



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.

October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

For Your Prayers - October 12-11, 2026

Mon – Oct 12 Exodus 19:7-20 Jude 17-25 Psalm 34

Tue – Oct 13 Amos 9:5-15 Philippians 3:13—4:1 Psalm 34

Wed – Oct 14 Song of Songs 7:10—8:4 John 6:25-35 Psalm 34

Thu – Oct 15 Judges 17:1-6 3 John 9-12; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Fri – Oct 16 Deuteronomy 17:14-20 1 Peter 5:1-5; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Sat – Oct 17 Isaiah 14:3-11 Matthew 14:1-12; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Sunday Oct 18 Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] (7) 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

Pray for the family and friends of **Ed Brown**, especially his wife Ingrid, as they grieve his death.

Pray for the family and friends of **Ginny Cummings** as they grieve her death.

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

20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music

Thine the Amen

Nancy M. Raabe

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 pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people,

following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

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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

Assisting minister

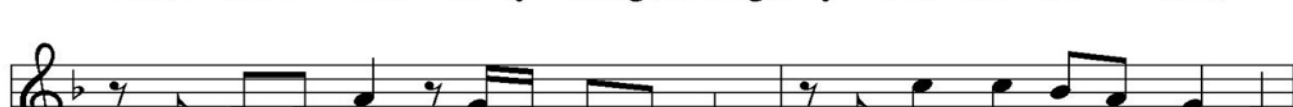


Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

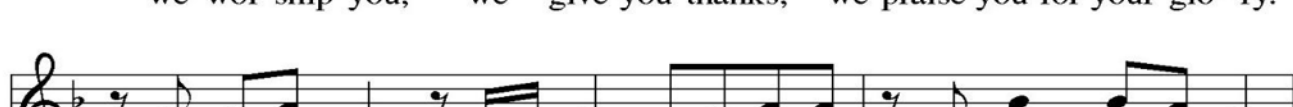
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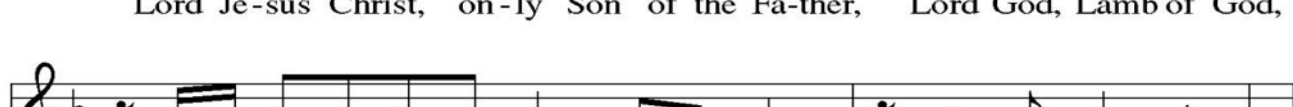
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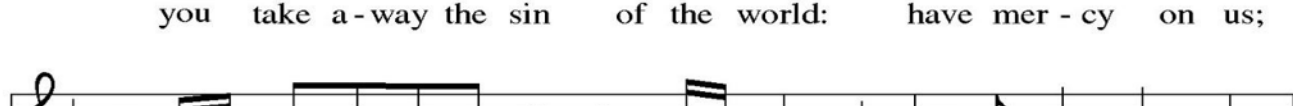
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



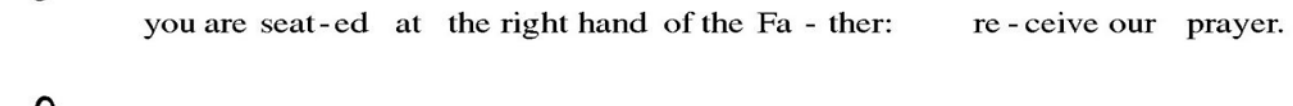
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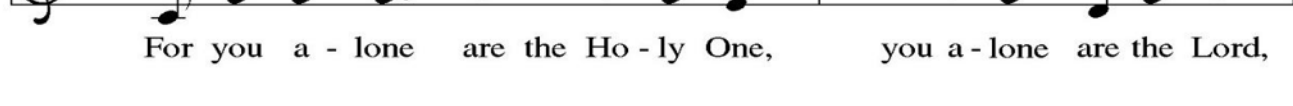
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



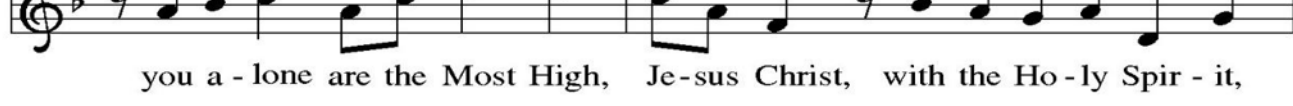
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

¹ O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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

Psalm 23



- ¹ The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.
- ² **The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**
- ³ You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
- ⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. REFRAIN**
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. REFRAIN**

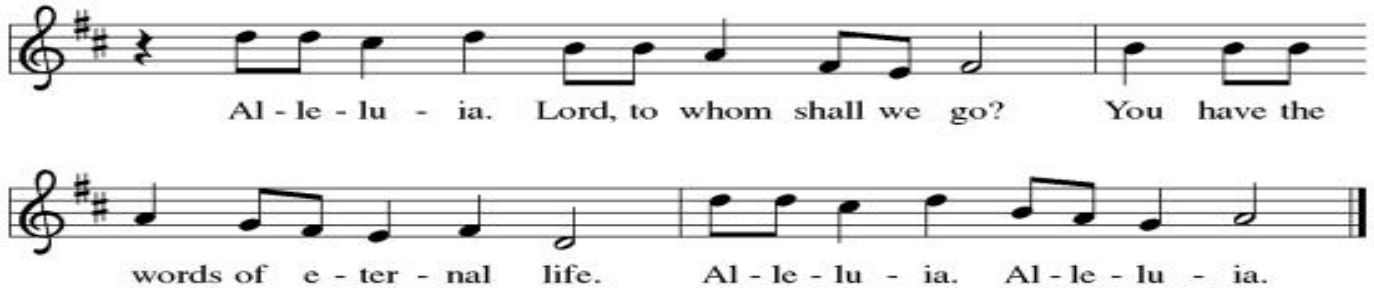
Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.
Reader: The Word of the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

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

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Prayers

Each petition concludes: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

Offering Invitation

We will prepare tables for one another. In the presence of the enemy of oppression, we will gather what we have. We will anoint each other with loving care until our cups overflow. Come, let us prepare tables for one another, worshiping God through our offerings!

Offering of Music

8:30 *What Feast of Love*

Brian Wentzel

11:00 *Psalm 23* (Marie Nelson, Cello)

Heinz Werner Zimmermann

Offertory Prayer

Wise Spirit, follow our gifts with your goodness and love all the days of our lives. That, together, we will dwell in your kin-dom on earth now & forever. **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 ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



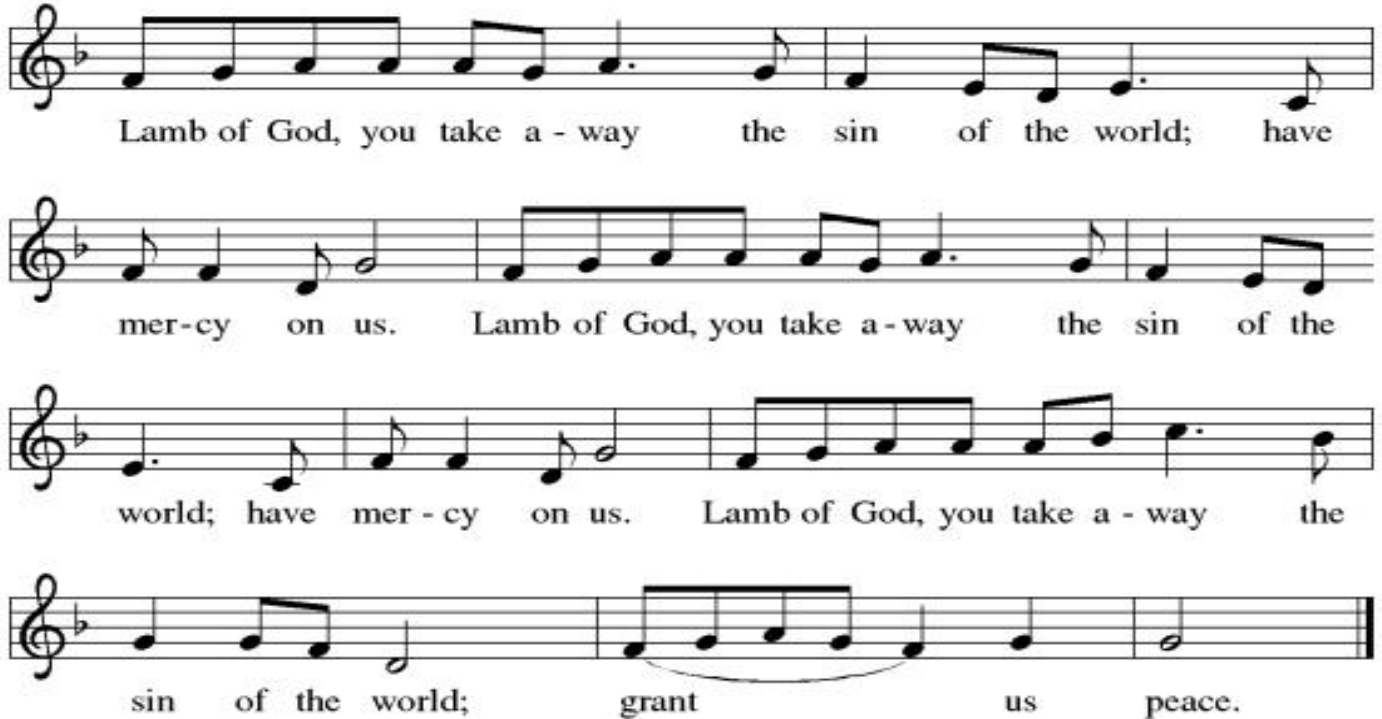
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.*



Communion Hymn

Come, Let Us Eat

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

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

Sending Hymn

Thine the Amen

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Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. Amen.

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata in a

Johann Anton Kobrich

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and

vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing, Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es

all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: COPELAND, Michael Corzine, b. 1947

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Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Vamos todos al banquete

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



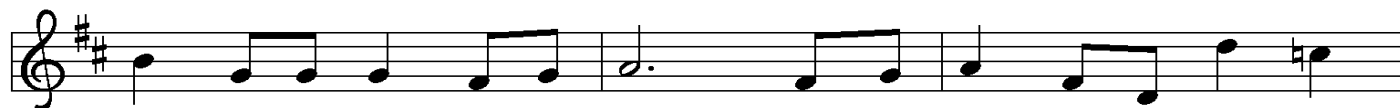
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres
a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo
una mesa donde haya igualdad,
trabajando y luchando juntos,
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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 Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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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 given by Susan and Leo Bosworth for the glory of God!

Information & Upcoming

Men's Retreat. Taking our lead from the wonderfully successful Women's Retreat, Pastor Gerry and Pastor Jon are excited to be copying er...planning a Men's Retreat at Sandbridge Beach on November 6-8. If interested please sign up on the insert and we will send out more details.

Meal Hosts Sought. We have two important and active ministries that involve meals. Both our Faith5 meals and our LSA Dinners provide opportunities for faith formation and community building. Would you be willing to host a meal? Faith5 Meals are Mondays at 6:00 PM and LSA Dinners are Sundays at 6:00 PM. Sign up to host either in the Gathering Space.

Parish Life: On Reformation Sunday (**October 25** this year) we will be celebrating the Anniversaries of Ordination for two members of our community. Pastor Jim Larsen will be celebrating 30 of ordained ministry and Pastor Harvey Nelson will celebrate 55 years of ministry! We will have a potluck breakfast on that day between services and are inviting everyone to bring their favorite breakfast to share. We are looking for breakfast casseroles, deviled eggs, fruit plates, breakfast cakes and breads or anything else you would like to share. Breakfast will be 9:45 to 10:45. There will be baskets for your cards and notes.

Giving Cards: People can turn in an estimate of giving card in the offering plate or send to the office. Please continue this for the remainder of the year.

Visioning Conversation Session #1. Join us on **the morning of Saturday, October 17, 9:00 AM - Noon** for a forward-looking discussion about the ministry of St. Stephen for the next 5 years. We will be focusing, in particular, on our shared assets and passions and how we might best use them for ministry.

Fall Women's Workshop. The St. Stephen Fall Women's Workshop is being planned as a one-day event **at St. Stephen on Saturday, November 7**, with a Friday evening social on November 6. The Saturday workshop sessions will feature spiritual themes and highlight their relevance to women's daily lives, with a schedule designed to allow for longer breaks (thanks to feedback from last fall!). Plan to come and bring a friend for the day on Saturday, or Friday evening, or, better yet, both! **Please pick up your registration forms in the Gathering Space!**

Kitchen Keepers: It is time to get our Kitchen Keepers going again. Activity is picking up and the kitchen is unfortunately not part of the cleaning company's responsibility. So anyone willing and able to join me in the kitchen to give it a good cleaning, we will pick up again beginning **October 19**, and every first and third Monday following. Please contact me with questions or concerns. Hope to see you **October 19 at 12:30.**

St. Stephen Calendar: October 11-18 , 2026

SUNDAY, Oct 11~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)

8:30 AM Worship – Communion (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)

9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism (Library/Conference Room)

10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)

11:00 AM Worship – Communion (*livestreamed on Facebook*)

2:00 PM Movie & Discussion (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College Room)

MONDAY, Oct 12

8:30-9:30 AM Preschool Speech (Library/Conference Room)

12:30 PM Church Staff Meeting

1:30 PM Bible study (Library/Conference Room)

3:00 PM Finance Meeting (Library/Conference room)

6:00 PM Faith5 Meal (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, Oct 13

10am-2pm Quilting group (Fellowship Hall)

2:00 PM Endowment Committee meeting (Library/conference room)

7:00 PM Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, Oct 14

8:55 AM Yoga (Gathering Space)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Worship Space)

7:00 PM Girl Scouts (Preschool big room)

7:00 PM AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, Oct 15

5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers (Worship Space)

FRIDAY, Oct 16

SATURDAY, Oct 17

9:30AM-11:30AM Visioning Conversation (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM Al-Anon (Library/Conference Room)

SUNDAY, Oct 18~ 21st Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)

8:30 AM Worship – Communion (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)

9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism (Library/Conference Room)

10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)

11:00 AM Worship – Communion (*livestreamed on Facebook*)

6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College Room)

6:00 PM Walk & Talk (Forecourt)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer (8:30) Jeff Bushmire
..... (11:00) Lori Harms
Altar Guild (8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
..... (11:00) George Bass and Heidi Flatin
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Tim Judy (11:00) Tobias Janke and Liam Janke
Bread Baker Jennifer Dabel
Cantors..... (8:30) Randy Punchard (11:00) Marj Gottschalk-Trone
Communion Assistants (8:30) Karen Sanderlin and Chris Punchard
..... (11:00) George Bass and Heidi Flatin
Flower Delivery Diane McCurry
Greeters/Hosts..... (8:30) Paul & Rita Kristiansen (11:00) Sharon & Mira Powell
Lectors..... (8:30) Harlan Schone (11:00) Gretchen Osborne
Pastor..... Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers..... Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher and Jim Larsen
Ushers..... (8:30) Brian Agor and Bill Dichtel (11:00) George Bass and Glenn Joppa

Upcoming Commemorations

Marmaduke N. Carter, pastor, 1961 (TFF)

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

In 1916 Marmaduke Carter became the principal of the Christian Day School (formerly called the Rosebud School) and the first pastor of Christ Church, Rosebud, Alabama, a pioneering congregation in African American ministry among Lutherans in the South.

Teresa of Ávila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

Thursday, October 15, 2026

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.



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All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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Hollie Jones – Parish Administrator (229-6688)

Jessica Kimball – Preschool Director (229-6688)

LSA Pastor Gerry Johnson(703)209-3599

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

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I belong to _____

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