



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.

May 24th, 2026

Pentecost

For Your Prayers –May 24-31, 2026

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – May 25: Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24; Psalm 104:24-34,35b

Tue – May 26: Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27; Psalm 104:24-34,35b

Wed – May 27: Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39; Psalm 104:24-34,35B

Thu – May 28: Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a; Psalm 8

Fri – May 29: Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14; Psalm 8

Sat – May 30: Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17; Psalm 8

Next Sunday: Genesis 1:1–2:4a Psalm 8 (1) 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Kristin Carter, Ginny Cummings, Craig Eichfeld, Edith Haecker, Dave Hoyer, Jim Ivey, Sharon Jacobs, 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: Randy Altona, Phyllis Andrews, Lori Bardey and family, Kristin Carter, Carol Baum, Robi Bayard, Jeffrey Berry, Sr., Lila Bradley, June Brantley, Carol Bergh, Mary Bloom, Doug Bolick, Bob Britcher, David Carr, Ruth Ann Coski, Amaree Cluff, Dru Dowdy, Judy Drezek, Hollis Fulton, 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, 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, Liz Montalvo, Bob Myers, Jim Ogborn, Jeanette Osborn, Rodger Osborn, Maricel Paulin, Janet Popelas, Coral Pumley, Scott Radley, Kurt Recktenwald, Carol Sue Repass, Brian Ritter, Ruth Sandoval, Lou Schuster, Pamela Sharp, Kelsey Slay, Valerie Smith, Helen Soultoukis, Vasili Soultoukis, Laura Spencer, Charlie Stayton, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, Lara Templin, Lenorah Thomas, Karli Wallace Thompson, Jenn Tyson, Matt Weilmuenster, Elaine Wrich, and Lynda Wright

Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

ACS 942

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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



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

Anthem*I Will Pour Out My Spirit*

Arr. Robert Leaf

*Reader: The Word of the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God.***Second Reading****1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b} No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

Refrain
Leader

All

Lis - ten now for the gos - pel! Al - le - lu - ia! It is

God's word that chang - es us! Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, melt and break our hearts of stone,
2 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, root in us God's liv - ing word,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, bind the bro - ken, find the lost,

Refrain

un - til we give our lives to God, and God a - lone.
that we may show the faith - ful - ness of Christ our Lord.
con - firm in us the fire and love of Pen - te - cost.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

Sermon

Tearing Down the Fences

Pastor Jon Nelson

Hymn of the Day

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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Prayers

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

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

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

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

Offering Invitation

Come! Look for signs and wonders—ways the Sacred is already revealing Herself in our lives—community gardens, mutual aid funds, coordinated actions to protect our collective dignity. A kinder world is already at hand, may we gather our resources for its unfolding.

Offering of Music: *Spirit, Come!*

arr. Evelyn R. Larter

Offertory Prayer

Mysterious Spirit, we dedicate our offerings to the ordinary wonders of living—shared meals, shared stories, and shared lives. May simple signs and wonders offer us sustenance in a difficult world. And may the Holy meet us in surprising ways. **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.**

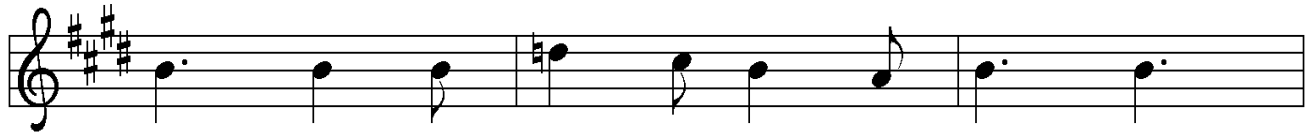
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Blessing

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your...

...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (in any language you choose)

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.*

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Communion Music

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

arr. K. Lee Scott

Communion Hymn

As the Wind Song

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

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

Sending Hymn

O Day Full of Grace

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Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

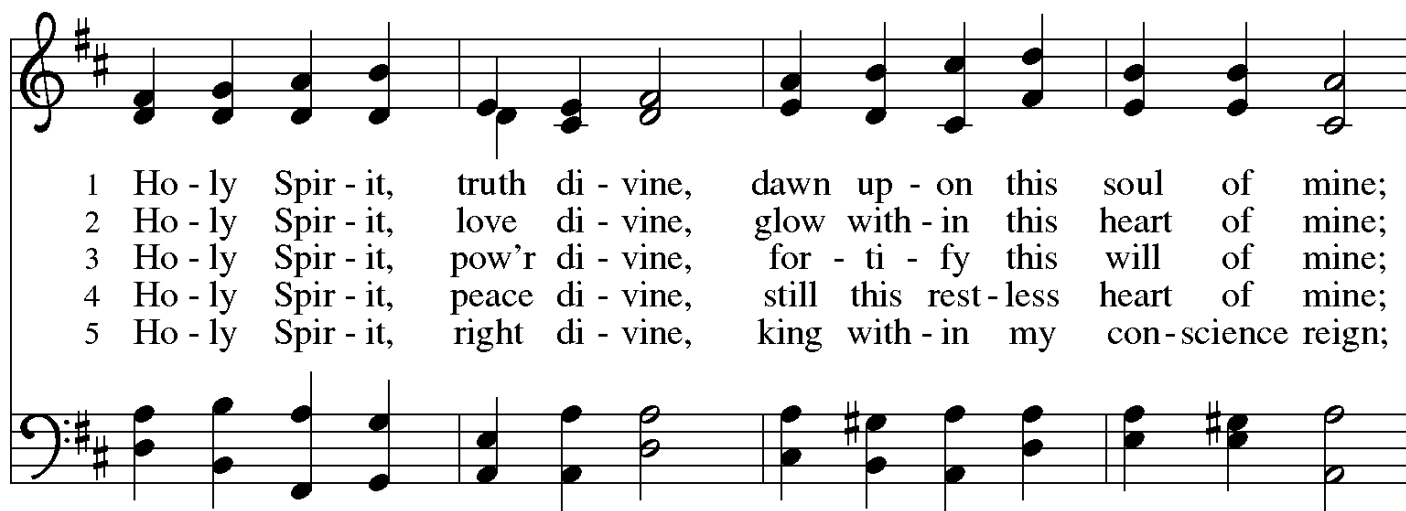
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|---|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Up - on the moun - tain | my Lord spoke, |
| 2 | . . . All a - round me | looked so fine, |
| 3 | . . . Jor - dan riv - er, | chilly and cold, |

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
 asked my Lord if all was mine.
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Refrain

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933
 Arr. © 1990 Melva W. Costen, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892
Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

As the Wind Song



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,
true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931–2020

Music: WAIRUA TAPU, Lim Swee Hong, b. 1963

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O Day Full of Grace

1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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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 given by Stan and Soni York in joyful celebration of the marriage of Cenardach Maciver and Trevin York on May 20th.

Church Picnic today at 11:30 at Freedom Park. Please plan on bringing a dessert or side dish to share.

Information & Upcoming

The Church and Preschool will be closed Monday May 25th in observance of Memorial day.

Preschool Spirit night Please join us Tuesday May 26th at Shoofly Dairy Bar from 5-7PM where a part of the proceeds will be donated back to our preschool.

Summer Film Series: All summer films will take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. Light snacks will be provided. There will be an optional discussion for those who stay afterwards. Our Summer Film Series will kick off at **2pm, June 14th** with Barbie (2023) PG-13. Come For: What else? Barbie. It's hilarious, it's pink, the songs are catchy, and the stars are gorgeous. Stay for: The surprisingly trenchant examinations of feminism, patriarchy, and personhood, as well as a monologue that is becoming legendary. Coming Attractions: Harvey (1950) Unrated, Reel Injun (2009) Unrated, True Grit (2010) PG13. More details in the Quill, questions/suggestions to Elara Strand.



Summer Meals on Wheels program each meal cost approx \$5 please use the QR code to help. You can also contact Randy Punchard if you would like to volunteer.

Parish Life: We are returning to one service and with that our summer coffee hour. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space. On a Sunday of your choosing we ask that you bring something to nibble with coffee. It can be fruit, sweets or savory items. Coffee Hour is 9-9:45. You do not need to prepare coffee, however we are trying to keep a pitcher of ice water and a pitcher of lemonade in the refrigerator in the kitchen if you would bring them to the Gathering Space. We will have paper cups for cold drinks and napkins in the Gathering Space.

The June Women's Study Group will meet on **Thursday, June 11**, at 1 pm and 7 pm in the library. Sonya Lim will present “Myths/Facts: Intelligence and Espionage.” All women in the congregation are encouraged to join us and bring a friend!

The June Congregational Meeting will be held on June 28th following the service that day.

St. Stephen Calendar: May 24- 31, 2026

SUNDAY, May 24 ~ Pentecost

- 9:00 AM Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
9:00AM **Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)**
9:45 AM **Worship – Communion** (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)
11:30 AM Picnic at Freedom Park (Shelter next to playground)

MONDAY, May 25

Church offices and Preschool Closed in observance of the holiday

- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference room)

TUESDAY, May 26

- 11:00 AM Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
5-7:00PM Shoofly spirit night (7127 Merrimac Trail)
6-8:00 PM Stephen Minister Training (Library/ Conference room)

WEDNESDAY, May 27

- 8:45AM Yoga (Gathering Space)
5:00 PM Girl Scouts (Preschool room)
7:00 PM AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, May 28

- 9-11:30AM Preschool moving up ceremony
5:00 PM Piano Recital (Worship Space)

FRIDAY, May 29

- 9-11:30AM Preschool graduation ceremony

SATURDAY, May 30

- 11:00AM Orchaband Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference room)
5:30 PM Al-Anon (Gathering Space)

SUNDAY, May 31 ~ The Holy Trinity

- 9:00AM **Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)**
9:20 AM Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
9:45 AM **Worship – Communion** (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(9:45) Sandy Peterkin
Altar Guild (9:45)
Audio-Visual Team..... (9:45) Tim Judy & Nancy Carter
Bread Baker.....Paula Agor
Communion Assistants(9:45) Sandy & Tom Peterkin
Flower DeliveryNelia Lamoureux
Greeters/Hosts (9:45) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Lectors.....(9:45) Harlan Schone, Jon Hallman and Marj Gottschalk-Trone
Pastor..... Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers..... Tom & Sandy Peterkin and Sandy Croushore
Ushers.....(9:45) Bill Dichtel and JR Lyons

Upcoming Commemorations

Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists Sunday, May 24, 2026

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564 Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.

Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637 Friday, May 29, 2026

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

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All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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

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May 24, 2026

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Guests Only:

I belong to _____

Church Address _____

Please check as many as pertain:

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_____ Regular guest

_____ Guest (out of town)

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_____ Looking for a church home

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Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

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