



# 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 4, 2026***

***19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

## **For Your Prayers - October 5-11, 2026**

**Mon – Oct 5** Ezekiel 19:10-14; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Psalm 144

**Tue – Oct 6** Isaiah 27:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Psalm 144

**Wed – Oct 7** Song of Songs 8:5-14; John 11:45-57; Psalm 144

**Thu – Oct 8** Isaiah 22:1-8a; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14; Psalm 23

**Fri – Oct 9** Isaiah 22:8b-14; James 4:4-10; Psalm 23

**Sat – Oct 10** Isaiah 24:17-23; Mark 2:18-22; Psalm 23

**Sunday Oct 11** Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 (5) Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

**Join your prayers for healing** with God's desires for **Kristin Carter, Ginny Cummings, Craig Eichfeld, Dave Hoyer, 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, Ed Brown, 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 Dwiggins, 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, 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, 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.

## *19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

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

**Welcome**

**Centering Music**

*Christ is the Life*

Valerie A. Floeter

Flute - Thom Recktenwald

### **Greeting**

Our help comes from the Lord!

**Who made heaven and earth and all living things, and called them “good!”**

### **A Prayer for Animals**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Lord our God, with Praise we Come*

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### **Lesson**

### **The Blessing of Animals**

*Please bring your pet, or a representation of your pet, to the font for the blessing.*

### **Prayer for Creation (Words by St. Francis of Assisi)**

God created us and placed us on earth to be stewards of all living things; therefore, let us proclaim the glory of our creator, saying:

**O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.**

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you create the animals and give us the ability to train them to help us in our work. Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; for the sake of our comfort you give us domestic animals as companions.

**Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you care for us even as you care for the birds of the air.**

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you offered your son to us as the Passover Lamb and in him willed that we should be called your children.

**Bless, O Lord, these creatures, and fill our hearts with thanksgiving for their being.**

### **Prayer of Remembrance and Thanksgiving**

**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.

All



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



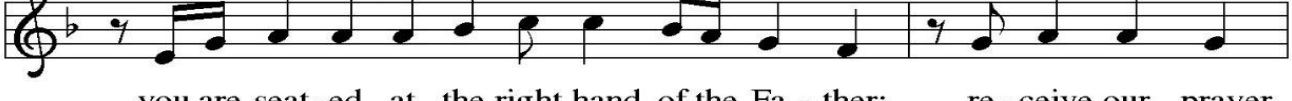
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

## First Reading

## Isaiah 5:1-7

*The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.*

<sup>1</sup> I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. <sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? <sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

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

## Psalm 80:7-15



- <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- <sup>8</sup> **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.**
- <sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.
- <sup>10</sup> **The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs. REFRAIN**
- <sup>11</sup> You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.
- <sup>12</sup> **Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**
- <sup>13</sup> The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- <sup>14</sup> **Turn now, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven;**
- <sup>15</sup> behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted. **REFRAIN**

## Second Reading

## Philippians 3:4b-14

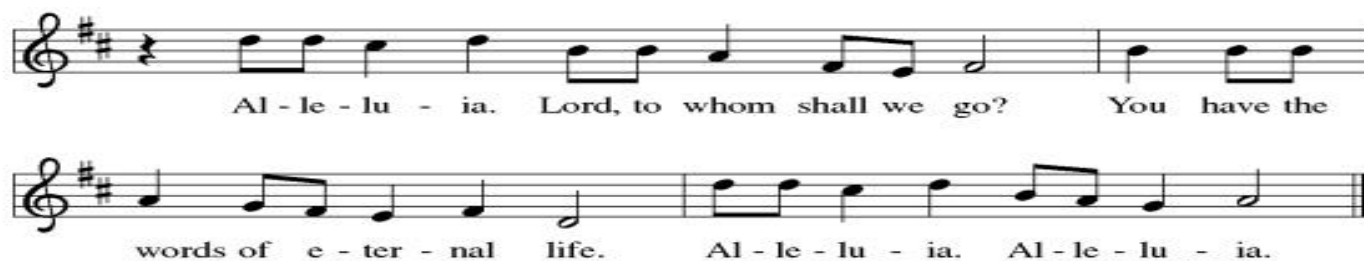
*Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of

Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

### Gospel Acclamation



### Gospel

### Matthew 21:33-46

*Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>33</sup> “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup> They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? <sup>43</sup> “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

**Sermon**

The Living Gospel of Neighborly Love

Pastor Jon Nelson

**Hymn of the Day**

*Christ is the Life*

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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**

While our joy and peace arise from our own acts of integrity, so much of the lasting change we long for comes through the work of community. In this spirit, let us bring together the resources we have - materially, spiritually, and relationally. That we may be of service to God, each other, and the world.

**Offering of Music**

*Not One Sparrow is Forgotten*

Maureen Howell

Flute - Thom Recktenwald

**Offertory Prayer**

Spirit of Justice, with humility we call upon you. Come, and speak your truth. Come, and confront our complicity. Come, and enable our courage. We wish to be faithful with all our resources: Our time. Our energy. Our money and our power. May we be motivated not by profit nor individual gain, but by care for each other and the earth. May it be so. **Amen.**

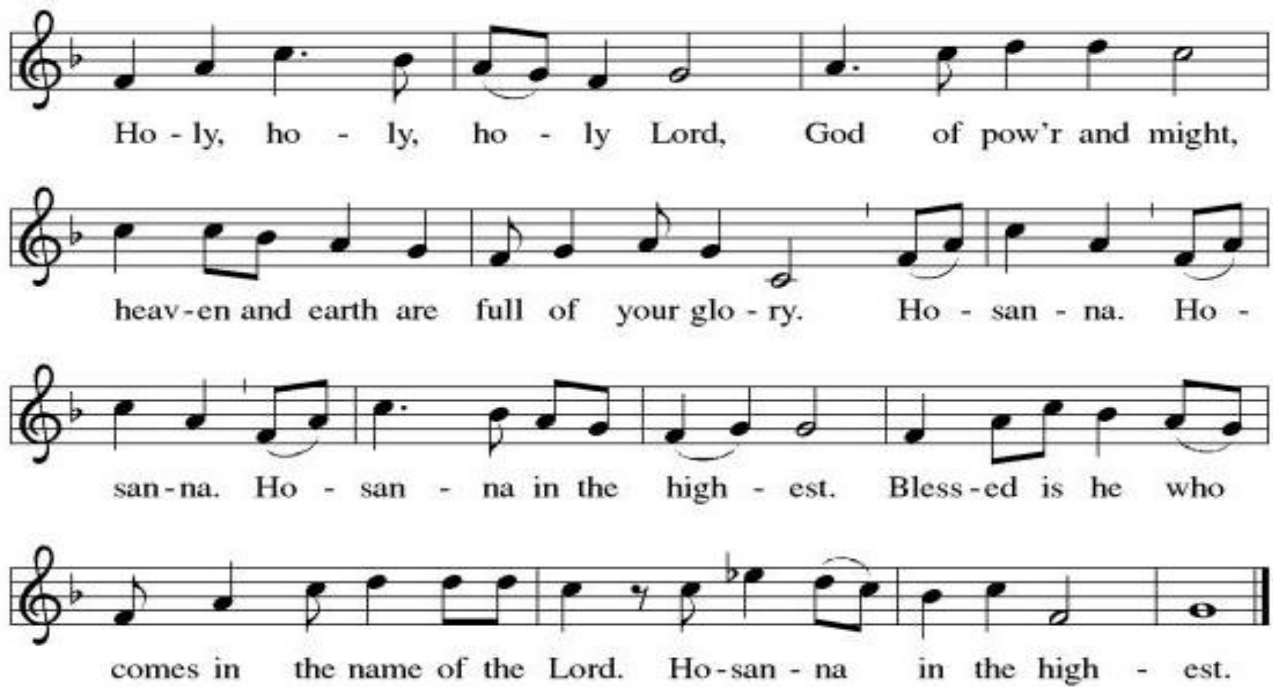
**The Great Thanksgiving**

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 and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## 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.*



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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**    *All Creatures of our God and King*

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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**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

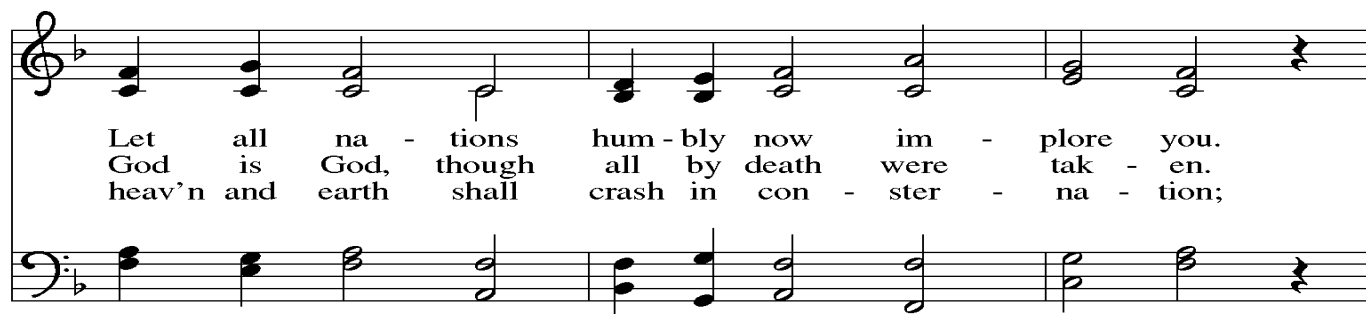
Marianne Kim

Flute - Thom Recktenwald ;Bassoon – Linda Baumgarten ;Piano – Sonya Lim and Karen Ives

## Lord our God, with Praise We Come



1 Lord our God, with praise we come be - fore you.  
 2 God is God, though lands were all for - sak - en.  
 3 Vales and hills shall move from their foun - da - tions;



Let all na - tions hum - bly now im - plore you.  
 God is God, though all by death were tak - en.  
 heav'n and earth shall crash in con - ster - na - tion;



May we en - deav - or to praise you ev - er, and  
 Al - though all rac - es had left no trac - es, in  
 moun - tains tran - scend - ing will have their end - ing. Then



ceas - ing nev - er, may we for - ev - er a - dore you.  
 star - ry spac - es God's love em - brac - es cre - a - tion.  
 Christ de - scend - ing shall bring un - end - ing sal - va - tion.

Text: Petter Dass, 1647–1707; tr. Peter A. Sveeggen, 1881–1959, alt.  
 Music: ROMEDAL, Norwegian traditional, arr. hymnal version  
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# Christ Is the Life



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive Word,  
2 Christ is the death of all that is, a broad and beck - 'ning tomb,  
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing fire,  
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the End;



whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the worlds to Be - ing stirred.  
who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to dark-ness of the womb.  
whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as kin-dling for the pyre.  
cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans - form - ing burn - ing brand.



Christ is the life be - yond all time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath,  
Christ is the death, the sink - ing down past all de - sire and fear,  
Christ is the death of dust - y days of un - cre - a - tive strife,  
Christ is the life, in whose wise love cre - a - tion lives and dies



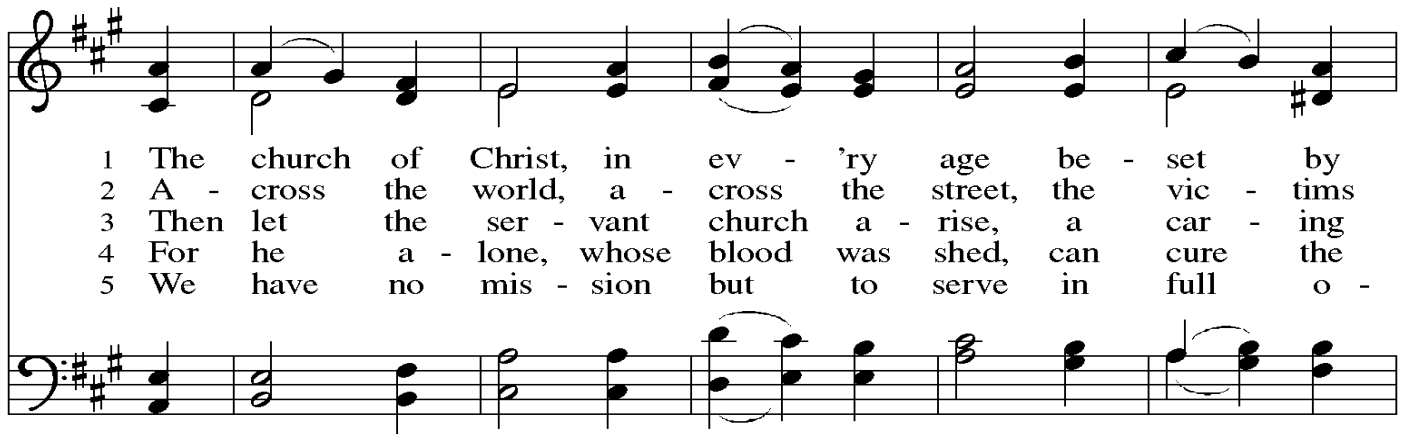
whose la - bor brings all things to be and brings all things to death.  
whose prom - ise in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.  
for out from fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.  
and thus for - ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien

Music: KINGSFOLD, English melody

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# The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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# All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and  
 2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
 3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the  
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor  
 grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,  
 throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in  
 grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:  
 clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-  
 care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:  
 fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
 Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite  
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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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 George and Gerry Bass in celebration and gratitude for 50 years of membership at St. Stephen Lutheran Church!

We thank members of our Orchaband today for their instrumental gifts in leading our hymnody:

Flute - Thom Recktenwald

Violin

- Ingrid Brown

Clarinet –

Bill Dichtel and Mathias Hallman

Cello – Marie Nelson

Bassoon – Linda Baumgarten

## **Information & Upcoming**

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

- **Tuesday, Oct 8** - Women are invited to join together for breakfast
- **Thursday, Oct 10** - Men are invited to join together for breakfast

**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.

### **Women's Study-Thursday, October 8**

Elara Strand will be leading a study on Pioneering Women Filmmakers on **Thursday, October 8**, at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the library. She will do a presentation and show some film clips. Please be ready to share the name of a film you love (not necessarily made by women).

Pioneering Women Filmmakers can offer us inspiring insights! This will be a great lead-in to our Women's Workshop on Saturday, November 7, on "Celebrating Ordinary" - using examples of women in the Bible to help us in our "ordinary" lives as we live out our faith. Please join us - and bring a friend! Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4860117863> Passcode: 662251

**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.

**St. Stephen Calendar: September 20-27 , 2026**

**SUNDAY, October 4 ~ 19th 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)**

**MONDAY, Oct 5**

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

12:30 PM   Church Staff Meeting

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

6:00 PM     Faith5 Meal (Fellowship Hall)

**TUESDAY, Oct 6**

8:00 AM     Womens Breakfast ( Colonial pancake house)

10am-2pm   Quilting group ( Fellowship hall)

**WEDNESDAY, Oct 7**

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 8**

8:00 AM     Mens Breakfast (Colonial Pancake house)

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

**FRIDAY, Oct 9**

**SATURDAY, Oct 10**

11:00AM-3:00PM AA Workshop (Fellowship Hall)

11:30 AM   Orcha-Band Rehearsal ( Worship Space)

5:30 PM     AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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

**SUNDAY, Oct 11~ 20<sup>th</sup> 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)**

## **Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today**

Acolyte/Crucifer .....(8:30) Amy Bergh  
.....(11:00)  
Altar Guild .....(8:30) Amy Bergh  
.....(11:00)  
Audio-Visual Team.....(8:30) Nancy Carter (11:00) Charles Osborne & Mike Morgan  
Bread Baker .....Ursula Recktenwald  
Cantors .....(8:30) (11:00)  
Communion Assistants .....(8:30) Amy & Brian Bergh  
.....(11:00) Harvey Nelson and Cyndy Touhsaent  
Flower Delivery .....  
Greeters/Hosts.....(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00)  
Lectors.....(8:30) Karen Nester (11:00) Christina Nelson  
Pastor..... Pastor Jon Nelson  
Tellers.....Jane Gingerich, Ursula Recktenwald and Russ White  
Ushers..... (8:30) Jeff & Lisa Bushmire (11:00) Jim Weilmuenster and Russ Dabel

# Thank you!

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