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Please participate by having your worship bulletin and Celebrate ready

Zoom Bible Studies with Pastor Jim on Thursdays 11am & 7:30pm.

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.

### Reconciling in Christ

"We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace.

We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of  
race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity,  
gender expression, or relationship status.

We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or  
mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances,  
or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ."

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# ALL SAINTS DAY November 1, 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

### \*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,  
The one who fashions us,  
The one who heals us,  
The one who reforms us again and again.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God’s transforming power.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Source of all life,

**C: We confess that we have not allowed  
Your grace to set us free.  
We fear that we are not good enough.  
We hear your word of love freely given to us,  
Yet we expect others to earn it.  
We turn the church inward,  
Rather than moving it outward.  
Forgive us. Stir us.  
Reform us to be a church powered by love,  
Willing to speak for what is right,  
Act for what is just,  
And seek the healing of your whole creation.  
Amen.**

### \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Sound the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**



## Prayer Concerns

**Short Term:** Healthcare workers, teachers, Family of Eleanor Zoellner, Donna, Betsy, Tom, Anna, Krispa, Patsy, Zachary Sherilyn Jager & family, Family of Delores Price, Family of Al Mitchell, Jennifer & family, Family of Cheryl Denny, Jean Patterson, Sheila & Terri, Frank Giammona, Heather, Kevin, Family of Suzanne Duval, Vanessa, Rose, Shelly Barker & family, Sam, George Webber & Family, Cox Family, Becky & Aaron Johnson, Marlene Simmen & family, Lorraine Chavez, Kimberly & Danny, Lora Schraft Poulson, Nelleke, Chuck, Michael, Kayla, Don, Lina, Sal, Katarina, Taiyo, Mateo, Stephanie Jager, Cabel, Miller, Kyle, Noah, Esdras, Jackson, Immigrant families, The Homeless, Our Nation’s leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen’s Child Development Ctr, Pastor Jim and Our Church Family. **Long Term:** 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.

## 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. Masked & Socially distanced of course.

Call Leslie at 476-4700 to schedule your spot ☺.

\*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***

**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***

**P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us  
And to empower our lives in the world.  
Our sins are forgiven.  
† God's love is unconditional,  
And we are raised up as God's people  
Who will always be made new,  
In the name of Jesus Christ. C: **Amen.****

\*Opening Hymn

*"For All the Saints" Red #422 vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7*

**1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,...  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;...  
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**5 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;...  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates...of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## 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!

## Communion Hymn

"Lord, Be Glorified"

#744

**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
In my life Lord, be glorified today**

**In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
In our song, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.**

### \*Prayer after Communion

**P:** Holy and compassionate God,  
In bread and wine you give us gifts  
That form us to be humble and courageous.  
May your words come to life  
In our serving and in our witness,  
That we might speak a living voice  
Of healing and justice to all the world,  
Through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.


**C: Amen**

\*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.

### 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.

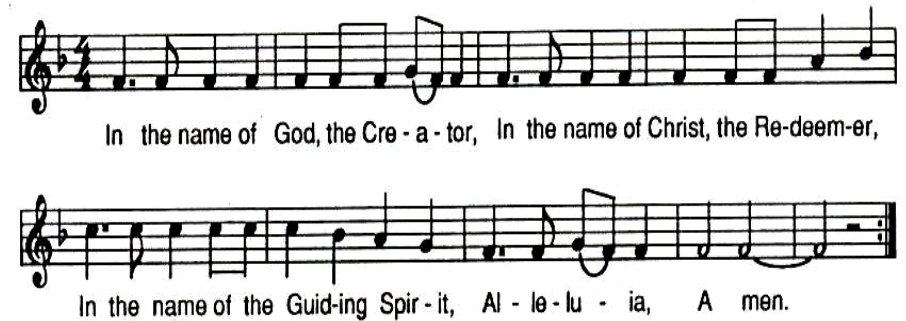
### Holy Communion

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.

### \*Invitation to Communion

**P:** Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,  
and make us one with you.

*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.*

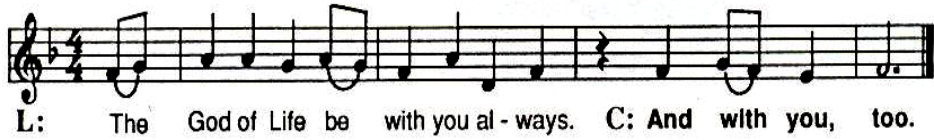


**Verse**  
L Come let us wor-ship God. Come let us wor-ship God.  
C Come let us wor-ship God. Come let us wor-ship God.

**Refrain**  
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 ....





\*Prayer of the Day

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P: Let us pray  
C: **Amen**

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

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

Read Responsively

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

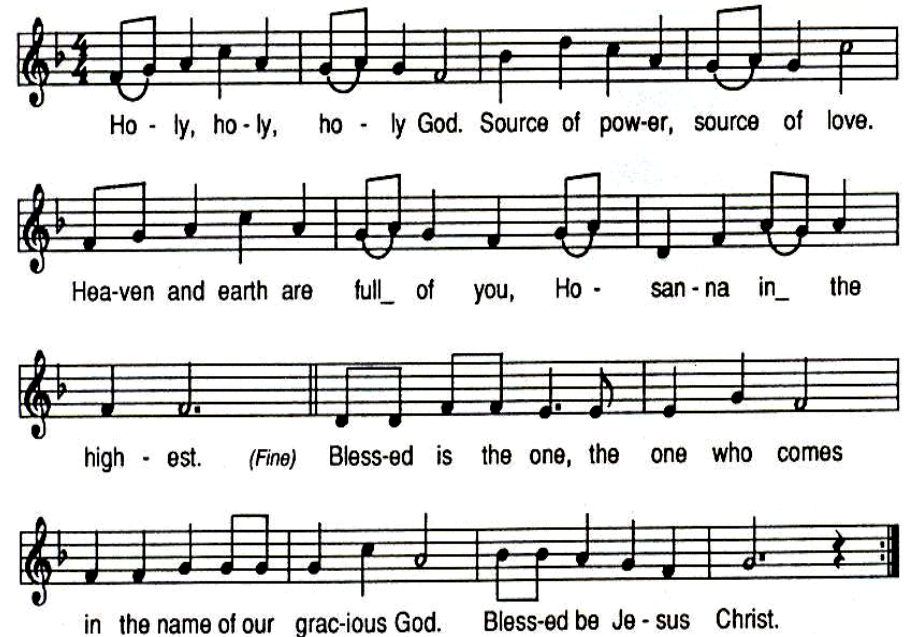
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R: Word of God. Word of Life.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation



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\*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,  
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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th Chapter.  
C: **Glory to you, O God.**

\*The Gospel Matthew 5:1-12 Celebrate pg. 3

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

Sermon Pastor James Lapp

\*Hymn of the Day  
"Gather us In" (Here In This Place) Red #532

**Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name**

**We are the young; our lives are a myst'ry  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry  
Called to be light to the whole human race**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song**

**Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us a-new to be salt for the earth**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true**

(hymn continued)

Not in the dark of buildings confining  
 Not in some heaven light years away  
 Here in this place the new light is shining  
 Now is the kingdom, and now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever  
 Gather us in and make us your own  
 Gather us in, all peoples together  
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bone

\*Prayers of the Church

Celebrate Pg. 4

Our Saints:

Matthew Barker  
 Rev. Bonnie Bell  
 Suzanne Duval  
 Al Mitchell  
 Delores Price  
 Ginny Ruble  
 Judy Webber

\*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 life,  
 You give us these gifts of the earth,  
 These resources of our life and our labor.  
 Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,  
 And use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;  
 Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

C: **Amen.**