



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 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost

For Your Prayers - October 19-25, 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 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, Emily Staaker, 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, 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

Love Divine
St. Stephen Ringers

Fred Gramann

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

Bring Many Names

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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.

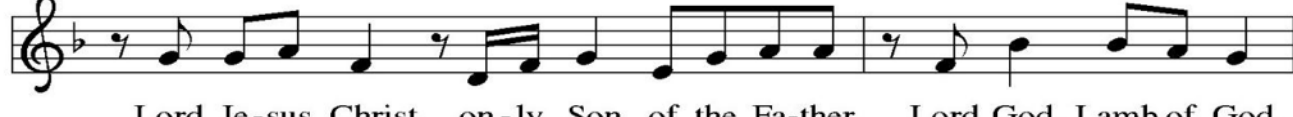
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Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



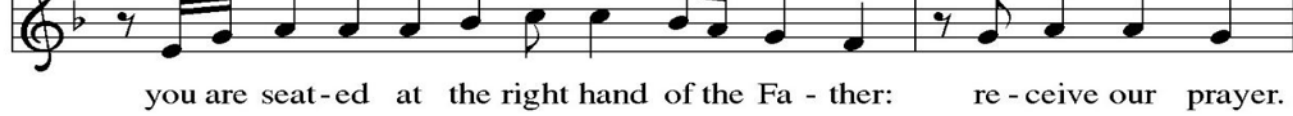
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



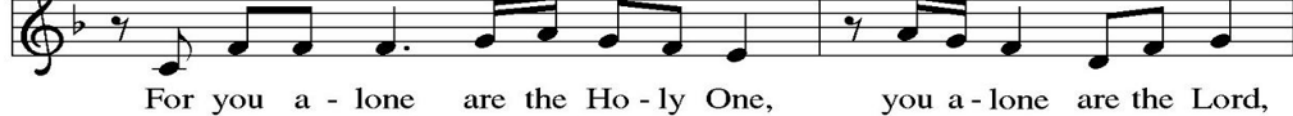
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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

Psalm 96:1-9



¹ Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods. REFRAIN**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD. REFRAIN**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

Second Reading

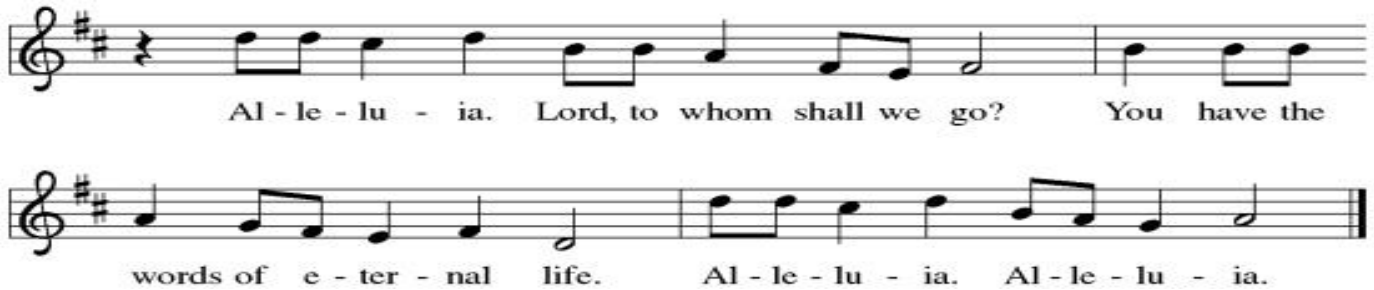
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

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

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

Sermon

Counter-Mimesis

Pastor Jon Nelson

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 grieve the broken and unjust economic systems that surround us. We remember all who are left without needs met this day, and seek to be faithful, just, and generous in the stewardship of all our resources. Renouncing all loyalties to wealth and power, let us bring our offerings to God and one another.

Offering of Music

Take My Life, That I May Be

Mark Sedio

Jim Larsen - Congas, Marj Gottschalk-Trone – Guitar

Offertory Prayer

God of Redemption, by your grace we learn to perceive differently. Where we once justified our complicity with evil, you set us on a new path. With humility, we keep seeking to understand your truths more deeply. To refine our love. To release all that keeps us from the great re-ordering of things and the Kin-dom come on earth. With thanks and determination, we bring our gifts to you. **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:



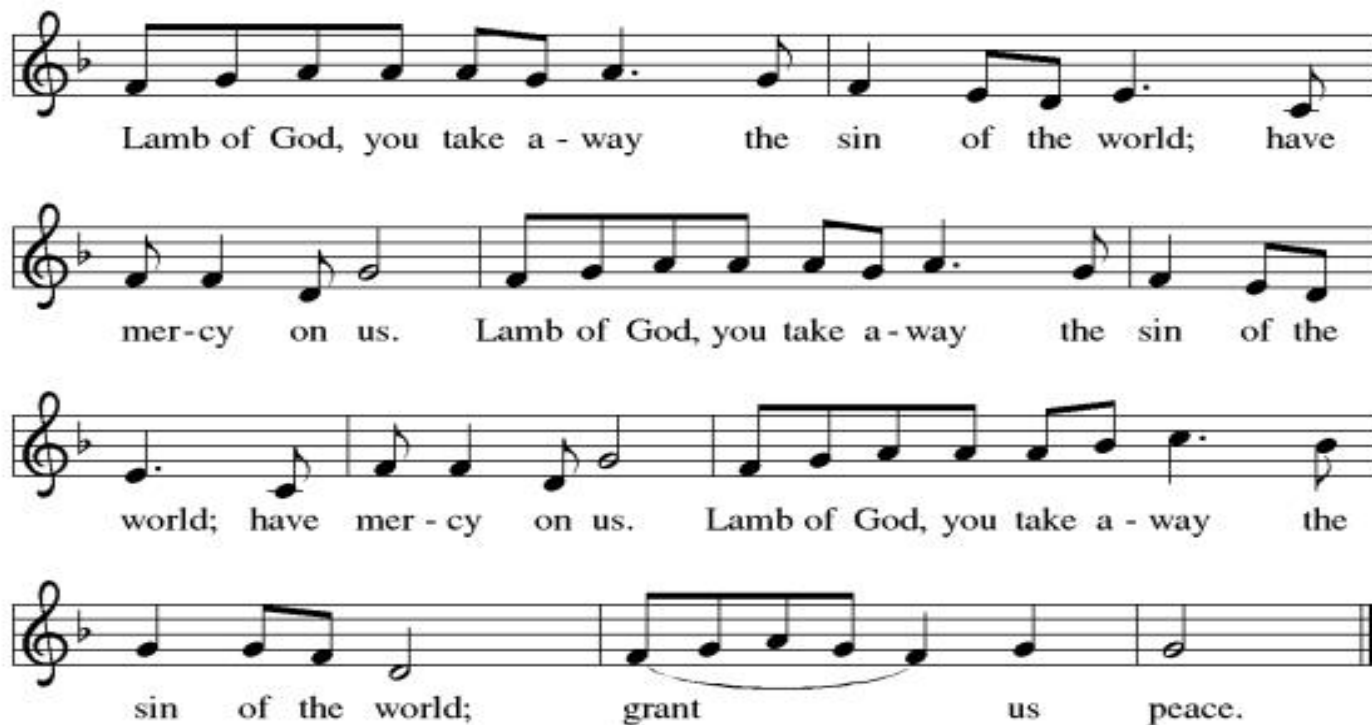
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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

We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW 686

Communion Music

A Prayer to Jesus

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St. Stephen Ringers

Judy Hunnicutt

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

O God of Every Nation

ELW 713
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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

Theme and Variations
St. Stephen Ringers

Hal H. Hopson

Bring Many Names



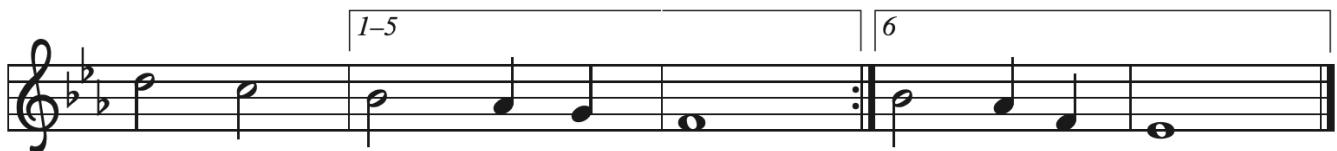
1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than



glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and ho -
 qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and ho -
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and ho -
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and ho -
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and ho -
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and ho -



san - na! Bring man - y names!
 san - na, strong moth - er God!
 san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 san - na, young, grow - ing God!
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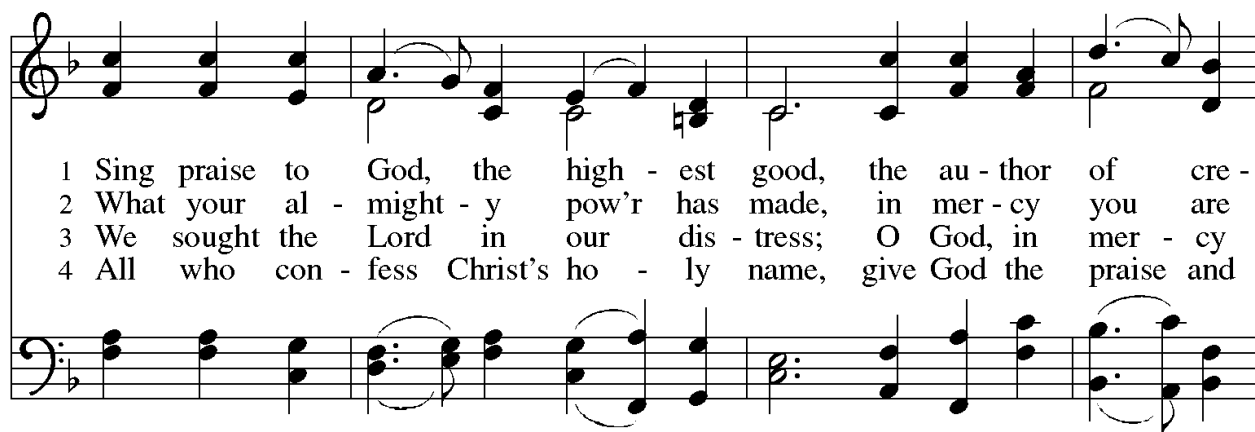
6 great, liv - ing God!

Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936

Music: WESTCHASE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -
 2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and



a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with
 glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the



your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;
 nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might
 peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,
 praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;



all our la - ment with peace you still.
 all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 who is by one and all a - dored.
 God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

O God of Every Nation



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser-vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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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 Jim Weilmuenster in memory of Linda Laity Hite.

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 years 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.

Women's Fall Workshop. It's time to register for the St. Stephen Fall Women's Workshop **at St. Stephen on Saturday, November 7**, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm, with an optional Friday evening soup supper social on November 6 from 5:30-7:30 pm. The Saturday workshop sessions will feature spiritual themes and highlight their relevance to women's daily lives. Two breakout sessions will offer several fun options. The registration form, with a \$15 fee, is due **by Sunday, October 25**. Forms are available in the Gathering Space. The church office can also email you a version of the form. Please join us!

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 on **October 19 at 12:30**.

St. Stephen Calendar: October 18-25 , 2026

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)

10:00 AM Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

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)

MONDAY, Oct 19

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

12:30 PM Church Staff Meeting

12:30 PM Kitchen Keepers (Kitchen)

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

3:00 PM Stephen Ministry (Library/conference room)

6:15 PM Faith5 Meal (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, Oct 20

3:00 PM Women's workshop Planning (Library/conference room)

7:00 PM Choral Guild (Library/conference room)

WEDNESDAY, Oct 21

8:55 AM Yoga (Gathering Space)

10:30 AM- 2:00PM Quilting (Fellowship Hall)

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 22

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

FRIDAY, Oct 23

SATURDAY, Oct 24

12:00PM LSA Alumni Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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

SUNDAY, Oct 25 ~ Reformation Sunday

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)

10:15 AM Celebration of Ordination Anniversary (Fellowship Hall)

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

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

6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College Room)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer (8:30) John McCurry
..... (11:00) Pam Buckley
Altar Guild (8:30) Diane McCurry
..... (11:00) Gerri Bass
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Nancy Carter (11:00) Mike Morgan & David Nelson
Bread BakerSharron Powell
Cantors (8:30) Brian Hesse (11:00) Christina Nelson
Communion Assistants (8:30) Karen Shoberg and Diane McCurry
..... (11:00) Sandy Johnson and Pam Buckley
Flower Delivery Nelia Lamoureux
Greeters/Hosts..... (8:30) Chris Punchard (11:00) Alison Carney
Lectors..... (8:30) Reed Nester (11:00) Sandy Croushore
Pastor..... Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers..... Jeanne Garrison, Carol Brown and Russ White
Ushers..... (8:30) JR Lyons and Bill Dichtel (11:00) Sonya Lim and Corey Knestrick



Join us for a Christmas Craft Night

Take a peaceful night out to shape simple Christmas pottery with friends from St. Stephen and our wider community.

No experience is needed, just a willingness to try something new, relax, and enjoy good conversation as we prepare for the season.

We would be delighted to have you join us, and child care will be available with a small food pantry donation.

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📅 November 13, 2026

🕒 5:00-8:00 PM Cost is \$20 per person(price includes meal and supplies)

RSVP by Oct 30th (space is limited)



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