



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 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

For Your Prayers - October 26-Nov 1, 2026

Mon – Oct 26 Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25 James 2:8-13 Psalm 119:41-48

Tue – Oct 27 Deuteronomy 10:10-22 James 2:14-26 Psalm 119:41-48

Wed – Oct 28 Proverbs 16:1-20 Matthew 19:16-22 Psalm 119:41-48

Thu – Oct 29 1 Samuel 2:27-36 Romans 2:17-29 Psalm 43

Fri – Oct 30 Ezekiel 13:1-16 2 Peter 2:1-3 Psalm 43

Sat – Oct 31 Malachi 1:6—2:9 Matthew 23:13-28 Psalm 43

Sunday Nov 1 Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (9) 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

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, Dawn Bell, 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 Soutoukis, 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.

Reformation Sunday

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

Welcome

Centering Music

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend
(Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now)

Donald Busarow

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

Making Their Way

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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.**

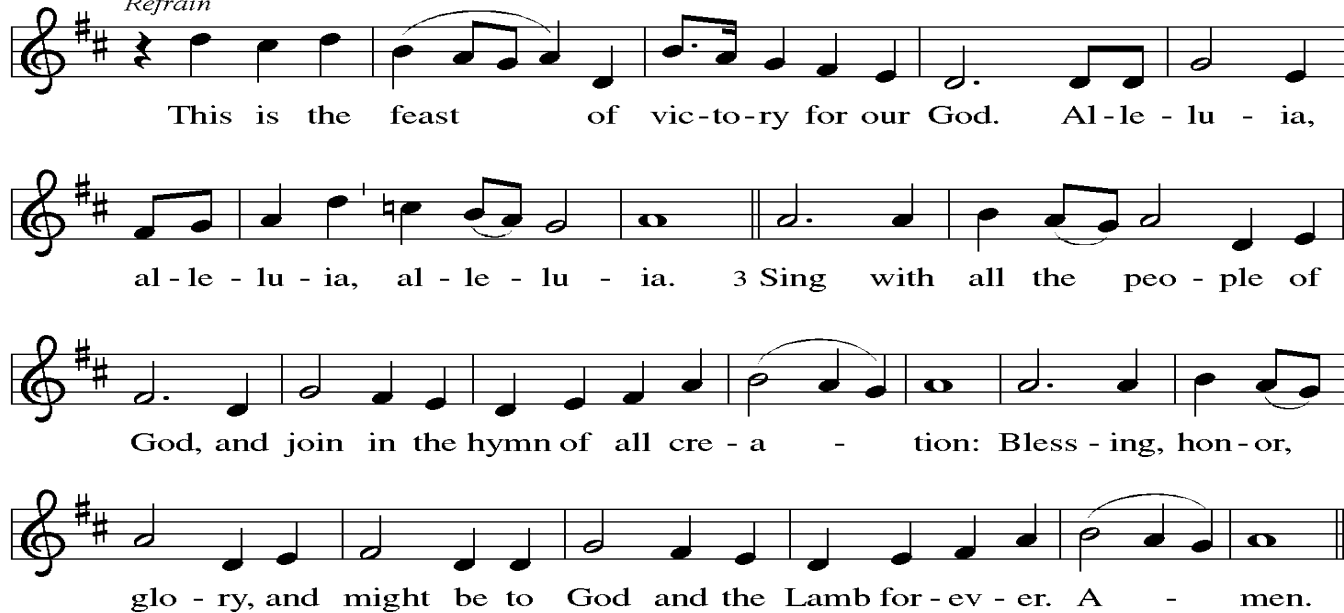
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

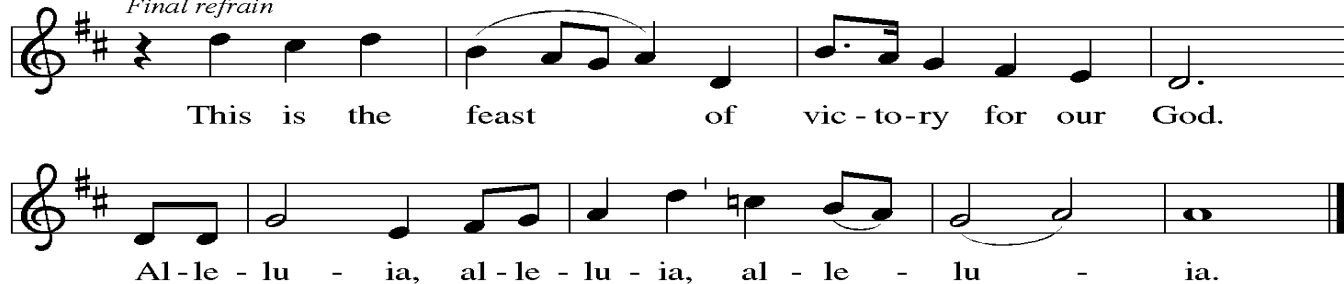
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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*

First Reading

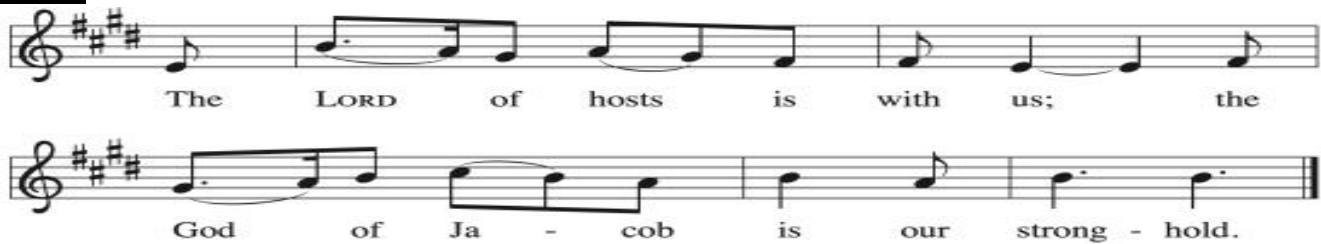
Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 46



- ¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
- ³ though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,**
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;**
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. REFRAIN
- ⁷ The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁸ **Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,**
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in ¹ all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ¹ shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that ¹ I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted ¹ in the earth.”**

¹¹ The LORD of ¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹ is our stronghold. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ. ¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

Gospel

Continue in My World (John 8:31-36)

Zebulon M. Highben

Narrator: Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him:

Choir: “If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples;
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.
And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

Narrator: They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

Choir: “For if the Son has made you free, for if the Son has made you free,
for if the Son has made you free, you will be free indeed.
You will be free indeed.”

All:



Sermon

Unclenched

Pastor Jon Nelson

Hymn of the Day

Listen, God Is Calling

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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

In a world that conditions us to hoard out of fear, our faith calls us to the audacity of open hands. Money under empire is so often weaponized for extraction and harm; but here, in the hands of the Liberating God, our resources become a tool for solidarity, shelter, and communal thriving. Let us bring what is ours to share today—our funds, our skills, our labor, and our courage—trusting that in our togetherness, there is more than enough.

Offering of Music

The Truth Will Make You Free

Anne Krentz Organ

Offertory Prayer

Undo within us the lies of self-sufficiency, scarcity, and institutional pride that separate us from our neighbors. Forgive us when we have clung to traditions that protect power and property rather than protecting vulnerable life. Bless these offerings, small and shared, that they may flow directly to the places where nutrients, safety, and healing are needed most^[14]. May our giving be a quiet act of anti-imperial protest, a living commitment to theological repair, and a practice of love made visible in our midst. In the name of the Spirit who is making all things new, **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... 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.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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.**

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

Sending Hymn *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (choir Sings 3rd Stanza)

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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

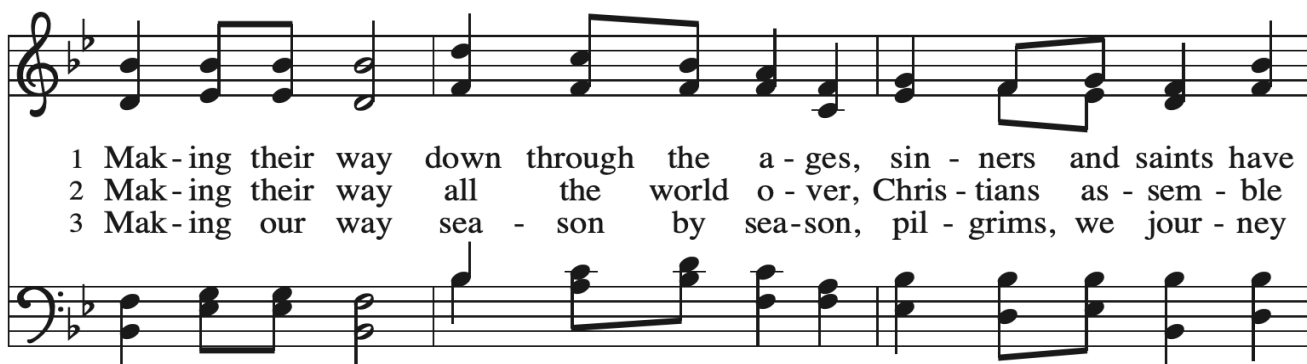
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Johann Gottfried Walther

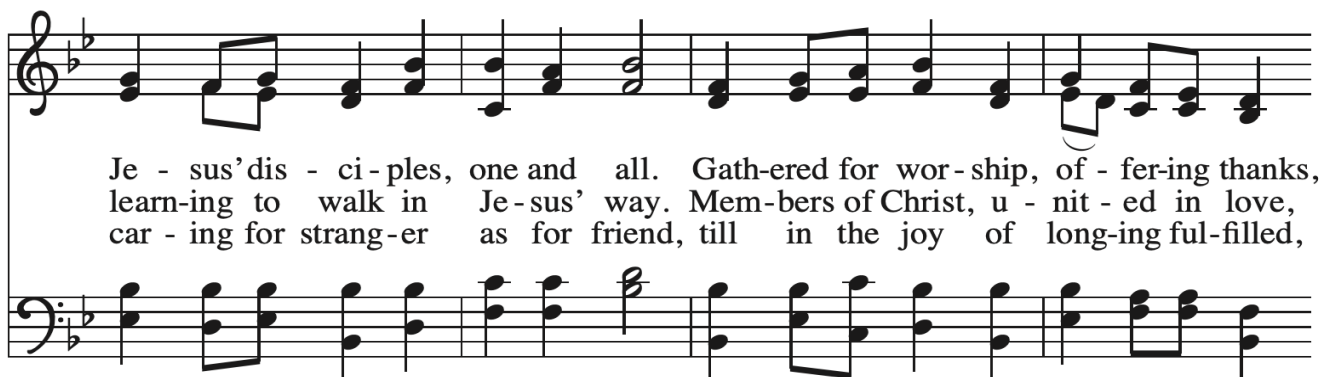
Making Their Way



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
 3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906–2003

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Listen, God Is Calling

Neno lake Mungu

Refrain
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, b. 1919
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God Alone Be Praised



1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth
 2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek-ing ref - uge, ex - iles
 3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -
 wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this
 shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and
 wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us
 still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.
 ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.
 won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952, based on Psalm 46
 Music: AD LUCEM, Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979
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That Priceless Grace



1 That price-less grace, that price-less grace, that price-less
 2 That price-less blood, that price-less blood, that price-less
 3 That pain - ful death, that pain - ful death, that pain - ful
 4 That pre - cious word, that pre - cious word, that pre - cious



grace, which gave me life: Je - sus' life is price-less grace.
 blood was shed for me: Je - sus' blood is price-less grace.
 death took sins a - way: Je - sus' death is price-less grace.
 word, which brought me light: Je - sus' word is price-less grace.



That price - less grace is life for me.

Text: Emmanuel F. Y. Grantson, b. 1949

Music: THAT PRICELESS GRACE, Ghanaian traditional

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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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 L.S.A.

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.

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. Deadline is **October 25th**

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.

Outside garden cleanup will be held on Saturday, **October 31 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.** Please join us to help get the grounds ready for the winter season.

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!

All Saints Sunday. This year we will be using "Behold Your Saints in Glory" by Aaron David Miller for our All Saints Liturgy. We will have **one worship service on Sunday, Nov. 1st, at 9:45 AM**. If you have a name you would like remembered during our worship, please add it to the list in the Gathering Space or email/call the Church Office.

Preschool & Church Office Closed. Both the Church Office and Preschool will be **closed Nov. 2-3** in alignment with our local school districts. **Bible Study will still occur** on Nov. 2nd.

Women's Study: Thursday, November 12

Nancy Egloff will be leading a study of "Pocahontas's People" on Thursday, November 12, in conjunction with Native American Heritage Month. The presentation will be at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the library. We will discuss Indigenous peoples of Virginia in particular, both past and present, with a focus on Indigenous women's roles and contributions to their culture. Please join us – and bring a friend!



Enjoy a peaceful night out shaping Christmas pottery and great food 🌲 with friends **November 13th from 5pm-8pm** from St. Stephen and the wider community. No experience is needed—just a willingness to try something new and have fun. As we create simple pieces together, we practice our mission to heal hurts and renew hope in small, everyday ways. Come relax, create, and share good conversation as we prepare for the season. 🍽️ Food will be catered by Peking. Please scan the Qr Code to purchase your tickets deadline is **Oct 31**.

St. Stephen Calendar: October 25- November 1 , 2026

SUNDAY, Oct 25 ~ Reformation Sunday

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

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

9:45 AM All Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

9:45-10:45 AM Celebration of Ordination Anniversary Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

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

2:00 Movie and Discussion *Gaslight* (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College Room)

MONDAY, Oct 26

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

12:30 PM Church Staff Meeting

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

6:15 PM Faith5 Meal (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, Oct 27

WEDNESDAY, Oct 28

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 29

9:30AM Preschool Trick-O-Treating

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

FRIDAY, Oct 30

9:30AM Preschool Trick-O-Treating

SATURDAY, Oct 31

9AM-11-AM Outside Garden clean up (Front of church)

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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

SUNDAY, Nov 1 ~ All Saints Sunday

9:00 AM All Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)

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

6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College Room)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer (8:30) Stan York
..... (11:00) Alina Dabel
Altar Guild (8:30) Diane McCurry and Carol Wiers
..... (11:00) Nancy Egloff and Heidi Flatin
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) Charles Osborn & David Nelson
Bread Baker Paul Kristiansen
Cantors (8:30) Cai Luzak (11:00) Sandy Croushore
Communion Assistants (8:30) Randy Punchard and Corey Knestrick
..... (11:00) Jennifer Dabel and Alina Dabel
Flower Delivery Carol Wiers
Greeters/Hosts..... (8:30) Rosalie Frey (11:00) Randy & Sandy Huth
Lectors..... (8:30) John McCurry (11:00) Jeane Moore
Pastor..... Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers..... Tom & Sandy Peterkin and Sandy Croushore
Ushers..... (8:30) Brian Agor and John McCurry (11:00) Russ Dabel and Glenn Joppa

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(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

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October 25, 2026

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For guests and members with changes:

Address (Home) _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

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I belong to _____

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Please check as many as pertain:

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_____ Would like more information about Stephen Ministry

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