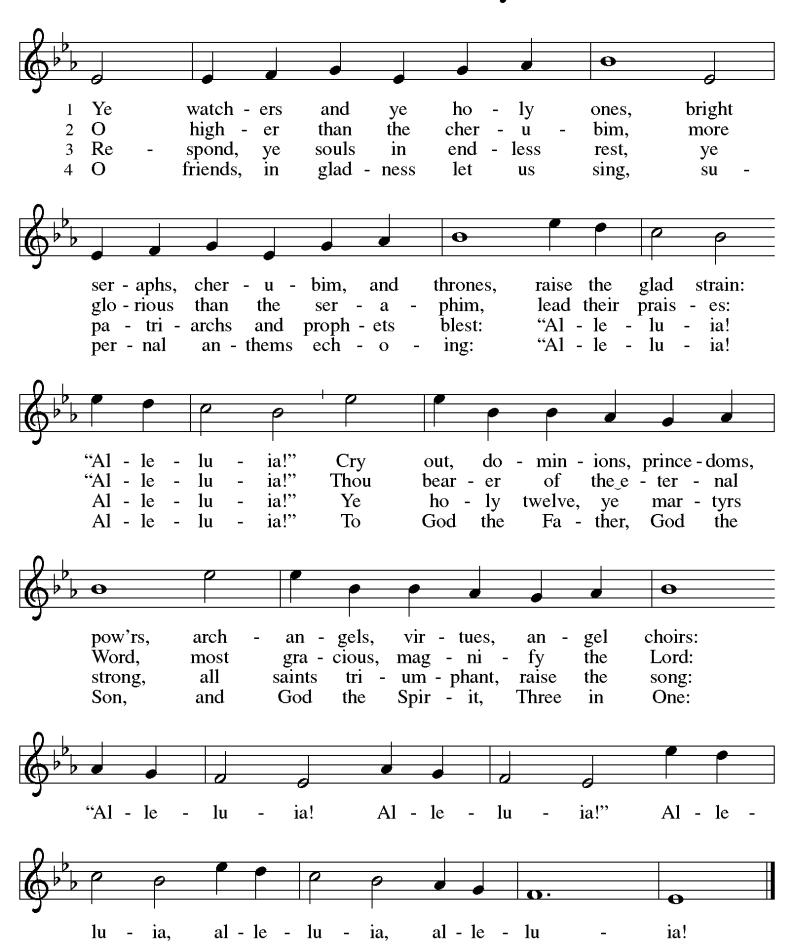
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The Feast Is Ready



## Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



#### 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.

<u>Health Update</u>: 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**

<u>Flowers this morning</u> are given by Stan & Soni York in honor of our wedding anniversary.

#### YOU'VE GOT TALENT!

Serving with other members of the congregation is a great way to meet new people and deepen our sense of community. Today come to the Gathering Space to learn more and join in a few more ways to build relationships and share our love and support with each other.

**Theologian in Residence**- this group has brought many interesting and learned experts to share their insights with us over a weekend. They can use extra help to organize the weekend events.

**Flower delivery**- Each Sunday the flowers from the service are sent out to someone who might enjoy a little cheer. Do you have the time to occasionally take a turn to deliver the flowers and bring a little joy?

**Caring Cooks**-Do you like to cook? This group of volunteers provides meals for members during times of need. It could be after a new baby or a surgery, anytime a meal or two would lift a burden.

**Parish Life**-This group provides receptions for our celebrations and comfort at times of funerals. Volunteers help with decorating, cooking and baking, setting up, serving and clean up here at church.



#### **Upcoming**

<u>Pastor Jon</u> will be at the Gathering of the Ministerium **Monday September 30th-Wednesday October 2**<sup>nd</sup>. If you are in need of Pastoral care, please contact Rev. Harvey Nelson

<u>Blessing of Pets.</u> On Saturday, October 5, St. Stephen will hold a Blessing of the Animals at 10:00 AM on the forecourt of our building. October 4 is the feast of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment. This will be a brief service of songs, prayer, and blessing. Bring your family pet (or a picture) for a blessing!!

<u>Adopt-A-Student Program:</u> We encourage St. Stephen members to become family away from home for our new students to share meals and conversation! If interested, please sign up on the bulletin sign-up sheet with your name and contact information. Interested students may sign up on the bulletin sign-up sheet as well, with your name and campus email address. Questions, contact Nancy Egloff (<a href="mailto:knegloff@verizon.net">knegloff@verizon.net</a>).

<u>LSA Sunday Dinners</u>. 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.

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

- Tuesday, October 1 Women are invited to join together for breakfast
- Thursday, October 3 Men are invited to join together for breakfast

**Board Game Night.** We will be having a board game night **Saturday, October 5 at 5:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite board/card game and a dish to share. Water, Lemonade, and paper products will be provided.

New Member Welcome. We have welcomed several new members over the last months, but have not yet had an official welcome for them! We are looking to have a new member class and an official welcome lunch sometime in October or November. If you have been considering joining St. Stephen and would like more information about that process, please contact Pastor Jon.

#### St. Stephen Calendar –Sept 29-Oct 06, 2024

Our worship service is available on our website <u>www.saintstephenlutheran.net</u>, click on "Worship with Us" and "Services."

#### **SUNDAY**, September 29 ~ 19th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion (live-streamed on our YouTube channel)

9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

9:50 AM Faith Formation: Craft (Preschool Room)

11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion

6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College Room)

#### MONDAY, September 30

1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)

#### **TUESDAY**, October 1

8:00AM Women's Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Office)

#### WEDNESDAY, October 2

9:00 AM Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

#### THURSDAY, October 3

8:00AM Men's Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)

12:00 PM Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)

5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Worship Space)

#### FRIDAY, October 4

#### SATURDAY, October 5

#### 10:00 AM Blessing of the Animals (Forecourt)

5:30 PM Board Game Night (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

5:30 PM Al-ANON Family Meeting (Gathering space)

#### SUNDAY, October 6 ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost

#### 8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion (live-streamed on our YouTube channel)

9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

9:50 AM Catechism Course (Fellowship Hall)

9:50 AM Faith Formation: Lesson (Preschool Room)

#### 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) Nancy Egloff
	(8:30) Beth & Steve Grant (11:00) Charles Osborn
Bread Baker	Janice Mayfield
Cantors	(8:30 Christina Nelson (11:00) Christina Nelson
	(8:30) Chris & Randy Punchard)
	(11:00) Lori Harms and David Nelson
Flower Delivery	Carol Wiers
Greeters/Hosts	(8:30) J.R. & Diana Lyons (11:00) Susan Kauffman
Lectors	(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00) Christina Nelson
Preacher	Kristin Berkey-Abbott
Presider	Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers	
Ushers(8:30) John McCurry an	d Tom Witt (11:00) Russ Dabel and Jim Weilmuenster

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(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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# Welcome to St. Stephen Lutheran Church! Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

September 29, 2024

Name:
For guests and members with changes:
Address (Home)
City/StateZip
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
Would like a Stephen Minister to contact me
Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

# **Prayer Requests**

Name:	
Please <b>remove</b> from prayer concerns:	
Name:	
I/We need a name tag:	
I/We need a name tag:	
I/We need a name tag:  I/We would like to Adopt a student	