



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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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.

September 27, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost

For Your Prayers - September 28-October 4, 2026

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – Sept 28: Judges 14:1-20; Philippians 1:3-14; Psalm 28

Tue – Sept 29: Judges 16:1-22; Philippians 1:15-21; Psalm 28

Wed – Sept 30: Judges 16:23-31; Matthew 9:2-8; Psalm 28

Thu – Oct 1: Jeremiah 2:14-22; Colossians 2:16-23; Psalm 80:7-15

Fri – Oct 2: Jeremiah 2:23-37; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a; Psalm 80:7-15

Sat – Oct 3: Jeremiah 6:1-10; John 7:40-52; Psalm 80:7-15

Next Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

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, Bob Bastian, Carol Baum, Robi Bayard, Lila Bradley, Carol Bergh, Mary Bloom, Doug Bolick, Robert Bunn, David Carr, John Coski, Amaree Cluff, Judy Craun, Mary Davis, Ronnie Dodson, Pat D'Orazio, Dru Dowdy, Judy Drezek, Anne Dwiggin, Bob Friend, Danny Gass, Debbie Glenn, Joan Goodhart, 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, Maricel Paulin, 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, Betty Lou Tulloh, Jen Tyson Elaine Wrich, Lynda Wright, Shelly Wrenn, and Bev Utrich.

18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music	8:30	<i>Lord, keep Us Steadfast in Your Word</i>	Anne Krentz Organ
	11:00	<i>Song Without Words</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
		Hannah Stocker, Violinist	

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

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

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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.

All



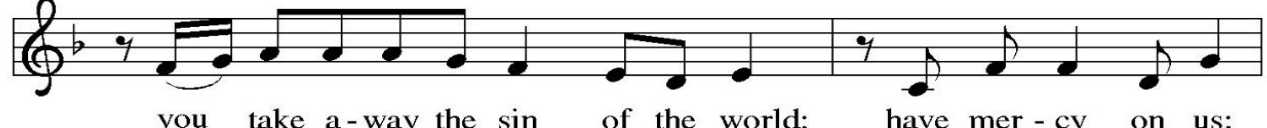
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



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

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die. ²⁵ Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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

Psalm 25:1-9



- ¹ To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.
- ² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**
- ³ Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- ⁴ **Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. REFRAIN**
- ⁵ Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- ⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸ You are gracious and up-¹ right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners¹ in your way.

⁹ You lead the low-¹ ly in justice
and teach the low-¹ ly your way. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

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

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of

human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

Sermon

Rev. Kimberly Knowle-Zeller

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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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

Dear ones, none among us have all the answers. No single entity can map a clear path to peace and freedom. But each time we show up to the questions, God meets us there. Enabling our creativity. Opening possibilities. Linger in the struggle. In gratitude for this sustaining accompaniment, let us bring our offerings together.

Offering of Music

8:30 *Show Me Thy Ways/Psalm 25*
Soloist- Ellen Bushman

Jayne Southwick Cool

11:00 *O Blessed Spring*
Hannah Stocker, Violinist

Robert Bucklee Farlee

Offertory Prayer

Ancient One, throughout human history, people in power have used authority to oppress and control. Many have done so in your name. As we continue to unlearn our own investment in institutions and traditions that have done harm in this way, we pray that our community can take a different shape. Where our power is shared. Dispersed. Recognized and respected among and between us. May it be so. **Amen.**

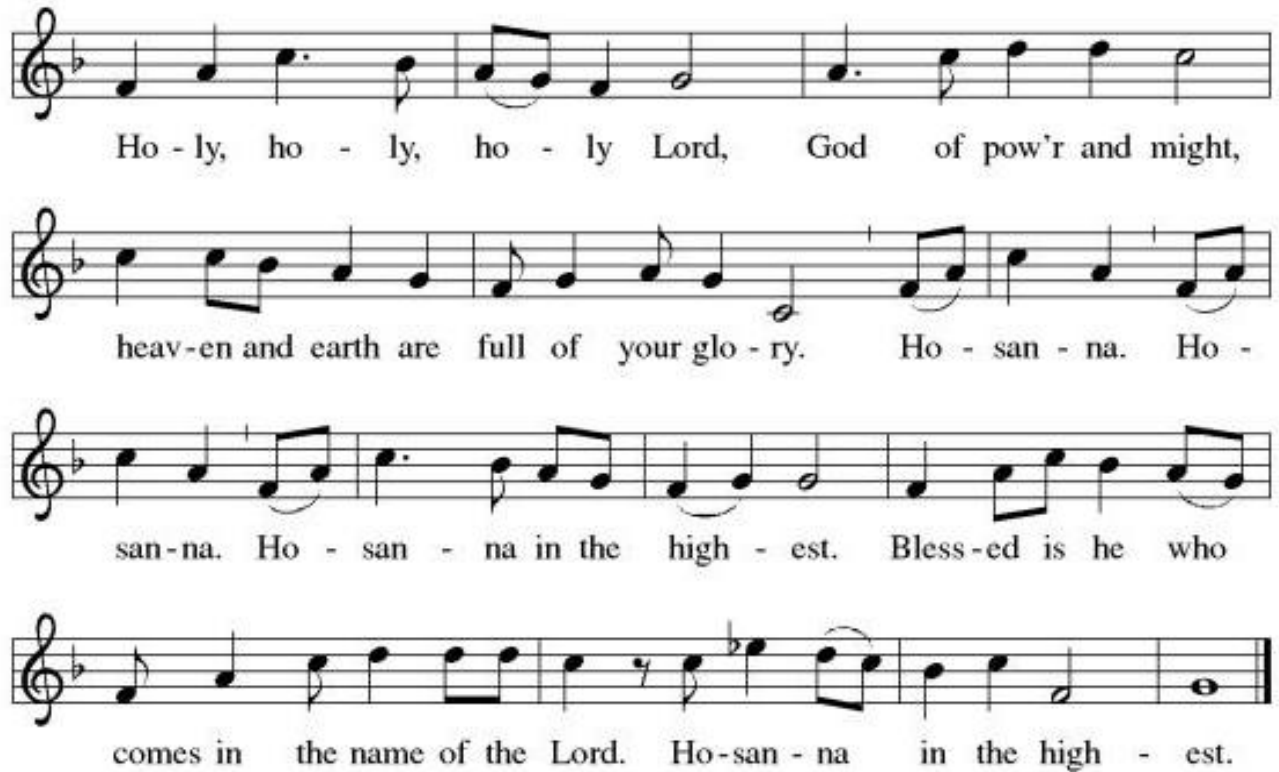
The Great Thanksgiving

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:

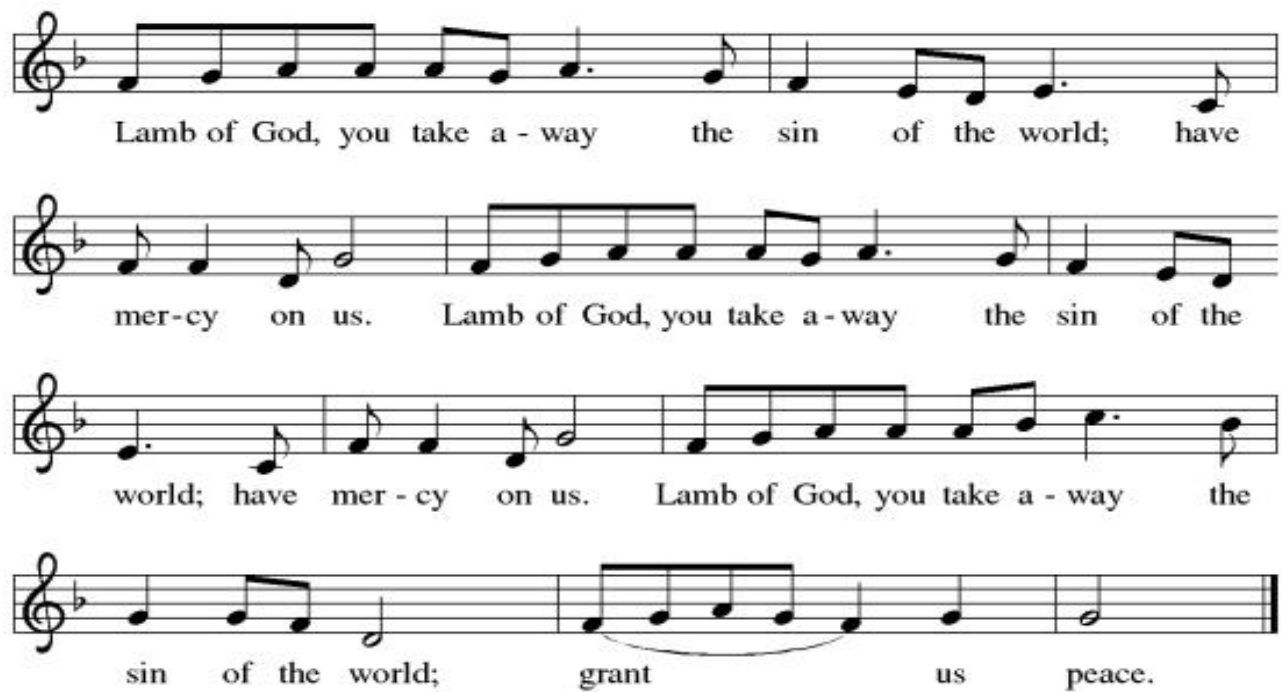


Words of Institution

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.*



Communion Hymn

Strengthen for Service, Lord

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Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

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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 *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

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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

Psalm 19 – The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

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The Feast Is Ready

1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



the feast is read - y to be - gin.

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

Strengthen for Service, Lord



1 Streng-then for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
 2 The tongues that sang your ho - ly name now purge of
 3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er



things have ta - ken; and let the ears that heard your
 all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your
 lured to wan - der; but lead the faith - ful nour - ished



word to false - hood nev - er wak - en.
 love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.
 here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.

Text: Syriac Liturgy of Malabar; tr. composite
 Music: BUCKHURST RUN, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962
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Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of two phrases. The first phrase starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, then a half note B-flat4, and ends with a half note C5. The second phrase starts with a half note D5, followed by a quarter note E5, then a half note F5, and ends with a half note G5. The lyrics are: 'Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.'

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set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

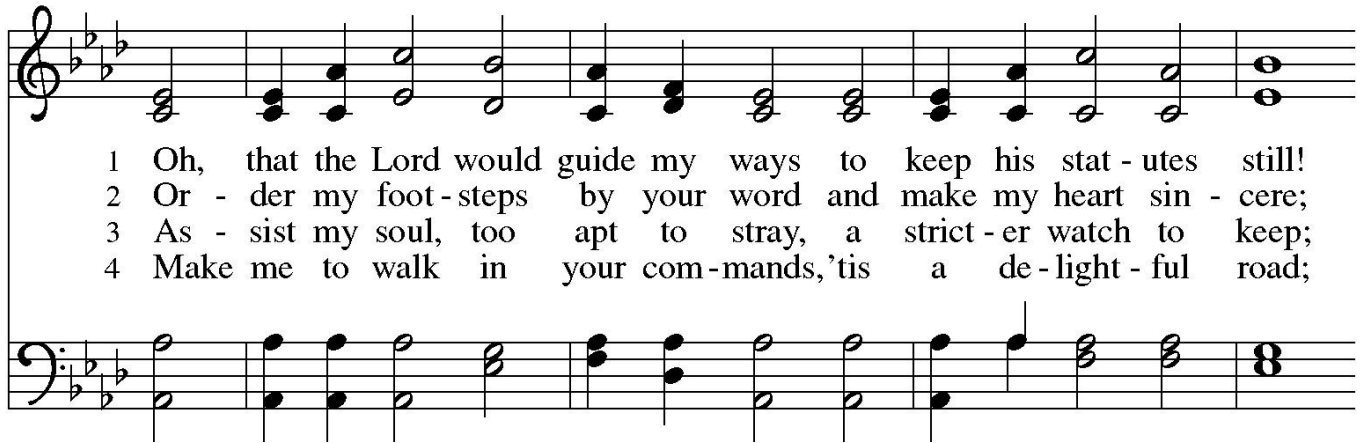
Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

As We Gather

Restrooms & First Aid

- ❖ A gender-neutral, family restroom and a Women's restroom can be found in the hallway behind our Worship Space.
- ❖ Additional Men's and Women's restrooms can be found on the lower level of the church building.
- ❖ A first aid kit and an A.E.D. can be found hanging on the wall in the hallway behind our Worship Space.

Live-streaming

- ❖ We regularly live-stream our services and cannot guarantee that you will not appear on our YouTube or Facebook channel. Sitting in the East Wing or the NE section of the Worship Space will minimize your chances of being on screen. We can also bring communion to you if you inform an usher of that desire. Both services are live streamed.

Parents! Thanks for bringing your children to worship.

- ❖ Did you know that intergenerational worship is the single most important activity encouraging children's faith formation? (See vibrantfaith.org)
- ❖ When parents and children need to take a break for a few minutes, there's a play area (aka "pryground") with toys and books in the East wing of the Worship Space.
- ❖ Age-appropriate activity bags are available in the Gathering Space – ask an usher for assistance.

Assistance is Available for You:

- ❖ **An induction loop** is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T."
- ❖ **Large print** worship materials are available – ask an usher.

Health Update: We always encourage you to monitor yourself for symptoms of illness and to worship from home if you are experiencing any. We have masks and hand sanitizer available for use in our building should you require.

What's Happening Today

Flowers this morning are given by Stan and Soni York in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary!

Thank you to Rev. Kimberly Knowle-Zeller for speaking with us this weekend and sharing her time and talents!

Information & Upcoming

Blessing of Pets. This year, the celebration of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4) falls on a Sunday. Rather than a separate blessing service, **you are invited to bring your well-behaved and friendly pets to worship on Sunday, October 4.** You are also welcome to bring a picture of your pet if you prefer. The blessing of pets will occur at the start of both services that Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE! November 6-7, 2026 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! Details will be shared as planning progresses. Thanks to Sandy Johnson and the planning team for their preparations.

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!

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, Sept 27 ~ 18th 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 Conversation with our TIR (College Room)

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

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

2:00 PM Movie and Discussion (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College Room)

MONDAY, Sept 28

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 Stephen Ministers Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

6:00 PM Faith5 Meal (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, Sept 29

12:30 PM Worship and Music Committee (Library/Conference room)

WEDNESDAY, Sept 30

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 1

8:30AM-11:30AM Preschool Screening (Library/Conference room)

2:15 PM St. Stephen Ringers (Worship Space)

FRIDAY, Oct 2

SATURDAY, Oct 3

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 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)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) Corey Knestrick
..... (11:00)
Altar Guild(8:30) Rosalie Frey
..... (11:00) Nancy Egloff
Audio-Visual Team.....(8:30) Nancy Carter (11:00) Tobias & Liam Janke
Bread Baker.....Paula Agor
Cantors(8:30) Ellen Bushman (11:00) Jim Larsen
Communion Assistants(8:30) Paula Agor and Rosalie Frey
..... (11:00) Christina Nelson and David Nelson
Flower Delivery Carol Wiers
Greeters/Hosts(8:30) Rosie Frey (11:00)
Lectors.....(8:30) Paula Agor (11:00) Jeanne Garrison
PastorRev. Kimberly Knowle-Zeller
PresiderPastor Jon Nelson
Tellers..... Tom & Sandy Peterkin and Sandy Croushore
Ushers..... (8:30) Reed & Karen Nester (11:00) Glenn Joppa

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(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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

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Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

September 27, 2026

Name: _____

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Address (Home) _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

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Guests Only:

I belong to _____

Church Address _____

Please check as many as pertain:

_____ Member

_____ First time guest

_____ Regular guest

_____ Guest (out of town)

_____ Student at William & Mary

_____ LSA member

_____ Looking for a church home

_____ Desire to speak with pastor

_____ Would like more information about Stephen Ministry

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

Prayer Requests

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