

## **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 Statement**

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 men-  
tal health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances,  
or anything that too often divides us.  
Our unity is in Christ.

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# 4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

Welcome to people new to this church or faith, long time Lutherans, and Christians and faiths from every tradition. Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation and marital status, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners & questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate & sorrow, rejoice & recover. This is a place where lives are made new.

*Welcome on this GLORIOUS day!*

Instructions: Please fill out the enclosed orange "Worship Slip" and place it in the offering plate with your offering, as a sign of thanksgiving for all of God's blessings.

Prelude

## The Gathering

\*Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity † one God,  
Full of compassion and mercy,  
Abounding in steadfast love,

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
Let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Eternal God our creator,

**C: in you we live and move and have our being.**

**Look upon us, your children,**

**The work of your hands.**

**Forgive us all our offenses,**

**And cleanse us from proud thoughts & empty desires.**



Please call the church office at 476-4700  
to offer flowers for worship.

## Habitat For Humanity Lunches

**June 22**

The 4th Tuesday of each month we provide lunch for the volunteers. Please call the office if you can bring sandwiches or fruit.

For more info See [www.habitatmontereybay.org](http://www.habitatmontereybay.org)

## Thursday Bible Studies

Zoom with Pastor Jim

(check email on Weds. for link)

11am -12noon and 7:30 pm—8:30 pm

*We will be looking at the upcoming scripture readings for Sunday, to enrich our worship experience and uncover some of the deeper truths of our faith. As we grow in our faith, we grow together in spirit and community.*

**Long Term:** Jan Wagner, The Sanders Family, Linda Johnson, Bailey Ingalls, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, John B., Michelle, Josh, CJ, Jeff Tarantino, Susan Anderson, Rick, 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, Rev. Jack Zoellner, men and women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.

## **Outdoor Worship Dates**

(Inclement weather cancels)

**June 27th & July 11 at 10am.**  
(2nd and 4th Sundays thereafter.)

Please remember to wear a mask or two, bring your own chair, or remain in your car.  
Holy Communion will be offered with pre-sealed cups and wafer.

**For all other Sundays, a recorded service on our Website is provided:**  
**“[www.ststephenslutheran.org](http://www.ststephenslutheran.org)”**

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**We will resume indoor, in-person,**  
**public worship services on**  
**Sunday, September 12th at 10 a.m.**

(Subject to County Health  
Dept. Rules)



**By your grace draw us near to you,  
Our refuge and our strength;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith,  
We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God's love has been poured into our hearts,  
Through the Holy Spirit given to us.  
In the mercy of almighty God,  
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;  
God † forgives you all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Red #765

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

### **Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you**

\*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: .... now and forever.

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C: **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

First Reading

Job 38:1-11

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Psalm (chant responsively) Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 Cel. pg. 2

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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\*Gospel Acclamation

“Halle, Halle, Halelujah”

Red #172

**Halle, halle, halle—lu-u-jah!  
Halle, halle, halle—lu-u-jah!  
Halle, halle, halle—lu-u-jah!  
Halleujah! Halle-lu-jah!**

\*Gospel Reading

Mark 4:35-41

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P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. Mark the 4th chapter.

C: **Glory to you. O God**

*(The Gospel is read)*

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. James P. Lapp

\*Hymn of the Day

*“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”*

Red #763

**My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.**

**O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!**

**O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
All trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Gary Roberts

**June Special Offering**  
**World Hunger**

**Prayer Concerns**    **Short Term:** Family of Lu Sluiter, Family of Jean Petersen, Family of Betty Kievlan, Hannah Mullen Family, Jo Ann, Bobbie Erickson, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Eugene Gross, Leslie Lapp and Family, Healthcare workers, teachers, Marla Meek and family, Kathy Allen and Family, Beth Stiles, Casey, Nancy and Sam, Marisa, Margot Wilson, Kent, Donna, Betsy, Tom, Anna, Krispa, Patsy, Zachary, Jean Patterson, Frank Giammona, Heather, Kevin, Vanessa, Rose, Sam, George Webber & Family, Cox Family, Becky & Aaron Johnson, Lorraine Chavez, Lora Schraft Poulson, Nelleke, 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.

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\*Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray:

Jesus Christ, host of this meal,  
You have given us not only this bread and cup,  
But your very self, that we may feast on your great love.  
Filled again by these signs of your grace,  
May we hunger for your reign of justice,  
May we thirst for your way of peace,  
For you are Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen**

\*Blessing

P: May God, whose power working in us  
Can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,  
Grant you the gifts of faith and hope.  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save“      Red #756

**Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm was bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!**

**O Savior, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep,  
And calm amid the storm didst sleep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!**

REFRAIN

**No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?      REFRAIN**

**What though my joys and comforts die?  
The lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth.      REFRAIN**

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing.  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing?      REFRAIN**

\*The Prayers of the Church

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**The Communion Meal**

\* Passing of the Peace

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

**C: And also with you.**

Offering — We honor and worship God by returning some  
of the gifts with which we have been blessed.

Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful God,  
You open wide your hand  
And satisfy the need of every living thing.  
You have set this feast before us.  
Open our hands to receive it.

Open our hearts to embrace it.  
Open our lives to live it.  
We pray this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

#### \*Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to God**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

#### Eucharistic Prayer

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

#### \*Words of Institution

#### \*Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father, in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is 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**

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come for all is ready!

#### Holy Communion

We have changed our practice in order to reflect our concern for the most vulnerable among us. Jesus often lifted up those who were most at risk in life as ones that we all need to care for lovingly. May this way of receiving draw us nearer to God's ways.

Please have your prepared elements ready to receive Holy Communion. Please commune yourself or a loved one with you with the words: "The Body of Christ given." and "The Blood of Christ shed."

#### Communion Hymn

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Red #773

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows...drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is...almost...gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night draws..near,  
And the day is...past and ...gone,  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

### **The Sending**

#### \*Communion Blessing

P: May this Holy Communion from Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forever.

**C: Amen**