



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

One of 12,000 Stephen Ministry Congregations Around the World

11th Sunday After Pentecost

August 8, 2021

For Your Prayer – August 8-15, 2021

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: 2 Samuel 13:23-39; Acts 20:17-38; Mark 9:42-50

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 14:1-20; Acts 21:1-14; Mark 10:1-16

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 14:21-33; Acts 21:15-26; Mark 10:17-31

Thursday: 2 Samuel 15:1-18; Acts 21:27-36; Mark 10:32-45

Friday: 2 Samuel 15:19-37; Acts 21:37—22:16; Mark 10:46-52

Saturday: 2 Samuel 16:1-23; Acts 22:17-29; Mark 11:1-11

Next Sunday's Worship Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:5—5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Kristin Carter, Martha Clements, Steve Grant, Evelyn Kernan, Julie Meeks, Don Nelson, Karen Nester, and Linda Reuben.**

God has blessed **Roberta and Dave Sulouff** with the birth of their son, **Sebastian Joseph Sulouff!**

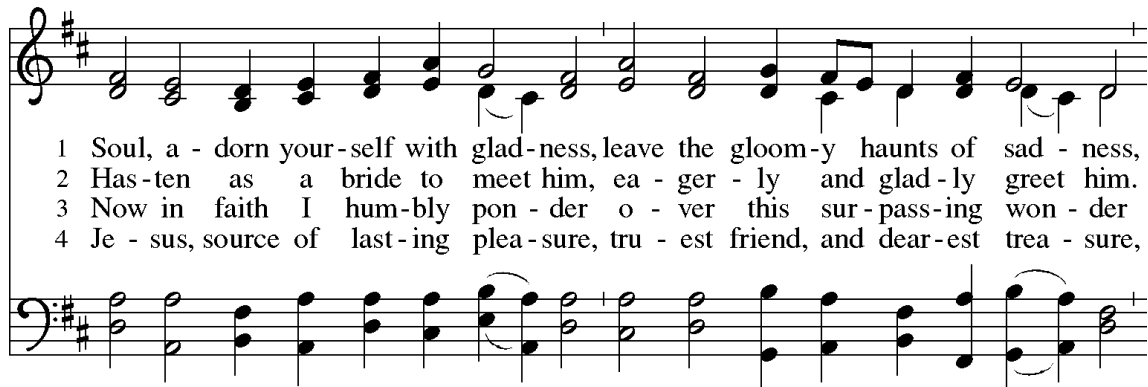
God has blessed **Pat Fretz** with 90 years of life today! Wish her a blessed birthday! **Pat Drubel** turns 90 on Wednesday, August 11 – send her a card!

Pray God's peace and comfort to **Martha Clements** and her family on the death of her husband, **Gene Clements**; and to **John Harms** and his family on the death of his wife, **Bobbie Harms.**

Pray for those unable to come to worship: **Doris Bass, Joyce Behlendorf, Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, Bob and Angie Groom, Jack Harris, Chuck and Ginny Hilbinger, Jeanne Nelson, Joanne Shue, Darlene Simon, and Jerry Trone.**

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Gary Abrams, Bob Alt, Mary Ann Arnold, Jane Ayers, Tina Baum, Gary Baumgarten, Rose Baumgarten, Susan Behrens, Eliza Bicknell, Julie Boardman, Maria Calderon, Marla Canny, Lane Clark, Erica Collins, John Croushore, Graham Darnell, Kathryn Dieter, Bill DiGiacomo, Judy Drezek, Marian Fenstermaker, Mary Fitzgerald, Bruce and Kay Flatin, Betty Frazee, Carole Gilman, Andrea Gonzalez, Ted Harms, Andy Havola, Frank Hayes, Dorothea Heath, Sharon Hegland, Crystal Isaac, Megan Kaminski, Sandy Kellogg, Chris Kinney, John Knestrick, Richard Kochanski, Rebecca Krueger, Derek Krull, Jordan Lee, Margaret Lewis, Jackie Locke, Keith Margrey, Patrick and Kristin McGraw, Harriett Meeks, Lisa Berg Melciouri, Judy Murphy, Dorothy Myers, Danielle Parrish, Sue Plevelich, Tony Poplin, Anna Recktenwald, Kurt Recktenwald, Jenny Rice, Edith Roberts, Shann Rufer, Marion Seidl, Inge Seiter, David Shoberg, Patricia Simpson, Mike Slyer, James Smith, Sharon Smith, Vasili Soutoukis, Evelyn Spear, Chad Strausbaugh, Ed Tiller, Andy Williams, Carolyn Williams, Terry Wilson, and Aaron Zabell.

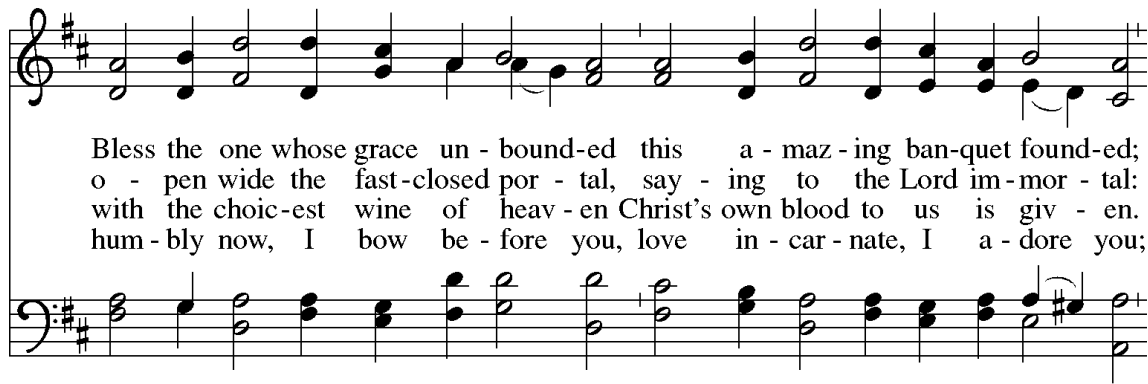
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness




1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

After the contest between the great prophet Elijah and the prophets of Baal, the humiliated queen, Jezebel, promises to kill Elijah. (Read 1 Kings 18 for the story!) In this morning's reading, Elijah is fleeing from Jezebel, utterly exhausted, in despair. How does God provide nourishment?

⁴Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

Psalmody

Psalm 34:1-8

- ¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ²**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**
- ³O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴**I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**
- ⁵Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶**This poor soul cried, and was heard by the ,
and was saved from every trouble.**
- ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- ⁸**O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

Earlier in chapter six, Jesus fed more than 5,000 people in the wilderness. Now Jesus teaches the true significance of this remarkable sign.

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

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Sermon

More than We Can Handle

Pastor Cheryl Ann Griffin

The Hymn of the Day will be announced in a few moments. First, please take time during the silence: What are your prayers in response to the sermon?

Hymn of the Day

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Hymn 658

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Prayers

Each petition concludes, "Lord in your mercy." Response: "**Hear our prayer.**"

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 *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* Sett. Donald Busarow

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

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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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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**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.**

The Communion

When receiving Communion, please stand 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.

As We Gather

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.com)
- When parents and children need to take a break for a few minutes, there's a play area with toys and books in the room right beneath 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.
- **Rest rooms** are accessible through the door in the wing to the left of the altar.
- **If someone should need emergency medical assistance**, CPR supplies, and a first aid kit are located in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall.

What's Happening Today

Flowers are given to the Glory of God by **Margaret Krull** in memory of her parents, Bob and Evelyn Weaver.

Walk and Talk with Pastor Jon! Meet him today at **7:00 PM** at the Freedom Park Interpretive Center on Centerville Road.

Memorial Service for **Gene Clements** will be today at 3:00 PM.

Upcoming

Blood Pressure Screening. Parish Nurse, Diana Tiller Dichtel will be on hand to take blood pressures in the Health Ministry Office (Across from the Kitchen) this morning between the worship services.

Would you like to try ringing our handbells? Next Sunday, August 15 from **3:00 - 4:30 PM**, **Karen Ives** will offer a "handbell retreat" for ringers of all ages and all abilities: new ringers, ringers who want to try them out, ringers who have played before but need a refresher course, ringers who want to join the handbell choir or stay in the handbell choir and need a refresher course, ringers that are families - parent/child or grandparent/grandchild, etc. No auditions required but a sense of humor is a must! We have 48 bells - plenty to go around. Please mark the green sheet if you are interested in participating.

Walk with me! Talk, Too! Join **Pastor Jon** on **Sunday, August 15 at 7:00 PM** for an hour of walking and talking! We will meet St. Stephen and walk around the William and Mary Campus. Come join us!

CPR and First Aid. Parish Nurse, Diana Tiller-Dichtel is working on having a CPR/First Aid class in September. If you are interested, please sign up on the green sheet so we can make sure everyone is included. The date and time will be announced soon. If you only want CPR, please mark the sheet accordingly.

Breakfasts for Women and Men to build and deepen relationships – will return in September! We will gather at the Colonial Pancake House, at the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road.

- Men will meet on the first Thursday – **September 2**;
- Women will meet on the first Tuesday – **September 7**.

Items of Note

Help Needed Our pews and chairs in the Sanctuary need some repair and a fresh coat of paint – are you able to help? Supplies will be provided. Are you available during **August 15 through August 28**? Please mark the green sheet if you are available help!

“Jesus said to them, **“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”** (John 6:35) For the next several Sundays we will be hearing about Jesus being the bread of life. With that in mind, the Social Ministry Coordinating Committee invites you to bring in **non-perishable food items** for the [House of Mercy emergency pantry](#) during the next three Sundays. Monetary donations are welcome too! Place your contributions in the designated bin in the Gathering Space.

For example:

Foods: hot & cold cereal, rice, mashed potatoes, protein drinks, canned vegetables, canned/plastic spaghetti sauce, pasta, granola bars, Ramen, tuna, canned chicken, soups and stews, spam, peanut butter, plastic jelly, canned fruits, cookies, crackers, etc.

Toiletries: toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, disposable razors, shaving cream deodorant, hand sanitizer, lotion, shampoo and conditioner, soap, etc.

St. Stephen Calendar – August 8-15, 2021

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

SUNDAY, August 8

8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion

8:30 AM Worship is Livestream on YouTube Live;

Recording available in the afternoon on YouTube

11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion

3:00 PM Funeral Service for Gene Clements

7:00 PM Walk & Talk with Pastor Jon (Freedom Park Interpretive Center)

MONDAY, August 9 ~ Our Busy Town Preschool Summer Camp

12:15 PM Noontime Prayer (Worship Space)

7:00 PM *Transitions* Book Study (Fellowship Hall and via Zoom)

TUESDAY, August 10

12:15 PM Noontime Prayer (Worship Space)

WEDNESDAY, August 11

12:15 PM Noontime Prayer (Worship Space)

12:30 PM Staff Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

7:00 PM Compline via Zoom

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, August 12

12:15 PM Noontime Prayer (Worship Space)

1:30 PM *Transitions* Book Study (Fellowship Hall and via Zoom)

2:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

FRIDAY, August 13

From His Hands Motel Ministry to the Homeless (Team John)

SATURDAY, August 14

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, August 15

8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion

8:30 AM Worship is Livestream on YouTube Live;

Recording available in the afternoon on YouTube

11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion

9:30 AM Blood Pressure Check (Health Ministry Office)

3:00 PM Handbell Retreat (Worship Space)

7:00 PM Walk & Talk with Pastor Jon (St. Stephen)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer..... (8:30) Bethany Brisson (11:00) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Altar Guild (8:30) Rita Kristiansen & Martha Reier
.....(11:00) Nancy Egloff & Ingrid Brown
Bread Baker..... Heidi Flatin
Communion Assistants(8:30) Sandy Peterkin & Theo Bergh
..... (11:00) George Bass & Sandy Croushore
Flower Delivery Nelia Lamoureux
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) Helen Allen (11:00)
Lectors..... (8:30) Reed Nester (11:00) Marj Gottschalk-Trone
Audio & Livestreaming (8:30) Paul Reier (11:00) Doug Moore
Tellers..... Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher, Kelly Horst
Ushers.....(8:30) David Allen & John McCurry (11:00) Glenn Joppa

Health Ministry

Why we are wearing masks again?

Thank you!!! From every part of my being, thank you for wearing your mask to church. Why are we wearing masks again? I have been asked this question lately.

There are a number of factors involved in this decision (request from the Parish Nurse). The Delta variant of COVID-19 is a much more prolific version of COVID-19. It has learned to infect people who have had the vaccine and also how to make them able to spread the infection to others.

That is a new and different trick from the other variants that came around before Delta. It is worse for those who have not been vaccinated, either because of age, medical condition or choice. Wearing a mask has proven to be effective against getting or transmitting the virus to others. The recommendation is specifically for those who live in areas with substantial or high for transmission rates. The data tracker from the CDC has James City County and Williamsburg listed as substantial and York County count as high for transmission.

We are happy to be back in church and seeing our friends. We are wearing our masks to protect ourselves and each other.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Parish Nurse

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**We gather to worship and study God's Word to deepen our faith and live our
Christian witness and service in the community.**

(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

Pastor Cheryl Ann Griffin (876-6371)

Pastor Jon Nelson (320-295-8861)

Karen Ives – Director of Music (828-242-1133)

Sandy Peterkin – Parish and Preschool Administrator (229-6688)

Diana Tiller-Dichtel – Parish Nurse (232-5924)

Susan Berry-Ruane – Preschool Lead Teacher (229-6688)

Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (873-2273; counselors are in Williamsburg on Thursdays)

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Welcome to St. Stephen Lutheran Church!

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

August 8, 2021

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

____ Would like the Parish Nurse to contact me

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:

Name: _____

_____ I/We can help with **painting** the pews and chairs between Sunday, August 15 – Saturday, August 28.

Days/Times available _____

_____ I/We can help with **repairing** the pews and chairs between Sunday, August 15 – Saturday, August 28.

Days/Times available _____

_____ I/We will come to the **Handbell Retreat!**

_____ I/We can help with **Parish Life Events** – such as funeral receptions and between services events. call me!

_____ I/We are interested in taking **CPR**_____ and/or **First Aid** _____.