



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.

June 28, 2026

5th Sunday after Pentecost

For Your Prayers - June 29-July 5, 2026

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – June 29: 1 Kings 21:1-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12; Psalm 119:161-168

Tue – June 30: 1 Kings 21:17-29; 1 John 4:1-6; Psalm 119:161-168

Wed – July 1: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Matthew 11:20-24; Psalm 119:161-168

Thu – July 2: Zechariah 1:1-6; Romans 7:1-6; Psalm 145:8-14

Fri – July 3: Zechariah 2:6-13; Romans 7:7-20; Psalm 145:8-14

Sat – July 4: Zechariah 4:1-7; Luke 10:21-24; Psalm 145:8-14

Next Sunday: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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, and Carole Meyer.**

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, 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, John 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, Jim Ogborn, Jeanette Osborn, Rodger Osborn, Maricel Paulin, Dima Pavlenko, Janet Popelas, Coral Pumley, Scott Radley, Kurt Recktenwald, 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, Matt Weilmuenster, Elaine Wrich, and Lynda Wright.

5th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music *All Are Welcome*

Mark Hayes

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*)

Welcome, you truth-tellers, you healers, you dreamers, you way-makers.

God celebrates the courageous and creative!

She loves the work of soulful community-making!

Welcome, you brokenhearted, you righteously angry, you wonderful and weary human kin.

God privileges the stories of the vulnerable!

She demands accountability from those who cause harm!

Opening Prayer (*from enfleshed.com*)

Spirit of the Living Christ, teach us the true meaning of welcome—not a vague notion of inclusion but engaged acts of solidarity. Grant us the courage to use our power to co-create real safety for those made vulnerable by systems of oppression. To say: Those who are dedicated to ways of harm are not welcome; those who are closed to our cries for accountability shall not cross our door. May it be so. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

All Are Welcome

ELW 641

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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**

1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
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 I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

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

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18



- ¹ Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.
- ² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;**
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.
- ³ "I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:
- ⁴ **"I will establish your | line forever,**
and preserve your throne for all | generations." REFRAIN
- ¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.
- ¹⁶ **They rejoice daily | in your name;**
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.
- ¹⁷ For you are the glory | of their strength,
and by your favor our might | is exalted.
- ¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD;**
our king to the Holy | One of Israel. REFRAIN

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a

righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

Sermon

Blue-Collar Love

Pastor Jon Nelson

Hymn of the Day

God, We Gather As Your People

ACS 1038

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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

Wiseperson, Audre Lorde, wrote in her journal: How can we use each other’s differences in our common battles for a livable future? All of our children are prey. How do we raise them not to prey upon themselves and each other?

We gather our offerings today honoring our differences and our shared purpose of a livable future. Come, let us worship God by collecting our gifts.

Offering of Music:

God Walks with Me
Pop-up Choir

Benjamin Kornelis

Offertory Prayer

We refuse to prey upon each other. We will not mirror the ways of oppression in our relationships. We will work towards our shared dreams of communal thriving. For this is the invitation of the Spirit of Radical Hospitality who blesses our offerings. Thanks be to God. **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

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

Just as I am, without one Plea

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Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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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

Build a Longer Table

ACS 1062

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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

God Sends Us Forth

Mark Hayes

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/>

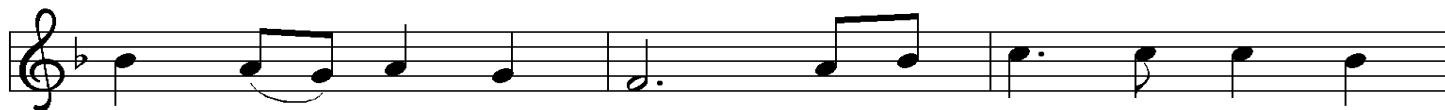
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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Just As I Am, without One Plea

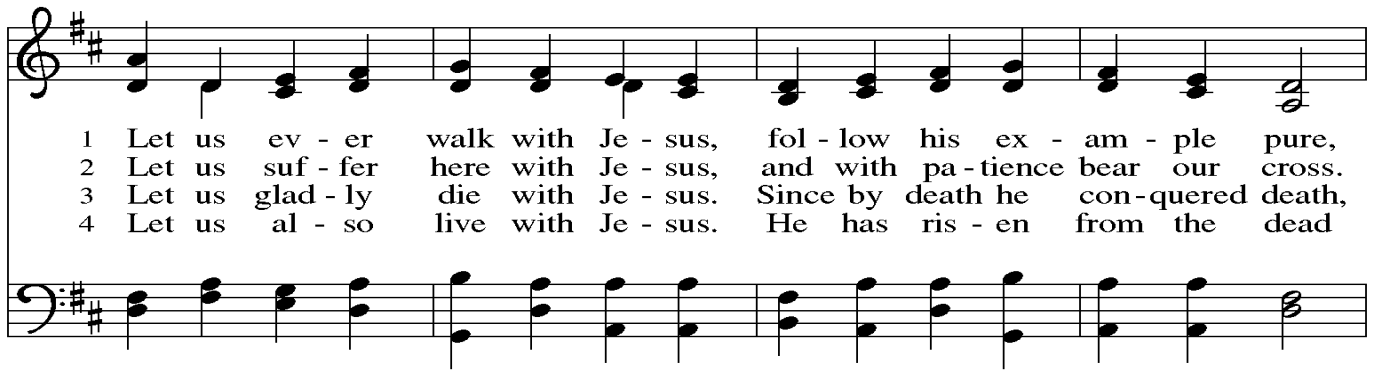
1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

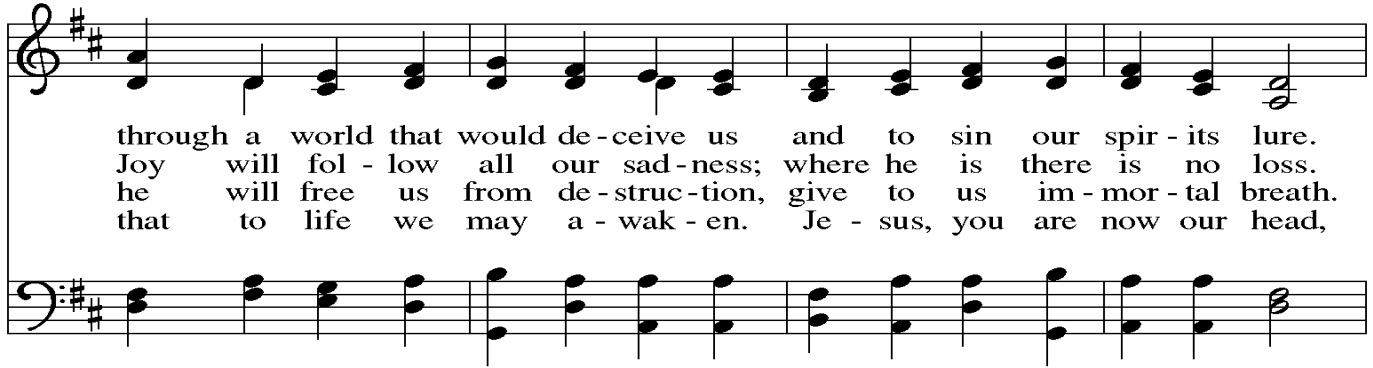
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871
Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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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 "pryground") 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 Jeff and Lisa Bushmire in honor of grandson Cameron's 4th birthday!

Congregational meeting today following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Information & Upcoming

Vacation Bible School: 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.

Save the Date: TIR 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 cant 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.

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!

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

Tuesday, July 7 - Women are invited to join together for breakfast

Thursday, July 9 - Men are invited to join together for breakfast

St. Stephen Calendar: June 28- July 5, 2026

SUNDAY, June 28 ~ 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

9:15 AM POP-UP Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

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

11:00AM **Congregational Meeting** (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY, June 29

TUESDAY, June 30

WEDNESDAY, July 1

5:00 PM Girl Scouts (Preschool room)

7:00 PM AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, July 2

FRIDAY, July 3

SATURDAY, July 4

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

5:30 PM Al-Anon (Gathering Space)

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*)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(9:45) Corey Knestrick
Altar Guild (9:45) Rita Kristiansen & Carol Wiers
Audio-Visual Team.....(9:45) Tim Judy
Bread Baker..... Amy Bergh
Cantors (9:45) Choir
Communion Assistants (9:45) Karen Shoberg and Corey Knestrick
Flower DeliveryKaren Nester
Greeters/Hosts (9:45) Beth Grant
Lectors..... (9:45) Linda Baumgarten and Christina Nelson
Pastor Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers..... Tom & Sandy Peterkin and Sandy Croushore
Ushers..... (9:45) George Bass and Jim Weilmuenster



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All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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