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Please participate by having your worship bulletin and Celebrate ready

Zoom Bible Studies with Pastor Jim on Thursdays 11am & 7pm.
Check your email on Wednesday for the link to the Zoom meeting.

Our Mission Statement

St. Stephen's is a welcoming, healing community who worship
God in Christ, nurture people growing in faith,
serve others with acceptance and love,
invite people to share the joy of the spirit.

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
June 21, 2020

WELCOME AND A NOTE TO VISITORS

Welcome Visitor! We pray the service will be a blessing for you and that you will join us again soon. Thank you for worshiping with us — your presence is a joy to this faith community. Please fill out the “Worship Slip” and place it in the offering plate. Nursery care is available, the ushers can direct you.

(*) Asterisk means, “Please Stand”

The Gathering

*Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Whose steadfast love is everlasting,
Whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess the ways we have missed God’s mark.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

**C: We confess that we do not trust your abundance,
And we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
And rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
As you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
Through your love, renew us;
And in your Spirit, lead us;
So that we may live and serve you in newness of life.
Amen.**



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**NATIONAL ATTENTION ON
POLICE VIOLENCE AND RACISM**

The ELCA recently signed a letter to Congress with a coalition organized through The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights. [The letter](#) included specific policy recommendations for just police reform. Campaign Zero, a comprehensive platform of research-based policy solutions to end police brutality in America supported by the ELCA since 2016, also includes insights around barriers to effective misconduct investigations and civilian oversight; more available from [ELCA.org/BlackLivesMatter](https://www.elca.org/BlackLivesMatter).

Live Worship option

If any of you would like to participate, we are open to a **few people** Reading Scripture and offering the Prayers of Intercession from the Celebrate page. Or if you would just like to come to worship – Saturdays 11:00 am. Socially distanced of course. Call Leslie at 476-4700 to schedule your spot ☺.

**From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
Not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
Ev'ry tyrant...from his throne.
The hungry poor shall...weep no more,
For the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
For the world is about to turn. REFRAIN**

**Though the nations rage from...age to age,
We remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
From the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. REFRAIN**

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer Concerns

Short Term: Healthcare workers, Jean Patterson, Nicholas Gross & family, Sheila (Terri's sister), Frank Giammona, Derek, Heather, Kevin, Family of Suzanne Duval, Vanessa, Rose, Shelly Barker & family, George Webber & Family, Cox Family, Becky & Aaron Johnson, Marlene Simmen & family, Lorraine Chavez, Kimberly & Danny, Lora Schraft Poulson, Doug Hahn, Michael, Kayla, Don, Lina, Katarina, Taiyo, Mateo, Stephanie Jager, Cabel, Kyle, Esdras, Jackson, Joe, Pat, Riley, Shelby, Frank, Kaitlyn, Daniel, Ryder, Jenny, Abby, Immigrant families, The Homeless, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, Pastor Jim and Our Church Family.

Long Term: people of the Bahamas, The Sanders Family, Linda Johnson, Bailey Ingalls, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, John B., Michelle, Josh, CJ, Susan Anderson, Rick, Bobbie Erickson, Edna Lindquist, Richard C., Eric VonSchell, Lauri Hollist, Ken Pahel, Pat M., Gary, Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Barry & Barbara, Chris & Lorie Juhl, Karin, Will, Chris, Pat Hubbard, Cathy, Pearl Runquist, Volpi & Robe Family, men and women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.

June Benevolence Offering = World Hunger

P: Beloved of God,
By the overwhelming abundance of divine mercy
We have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,
Through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint
Because God's love has been poured into our hearts
Through the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!" Red #314

**Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty,
Good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken hearted ones
And comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

God Give Us Life By Ray Makeever

*Call to Worship


L In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, breathing life into all creatures.

C 
Come in-to us Ho-ly Spir - it.

L In the beginning God created the people of the earth, naming humanity the embodiment of the divine presence.

C 
Come in-to us Ho-ly Spir - it.

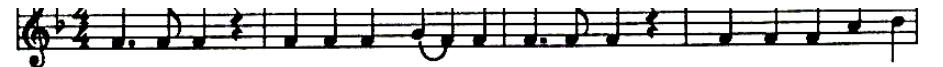
L In the beginning God guided the darkness over the earth, leading it into light, forming a communion from the chaos.

C 
Come in-to us Ho-ly Spir - it.

L As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be...

C God give us life!

*Benediction Solo voice first time; congregation second time.


God of Life: God the cre - a - tor, God of Hope: Christ the Re-deem-er,


God of Peace: Ho - ly Spir - it, Bless you now and al - ways.

*Closing Hymn

"Canticle of the Turning" Red #723

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
And my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?**

REFRAIN

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

**Though I am small, my...God, my all,
You work great...things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
To the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
And to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn.**

REFRAIN

(Hymn continued)

Communion Hymn

“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal” Red #464

**Bread of life, our host and meal, Jesus, feed us.
Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.**

**Bread now break and wine now pour, Jesus, feed us.
Make us one, our hope restore; feed us with your love.**

**Grant forgiveness in the feast—Jesus, feed us -
For the greatest and the least; feed us with your love.**

**Thank you for this gift we share. Jesus, feed us.
Save God’s children ev’rywhere; feed us with your love.**

*Communion Blessing

P: May this Holy Communion of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace now and forever

C: Amen

*Post Communion Prayer

P: God of the welcome table,
In this meal we have feasted on your goodness
And have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts
So that we may share your neighborly love with all,
Through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

C: Amen

*Leader sings first time, women only second time;
whole congregation third time*



In the name of God, the Cre - a - tor, In the name of Christ, the Re - deem - er,



In the name of the Guid - ing Spir - it, Al - le - lu - ia, A men.

Solo voice sings first line; congregation second.



L Come let us wor-ship God. Come let us wor-ship God.



C Come let us wor-ship God. Come let us wor-ship God



L Wel-come ev-'ry-one to the love of God.



C Wel-come ev-'ry-one to the love of God.

- Verses:
- 2. Rest for the weary
 - 3. Food for the hungry
 - 4. Hope for the children

L: The God of Life be with you al - ways. C: And with you, too.

*Prayer of the Day

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P: Let us pray
C: Amen

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

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R: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Read Responsively

Psalms 69:7-18

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Second Reading

Romans 6:1-11

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R: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

L: Al - le - lu - ia, C: Al - le - lu - ia, L: Al - le -

lu - ia, C: Al - le - lu - ia, L: Al - le - lu - ia, C: Al - le -

lu - ia, L: Al - le - lu - ia, C: Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Lamb of God: vs. 1 and 2 only

1. Lamb of God, who takes a - way the sin of

all the world to - day, Have mer - cy up - on us,

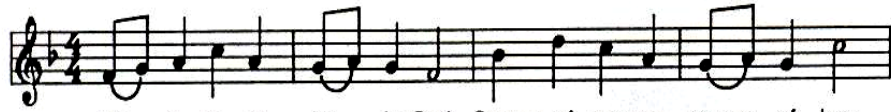
mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.

2. Lamb of God, who'd give your soul
To see a broken world made whole,
Have mercy upon us. mercy upon us... etc.

Holy Communion

As we continue to worship at a distance, please provide your own bread and fruit of the vine to commune with. Use the words "The Body of Christ given" and "The Blood of Christ shed" when you receive each of the elements.

Holy Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God. Source of pow-er, source of love.



Hea-ven and earth are full_ of you, Ho - san - na in_ the



high - est. (Fine) Bless-ed is the one, the one who comes



in the name of our grac-ious God. Bless-ed be Je - sus Christ.

*Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat; this my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying; "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

*The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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,**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th Chapter.
C: Glory to you, O God.

*The Gospel Matthew 10:24-39 Celebrate pg. 3

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pr. James Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

"We Are Called" Red #720

**Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.**

REFRAIN:

***We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.***

**Come! Open your heart!
Show your...mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness... will be...no more. *REFRAIN***

**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers... united in love. *REFRAIN***

*Prayers of the Church

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The Great Thanksgiving

*Passing of the Peace

P: May the peace of God be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Offering—*Please continue to give by mail, website or church mailbox*

*Offertory Hymn *Solo voice sings first time through;
Congregation sings through twice as gifts are presented.*

Come bring them to the ta - ble. Bring the
gifts of bread and wine. The hopes and dreams of all the
1.
peo - ple, the of - fring of our lives.
2,3.
of - fring of our lives, the of - fring of our lives.

*Offering Prayer

P: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours,
And your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread:
These are signs of your abundant grace.
Nourish us through these gifts,
That we might proclaim your steadfast love
In our communities and in the world,
Through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C: **Amen.**

L The God of Life be with you al - ways.

C And with you, too.

L Lift up your hearts, Lift up your minds.

C We lift them joy - ful - ly un - to God.

L Let us thank our grac - ious God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L The God of Life be with you al - ways.

C And with you, too.