



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.

July 5, 2026
6th Sunday after Pentecost

For Your Prayers -July 6-12, 2026

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – July 6: Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22 Romans 1:18-25 Psalm 131

Tue – July 7: Jeremiah 28:10-17 Romans 3:1-8 Psalm 131

Wed – July 8: Jeremiah 13:1-11 John 13:1-17 Psalm 131

Thu – July 9: Isaiah 48:1-5 Romans 2:12-16 Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13

Fri – July 10: Isaiah 48:6-11 Romans 15:14-21 Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13

Sat – July 11: Isaiah 52:1-6 John 12:44-50 Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13

Next Sunday: Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:9-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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, Pastor Jon Nelson and Marie Nelson.**

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

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Bob Alt, Thomas Alt, Randy Altona, Phyllis Andrews, Sam Areheart, Kristin Carter, Philip Baker, Bob Bastian, Carol Baum, Robi Bayard, Jeffrey Berry, Sr., Lila Bradley, Carol Bergh, Mary Bloom, Doug Bolick, Bob Britcher, Robert Bunn, David Carr, Ruth Ann Coski, Amaree Cluff, Dru Dowdy, Judy Drezek, Danny Gass, Keith and Debbie Glenn, Joan Goodhart, Charee Hampton, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Bradley, Kim, Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Lisa Hill, Doris Hillenbrand, 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, Marian Mongelli, Liz Montalvo, Bob Myers, Jeanette Osborn, Rodger Osborn, Maricel Paulin, Dima Pavlenko, Janet Popelas, 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, Jenn Tyson, Elaine Wrich, and Lynda Wright.

6th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music *Allegretto*

G.F. Handel

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Opening Litany (*from enfleshed.com*)

We enter this space rooted in our Sacred Worth—

Belovedness blooming in our hearts like wildflowers.

The Living God does not shame us for who we are—

They are abundantly gracious and compassionate.

We enter this space trusting the work of liberation—

Our efforts mingle and swell with the work of others.

The Living God takes delight in us—

Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer (*from enfleshed.com*)

Spirit of Understanding, when life overwhelms us we sometimes soothe our nervous systems in ways that don't serve us. We turn to substances, negative self-talk, self-harm, mindless scrolling, or over-working. Where we feel shame around these patterns, meet us with your abundant compassion. Grant us the courage, community, and support we need to move through pain in our lives. When we are ready, help us weave a new story. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

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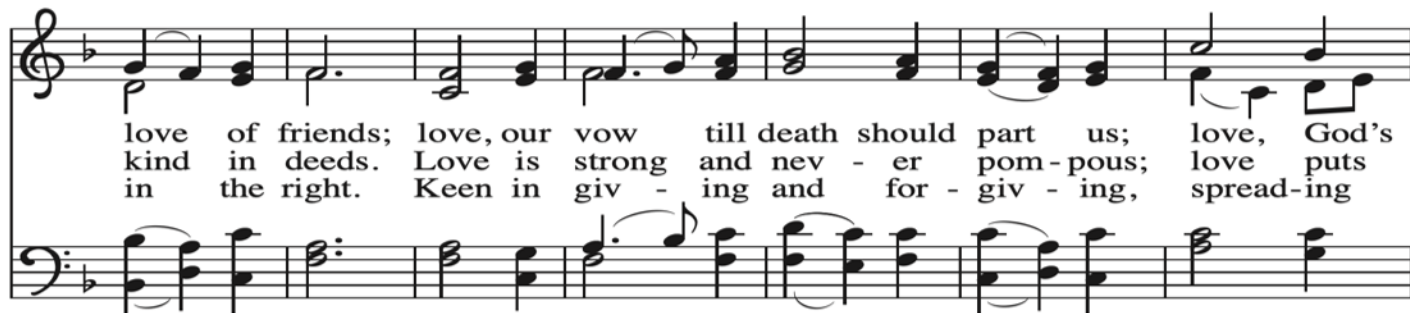
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Greeting The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**

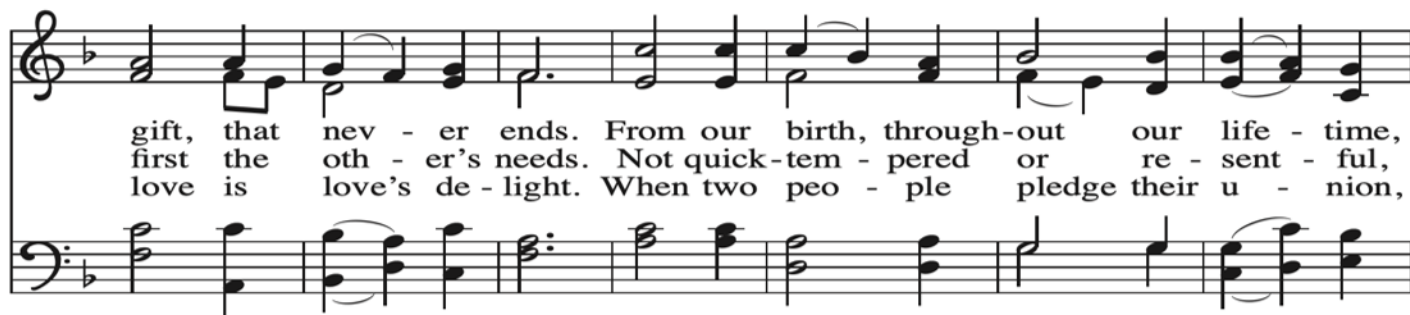
Hymn of Praise



1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,
2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and
3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es



love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's
kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom - pous; love puts
in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread - ing



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through - out our life - time,
first the oth - er's needs. Not quick - tem - pered or re - sent - ful,
love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters
prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in
all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's



can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.
grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.
earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

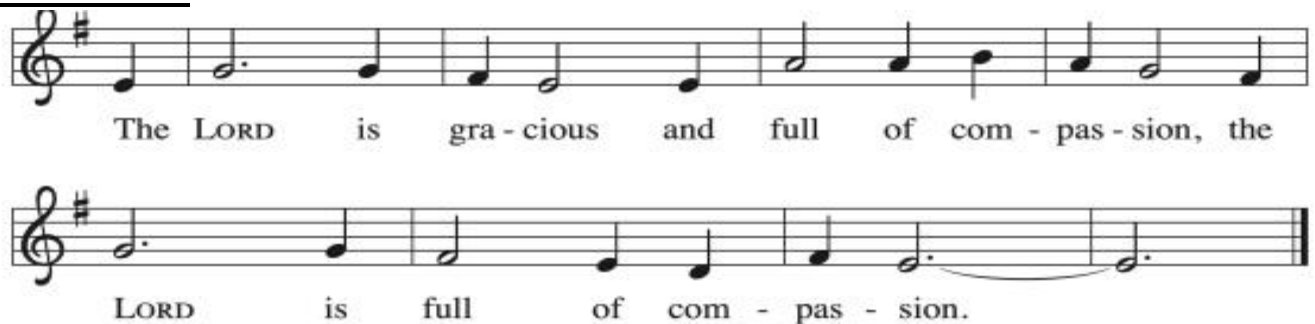
The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Psalm 145:8-14



⁸ The LORD is gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in [|] steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are [|] good to all,
and your compassion is over [|] all your works. REFRAIN**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise [|] you, O LORD,
and your faithful [|] ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory [|] of your kingdom
and speak [|] of your power,**

¹² that all people may know [|] of your power
and the glorious splendor [|] of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- [|] out all
ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in [|] all your works.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all [|] those who fall
and lifts up those who [|] are bowed down. **REFRAIN**

Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn. ¹⁸ ‘For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” ²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I

tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. “For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.” ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 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

The Yoke of Mutual Survival

Pastor Jon Nelson

Hymn of the Day

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW 765

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Ancient and Ecumenical Nicene Creed *(see note at end of bulletin)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

Each petition concludes: God of grace, hear our prayer.

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

Offering Invitation

In sharing what we have, we practice community and solidarity with others and find our own belonging. Your gifts, your talents, your labor, your presence, your resources—whatever is

yours to offer this day is welcome. May it mingle and swell with the gifts of others and be blessed by the Liberating God.

Offering of Music:

Redeeming Grace

K. Lee Scott

Marj Gottschalk-Trone; soloist

Offertory Prayer

When we desire to shift our lives towards wellness, may we be supported. When we work to undo patterns of harm, may we be resourced. When shame tells us that repair is a pipe dream, may community reach out a hand of kind relationship. We dedicate our offerings to these dreams. **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 ... and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion *When receiving Communion, either stand or kneel at the Rail. Pastor will distribute the bread and a Communion Assistant will come with a tray of pre-filled cups of wine and grape juice. The juice will be in the middle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available as an alternative to bread. All are welcome to the Lord's Supper.*



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 Music *Come unto Him* G.F.Handel
Marj Gottschalk-Trone; soloist

Communion Hymns *Day by Day* ELW 790
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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

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*Toccata and Fugue*

J. Pachelbel

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/>

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
 3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
 4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
 hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
 I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye

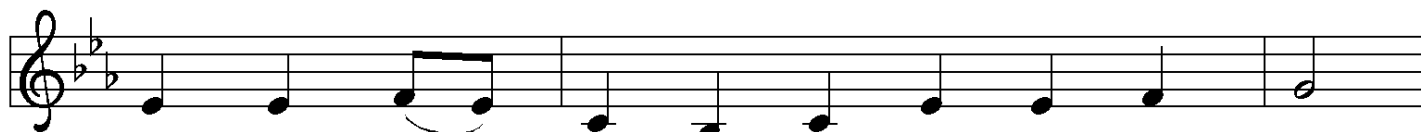


joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
 thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



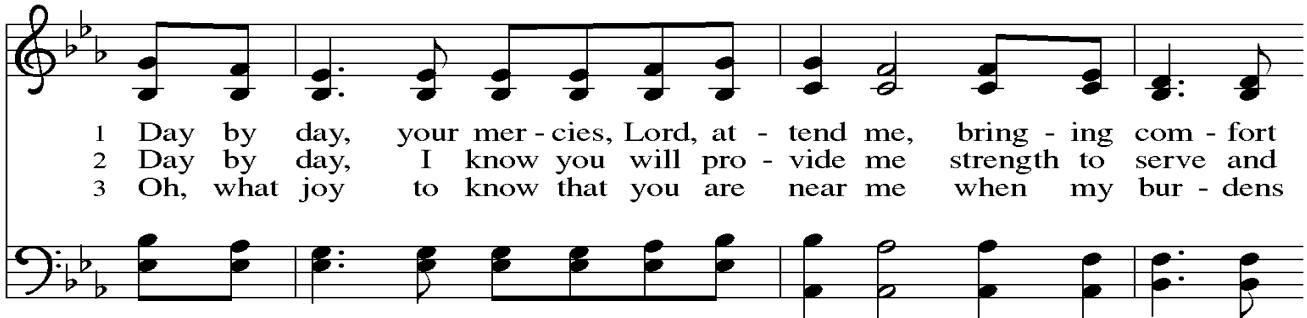
be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
 Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-i-ous soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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We've Come This Far By Faith

Refrain – All

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;
trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.
Oh, can't turn a-round, we've come this
far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

1 Just remember
the good things God has done,
things that seemed impossible;
oh, praise him for the vict'ries he has won.

2 Don't be discouraged
with trouble in your life;
he'll bear your burdens,
and move all the discord and strife.

Text: Albert A. Goodson, 1883–1947

Music: THIS FAR BY FAITH, Albert A. Goodson

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As We Gather

Restrooms & First Aid

- ❖ A gender-neutral, family restroom and a Women's restroom can be found in the hallway behind our Worship Space.
- ❖ Additional Men's and Women's restrooms can be found on the lower level of the church building.
- ❖ A first aid kit and an A.E.D. can be found hanging on the wall in the hallway behind our Worship Space.

Live-streaming

- ❖ We regularly live-stream our services and cannot guarantee that you will not appear on our YouTube 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 "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 by David and Beverly Hoyer in honor of the 250th anniversary of our democracy.

We welcome **Greta Melson** as our keyboardist today as Karen is in Arden, North Carolina attending the annual Music Week at Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center

Information & Upcoming

Vacation Bible School: July 27-31 from 12-4 PM VBS Can Be Fun for You Too! VBS is a gift from St. Stephen to the young families and children of Williamsburg. There are many ways to help: you can volunteer for a couple of hours, a full day, or the entire week. We are looking for group leaders to guide children to activities, as well as help with registration, kitchen support, crafts, and more. If you would like to be part of this exciting ministry, please contact Gerry Johnson at 703-209-3599 or pastorgfj@gmail.com, or sign up on the insert.

July 9: Monthly Women's Study

The July Women's Study will be a presentation on Religion in Art. Elara Strand will facilitate. Please join us on Thursday, July 9, at 1:00 pm or 7:00 pm in the library. Bring a friend!

Save the Date: TIR (Theologian in Residence) will take place on **Saturday, September 26** and **Sunday September 27** the Congregation will welcome The Rev. Kimberly Knowle-Zeller. Rev. Kimberly Knowle-Zeller is a writer, pastor, wife, mother of two, and the co-author of *The Beauty of Motherhood: Grace-Filled Devotions for the Early Years* (Morehouse Publishing, March 2023) and *Small Steps* (Morehouse Publishing 2026). All are invited including friends and neighbors.

Shoes For Grove: Our St. Stephen community is beginning our THIRD decade of providing new sneakers for students in the Grove community to start school in style! We began supporting the program under Marilyn Johnson's guidance in 2005 and we can't stop now! As in past years, if you like to shop, please buy GIRLS sneakers in any size from 6 to 11, or BOYS sneakers any size from 6 to 12, including half sizes for both – these are the most needed sizes. Shoes will be collected in the Gathering Space until **Sunday, August 2**. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please write the check to St. Stephen Lutheran Church with **SHOES FOR GROVE** on the memo line. Cash is also accepted but please indicate that it is for Grove in/on the envelope. Please put envelopes with checks or cash in the offering plate, or in the mailbox outside the church (along the paved loop near the side door) by **Sunday, July 26**. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Egloff.

Our next movie is Reel Injun (Unrated), a fantastic and fascinating documentary about Native Americans on the silver screen from the silent era through the 2000s. **July 12 2:00 - Reel Injun 2009 Unrated**

Come For: The most comprehensive look at North American Native Americans in film that I've ever seen. It tracks from the Silent Era to 2009, and all the way north to the Nunavut town of Igloolik, it's entertaining, it's educational, it's just plain fascinating. Stay for: A discussion of the myriad of ways Native Americans have been depicted on film, as well as a resource list of the more recent flowering of Native shows since 2009.

St. Stephen Calendar: July 5-12, 2026

SUNDAY, July 5~ 6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

MONDAY, July 6

Office/Preschool closed

TUESDAY, July 7

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

WEDNESDAY, July 8

5:00 PM Girl Scouts (Preschool room)

7:00 PM AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, July 9

1:00 PM Women's study group (Library/Conference room)

7:00 PM Women's study group (Library/Conference room)

FRIDAY, July 10

SATURDAY, July 11

11:00 AM OrchaBand

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

5:30 PM Al-Anon (Gathering Space)

SUNDAY, July 12~ 7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(9:45) Stan York
Altar Guild (9:45) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Audio-Visual Team..... (9:45) Nancy Carter & David Nelson
Bread Baker..... Carol Wiers
Cantors(9:45) Marj Gottschalk-Trone
Communion Assistants(9:45) Paula Agor and Rosalie Frey
Flower Delivery
Greeters/Hosts (9:45) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Lectors..... Susan Williamson and Gretchen Osborne
PastorPastor Jon Nelson
Tellers..... Jane Gingerich, Ursula Recktenwald and Russ White
Ushers.....(9:45) Reed and Karen Nester

Upcoming Commemorations

Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415

Monday, July 6, 2026

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540

Saturday, July 11, 2026

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.



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