



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.

Aug 23, 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost

For Your Prayers - August 24-30, 2026

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – Aug 24: 1 Samuel 7:3-13 Romans 2:1-11 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32

Tue – Aug 25: Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39 Romans 11:33-36 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32

Wed – Aug 26: Isaiah 28:14-22 Matthew 26:6-13 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32

Thu – Aug 27: Jeremiah 14:13-18 Ephesians 5:1-6 Psalm 26:1-8

Fri – Aug 28: Jeremiah 15:1-92 Thessalonians 2:7-12 Psalm 26:1-8

Sat – Aug 29: Jeremiah 15:10-14 Matthew 8:14-17 Psalm 26:1-8

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8 (3) Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Kristin Carter, Ginny Cummings, Craig Eichfeld, Edith Haecker, Dave Hoyer, Jim Ivey, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Donna Kittelson, Terri Larsen, Carole Meyer and Charles Osborn.**

Pray for those unable to come to worship: **Ailene Bartlett, Ed Brown, Pat Janot, Marilyn Johnson, Jon Lund, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.**

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Bob Alt, Thomas Alt, Randy Altona, Phyllis Andrews, Sam Areheart, Philip Baker, Bob Bastian, Carol Baum, Robi Bayard, Lila Bradley, Carol Bergh, Mary Bloom, Doug Bolick, Robert Bunn, David Carr, John Coski, Amaree Cluff, Judy Craun, Ronnie Dodson, Pat D'Orazio, Dru Dowdy, Judy Drezek, Bob Friend, Danny Gass, Debbie Glenn, Joan Goodhart, Charee Hampton, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Bradley, Kim, Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Henry Hespenheide, Lisa Hill, Doris Hillenbrand, Bob Hirsch, Michelle Holdsworth, Jaxon Ireland, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, Jenn Kramer, Bob Loubach, Pat Layton, Marnah Lund, Doug MacKenzie, Keara Mahony, Trish Macerelli, Laura Margolin, Barry and Mabel Martin, Ellen Martin, Mabel Mater, Jackie Mazzone, Jimmy Mitchell, Carolyn MoneyMaker Marian Mongelli, Liz Montalvo, Chuckie Moore, Bob Myers, Jeanette Osborn, Rodger Osborn, Maricel Paulin, Dima Pavlenko, Lloyd Peppard, Coral Pumley, Scott Radley, Kurt Recktenwald, Paula Rega, Carol Sue Repass, Brian Ritter, Ruth Sandoval, Lou Schuster, Pamela Sharp, Kelsey Slay, Valerie Smith, Vasili Soultoukis, Laura Spencer, Charlie Stayton, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, Lara Templin, Lenorah Thomas, Karli Wallace Thompson, Betty Lou Tulloh, Elaine Wrich, Lynda Wright, and Bev Utrich.

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

Welcome

Centering Music

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Emma Lou Diemer

Call to Worship *(from enfleshed.com)*

Believers, Skeptics, Heretics, and Seekers

We gather together with questions and convictions

Tussling and wrestling with the mysteries of faith

The Spirit delights in our discernment of Wisdom

God has given us agency, creativity, and imagination

We are set free to pursue a multitude of truths

Let us discover what it is we believe

Opening Prayer *(from enfleshed.com)*

Mysterious One, we hope to hold with care the tensions of our traditions. Help us to honor the best of what we have inherited. And to release what conforms to harm and destruction. So few of us have felt the freedom to question what we are taught. So few of us have been encouraged to respect our own thoughts, intuition, or experiences. Bless our searching and our seeking that we may exercise our own muscles of faith. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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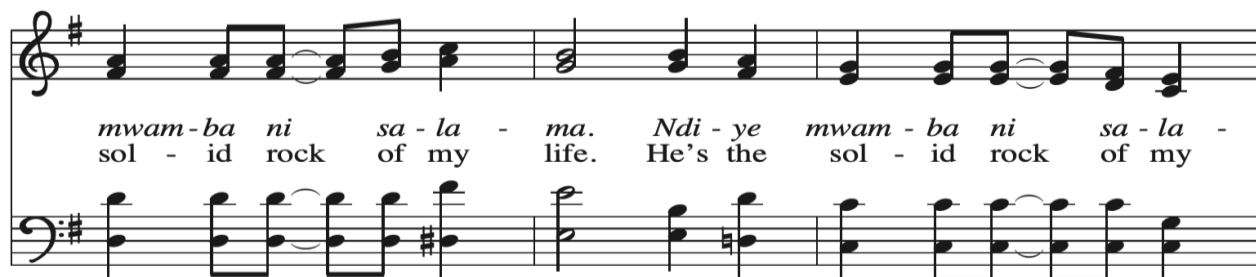
Greeting The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**

Hymn of Praise

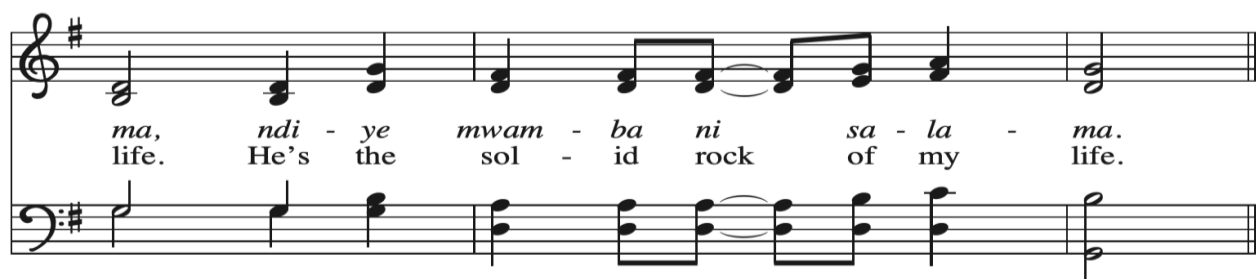
Refrain



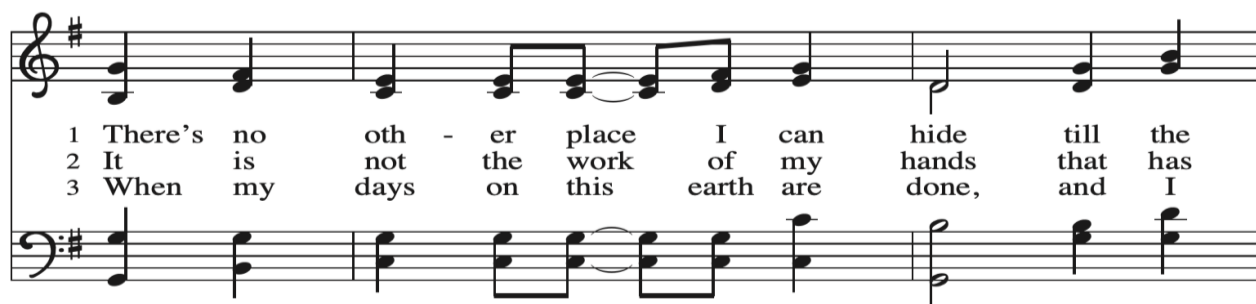
Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the



mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my



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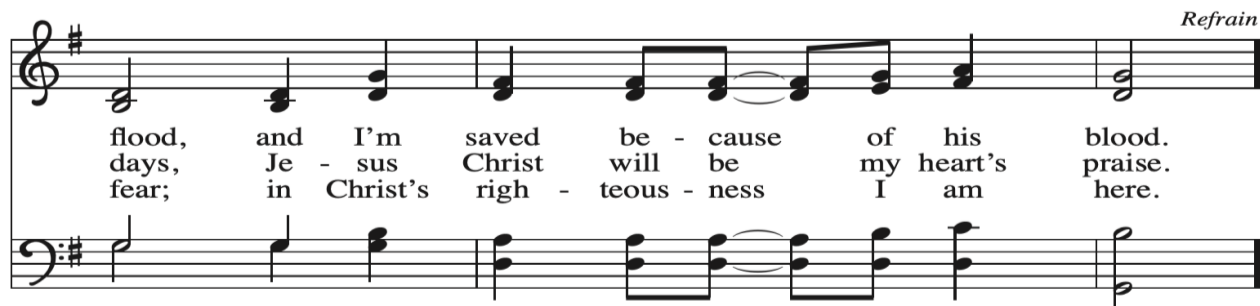


1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
2 It is not the work of my hands that has
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I



storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

Refrain



flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

Prayer of the Day

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

Psalm 138



¹ I

will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;**

for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹bove all things.

³ When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth. REFRAIN**

⁵ They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right ¹ hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your pur- ¹pose for me;**

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works ¹ of your hands. REFRAIN

Reading

Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

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

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Prayers

Each petition concludes: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

The greek word in the new testament for ‘church’ is *ekklesia*. It means ‘the assembly of the people.’ We come together to influence one another and to be influenced. To dream. To support. To hold. To advocate. May we, assembled in the company of God, bring our resources together for the co-creation of the world we hope to build.

Offering of Music:

How Firm a Foundation
Pop-Up Choir

Hal Hopson

Offertory Prayer

Holy One, for the many sources of wisdom you have surrounded us with, we give you thanks. May we embrace the whole collage of teachers through which you speak. Open us to the guidance of the land and its creatures. Teach us through our neighbors with stories unlike our own. Nurture our trust of our bodies as carriers of knowledge. That we may discover hidden aspects of you, each other, and our own intimate lives. **Amen.**

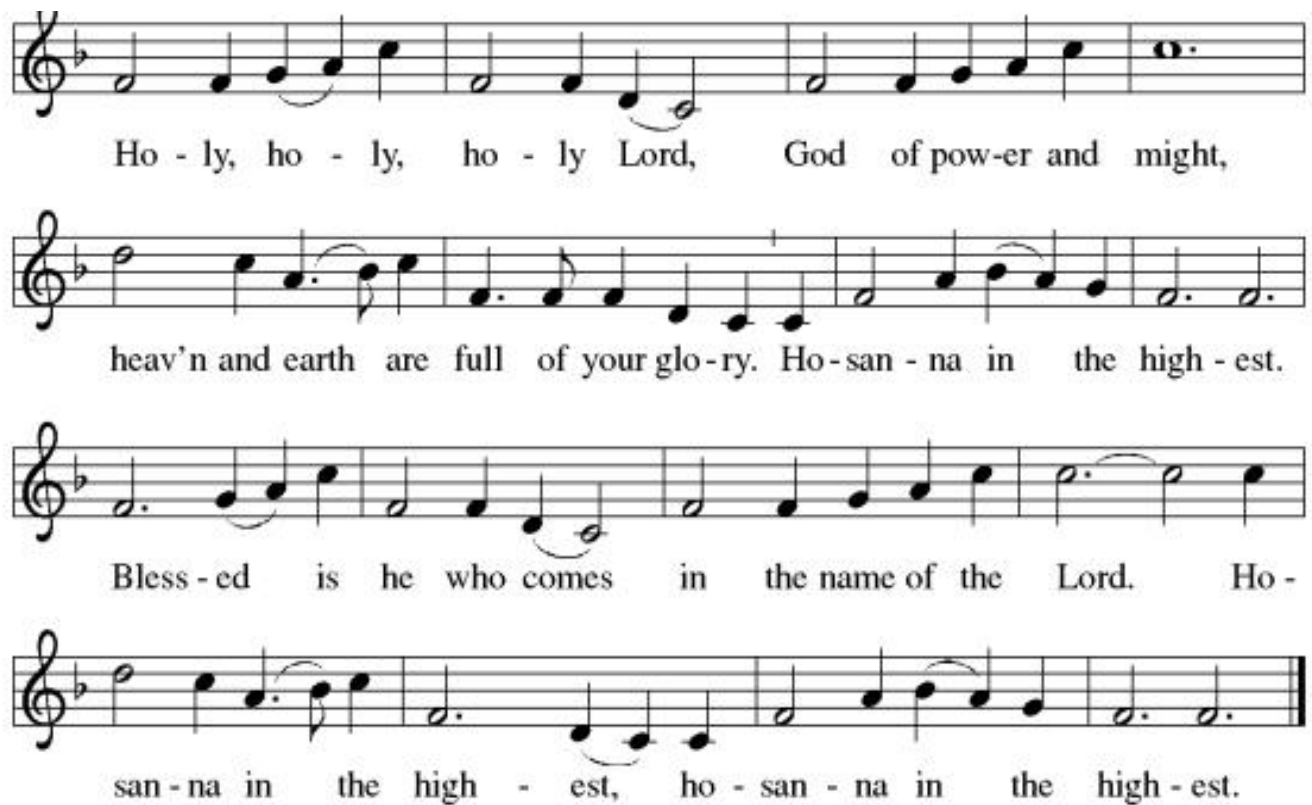
The Great Thanksgiving

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.*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Sending Hymn

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Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. Amen.

Dismissal

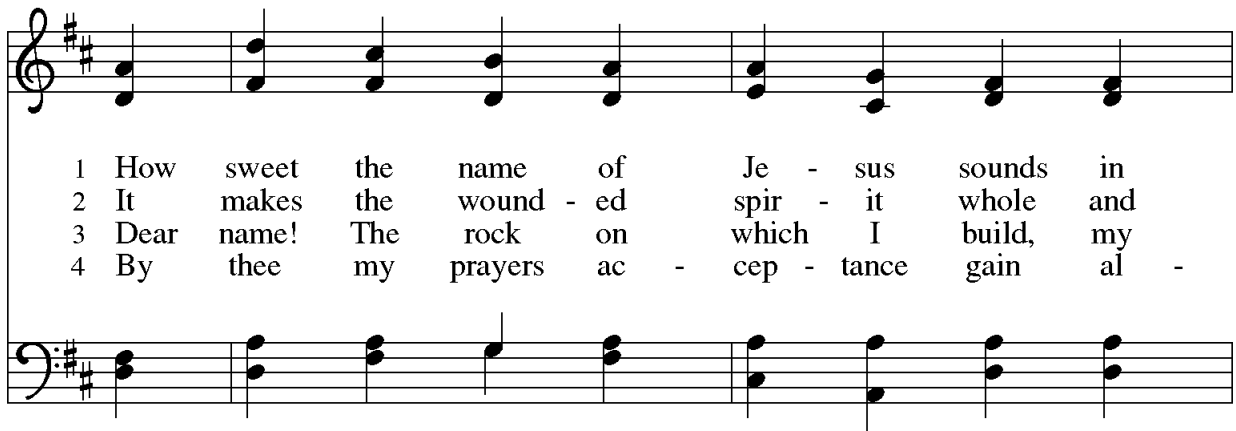
Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

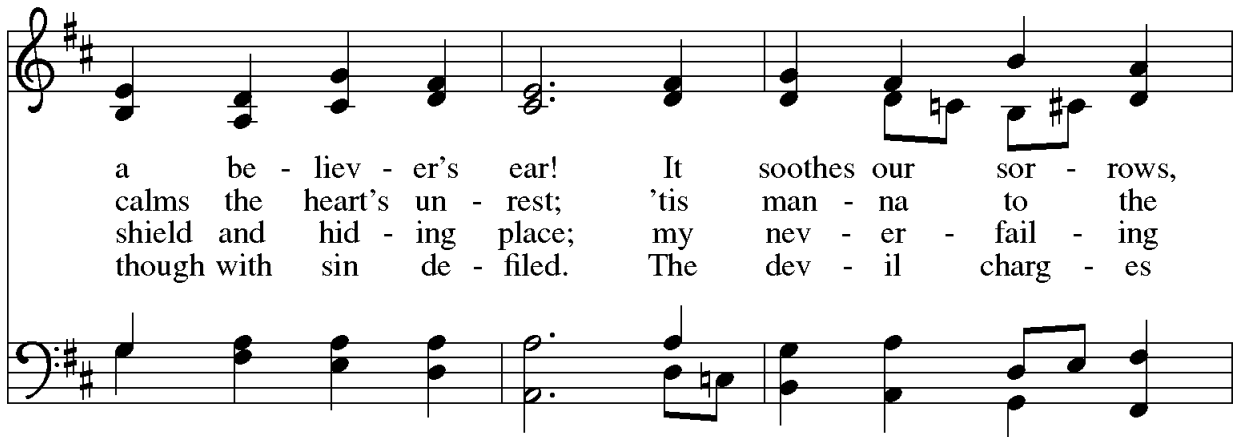
Built on a Rock

Aaron David Miller

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
 4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
 though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



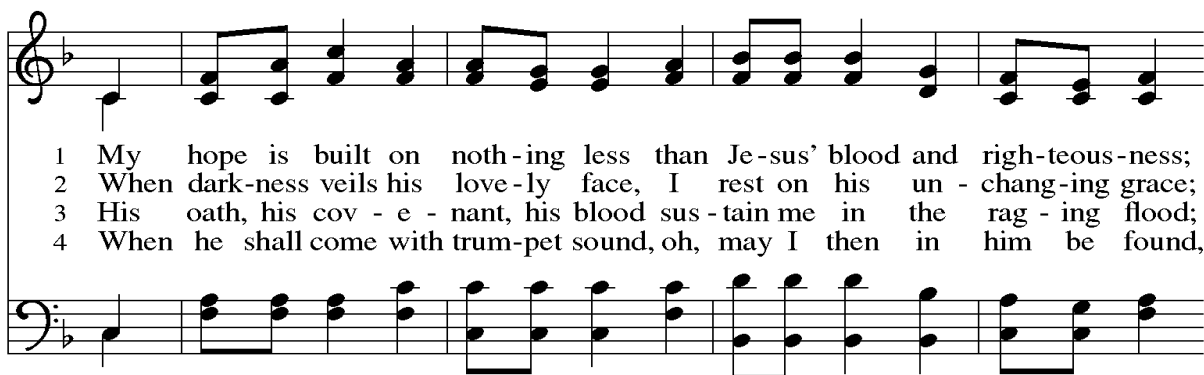
heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
 my prophet, priest, and king,
 my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
 accept the praise I bring.

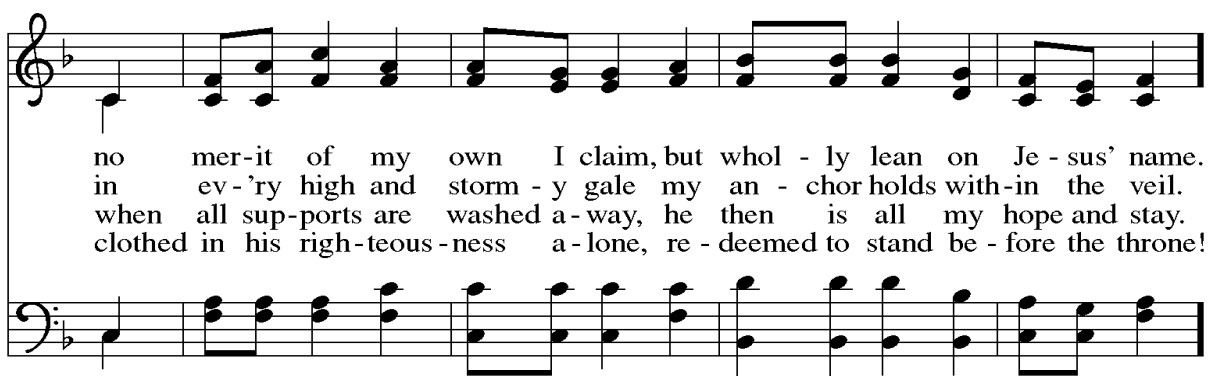
6 How weak the effort of my heart,
 how cold my warmest thought;
 but when I see thee as thou art,
 I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
 with every fleeting breath;
 and may the music of thy name
 refresh my soul in death!

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

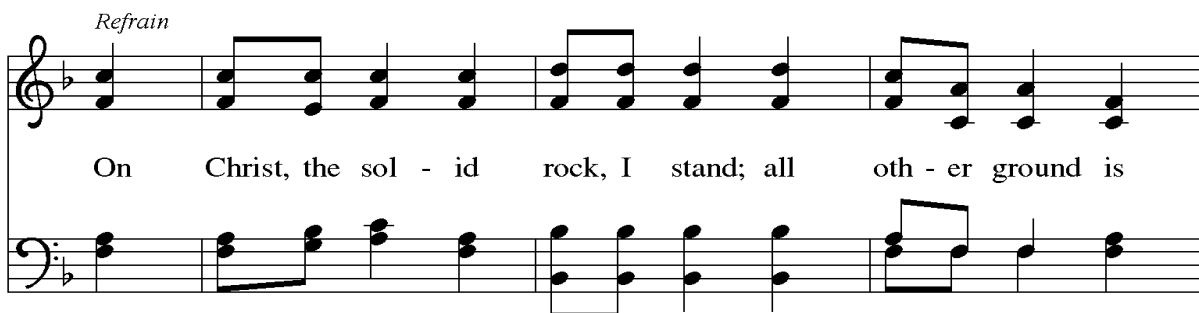


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

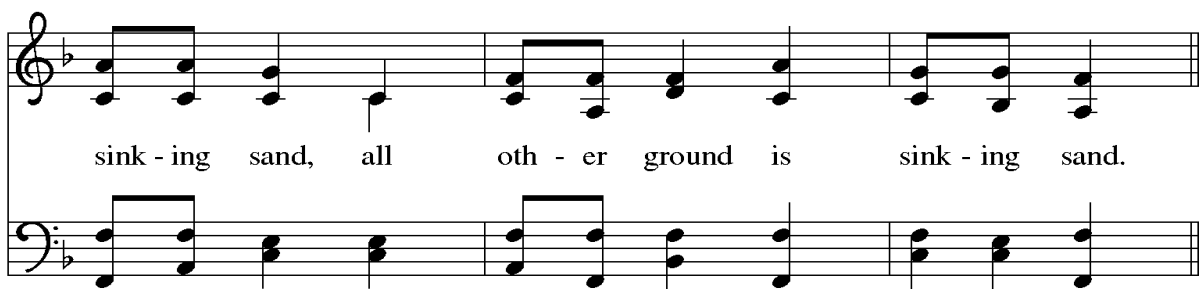


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

We Sing to You, O God

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1 We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us
2 We wan-dered far from home out in a des-ert
3 You bear us through the world, an ea-gle to its
4 O God, e-ter-nal God, we hide with-in your



birth, let our re-joic-ing sing your name in
land, you shield-ed with your love our fear-ful
young; you rise up on your wings and bear us
wings, the ev-er-last-ing arms to whom our



all the earth. To you, O God, let
pil - grim band. You kept us safe with -
toward the sun. We ride the vaults of
prais - es ring. Your word is true, your

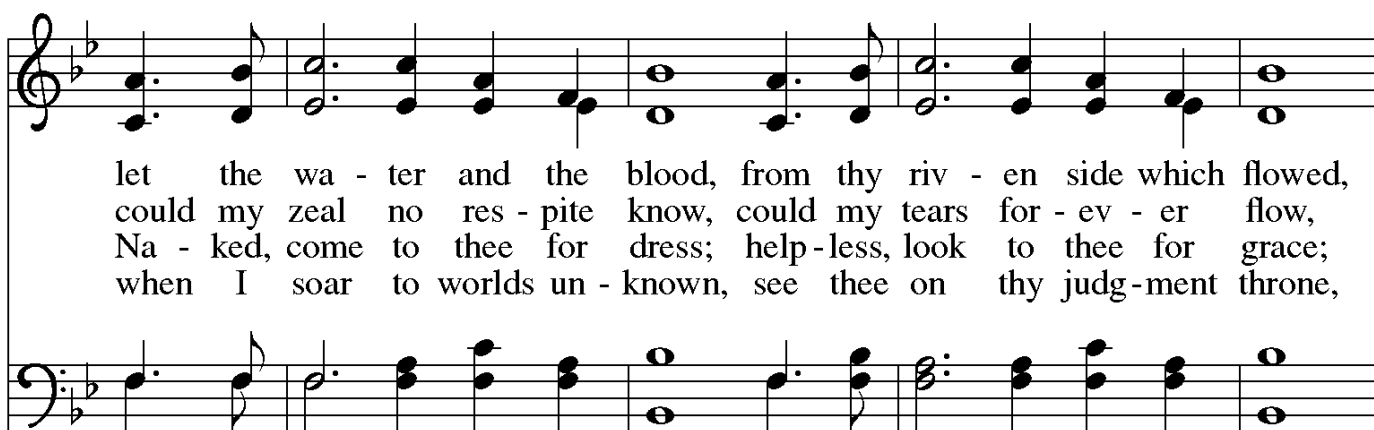


songs be raised, in joy-ful hymns, our feast of praise.
in your arms and shel-tered us a-gainst the storm.
light and air and trust in your un-fail-ing care.
way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

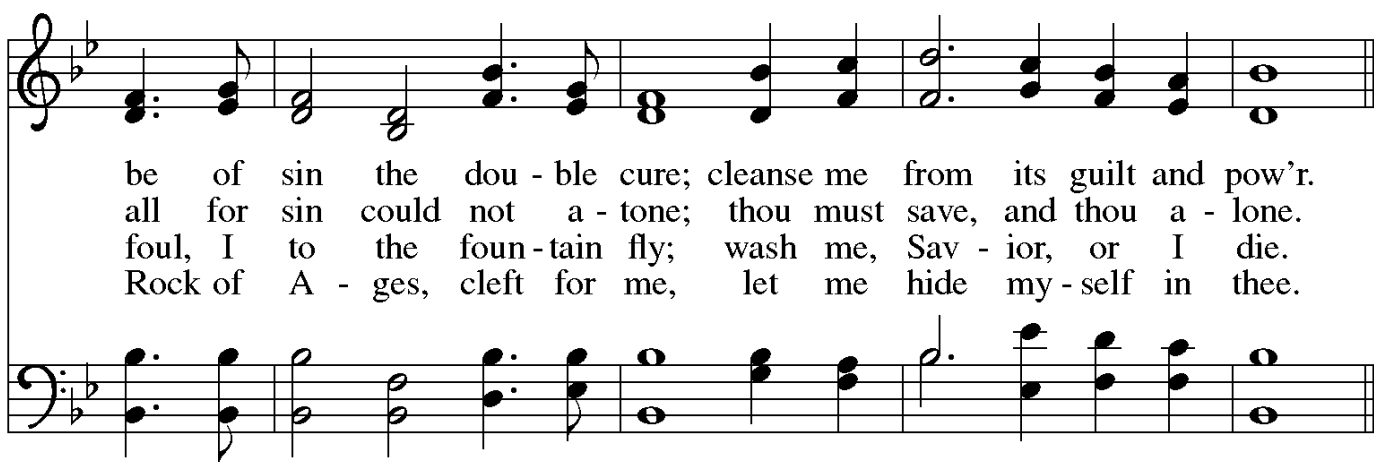
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

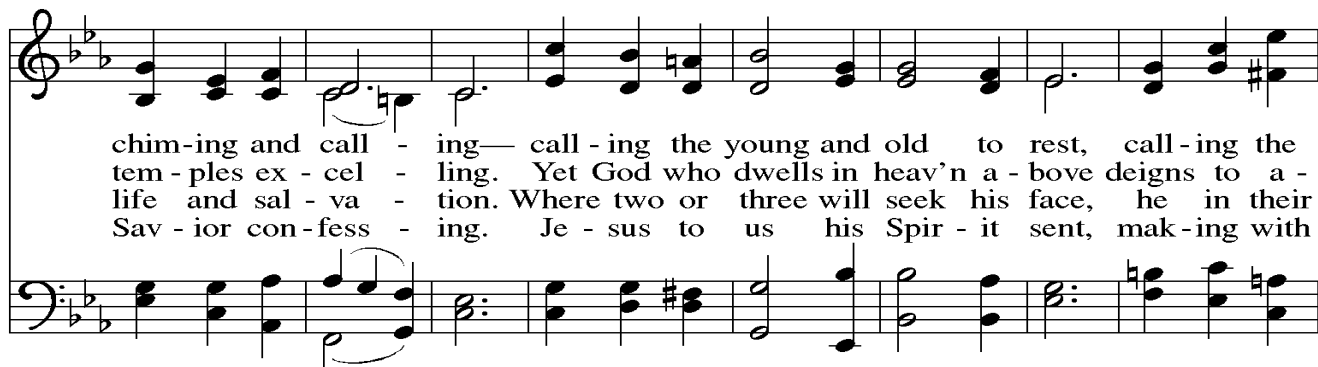
Built on a Rock



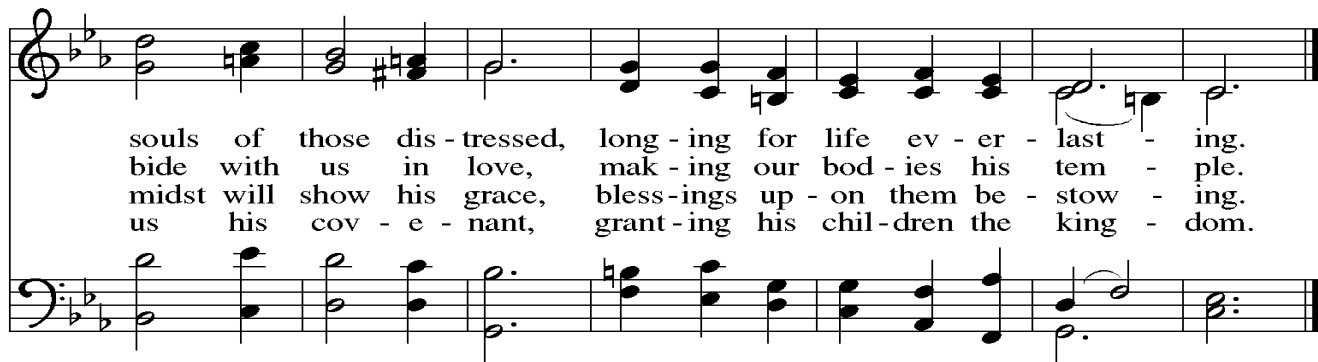
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,
 many may come to hear your Word,
 who here this promise is bringing:
 "I know my own, my own know me;
 you, not the world, my face shall see;
 my peace I leave with you. Amen."

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 or Facebook 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. Both services are live streamed.

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 "playground") with toys and books in the East wing of the Worship Space.
- ❖ Age-appropriate activity bags are available in the Gathering Space – ask an usher for assistance.

Assistance is Available for You:

- ❖ **An induction loop** is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T."
- ❖ **Large print** worship materials are available – ask an usher.

Health Update: We always encourage you to monitor yourself for symptoms of illness and to worship from home if you are experiencing any. We have masks and hand sanitizer available for use in our building should you require.

What's Happening Today

Flowers this morning are given by George Martin in celebration of George and Jen Martin's wedding anniversary.

Thank you to our Pop-Up Choir

Information & Upcoming

New Member Welcome: We will have a new member welcome at the end-of-summer church picnic on Sunday, September 6th, at Freedom Park. On Sunday August 30th we invite all new members/transfers for a class and lunch after service. If you are attending either event, please fill out the insert so that we can plan food for both activities.

Our Annual Handbell and Choir chimes Retreat is next **Sunday, August 30, 2pm-4pm**. Come join the fun and try out our Handbells and our Choir Chimes. No previous experience required. This is purely for fun, laughter, and a ringing-good-time! You are not expected to become a member of the St. Stephen Ringers (unless you become convinced you want to - hmmm?). Please sign the bulletin insert to let me know you're coming. This is ideal for rising 6th graders up to Octogenarians, for families, and for you!

Dining Small Groups Are Back After a Break: Sign Up Now For The Next Round Consisting of about 7-9 people, each dining group will set its own "approach" for meals, such as: dinner out, brunch or lunch at a group member's house, potluck after Sunday worship, take-out, picnic, etc. Do whatever works best for the group! Each group is asked to meet three times between late September and the end of January. Of course you are free to meet more often if that works for your group. Sign up on the bulletin insert or call the church office; the **deadline to sign up is Sept. 20**. Contact Alison Carney or Diane McCurry with questions.

Preschool Summer Carnival August 29th 11am-2PM. **We're collecting raffle baskets, gift cards, and donated items(must be new)** for our Preschool Scholarship Fund fundraiser. Every donation helps provide preschool opportunities for children in our community. Thank you for your generosity and support. Please drop off items no later than **Monday Aug 24th** to the church

Have you missed out on the Summer Film Series because of the day/time? If so, please write down a better day of the week and time on the insert.

"Celebrating Ordinary" Fall Women's Workshop: Registration Coming in September The St. Stephen Fall Women's Workshop, "Celebrating Ordinary," is being planned as a one-day event at St. Stephen on Saturday, November 7, with a Friday evening social the evening before, November 6. The Saturday workshop sessions will have spiritual themes and highlight relevancies to women's daily lives. The planning team is creating breakout sessions now - let Sandy Johnson know if you are interested in helping with a breakout session! Registration is coming in September, with details on the workshop. Thanks to Sandy Johnson and the planning team for their preparations. Come and bring a friend for the day Saturday, or Friday evening, or better yet - both! (Note: This annual St. Stephen women's event was formerly known as the Fall Women's Retreat; the planning team has renamed it the Fall Women's Workshop to better reflect its format.)

St. Stephen Calendar: Aug 23-30, 2026

SUNDAY, Aug 23~ 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

9:15 AM Pop Up Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

9:45 AM Worship – Communion (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)

MONDAY, Aug 24

4:30PM Stephen Ministry (Library/Conference room)

TUESDAY, Aug 25

1:00 PM Preschool Teachers Installation (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, Aug 26

8:55 AM Yoga (Gathering space)

9-12:00 Preschool Open House

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 PM AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, Aug 27

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FRIDAY, Aug 28

SATURDAY, Aug 29

11AM-2PM Preschool Carnival (Driveway)

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

5:30 PM Al-Anon (Gathering Space)

SUNDAY, Aug 30~ 14th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

9:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

9:45 AM Worship – Communion (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)

2-4PM Handbell Retreat (Sanctuary)

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Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....	Pam Buckley
Altar Guild	Diane McCurry
Audio-Visual Team.....	Mike Morgan & Nancy Carter
Bread Baker.....	Paul Kristiansen
Cantor	Jon Hallman
Communion Assistants	George Bass and Pam Buckley
Flower Delivery	Karen Nester
Greeters/Hosts	Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Lectors.....	Thom Recktenwald and Russ Dabel
Pastor	Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers.....	Tom & Sandy Peterkin and Sandy Croushore
Ushers.....	Russ Dabel and George Bass

Note on the Ancient and Ecumenical Nicene Creed: During the summer months, you will notice a slight variation in the Nicene Creed as we omit the phrase “and the Son” (*Filioque*) regarding the procession of the Holy Spirit. This temporary shift is inspired by a historic common statement from the Lutheran-Orthodox international theological dialogue, which suggests using the original Greek text to help heal age-old divisions between Eastern and Western church traditions and promote global ecumenical unity. By returning to this foundational wording, we look forward to a renewed focus on Trinitarian theology and a deeper sense of reconciliation across the wider body of Christ. Learn more about the ecumenical work between LWF and the Orthodox traditions here: <https://lutheranworld.org/>

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Aug 23, 2026

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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
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- _____ Guest (out of town)
- _____ Student at William & Mary
- _____ LSA member
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- _____ Desire to speak with pastor
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Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

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