

## 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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# 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to people new to this church or faith, long time Lutherans, and Christians 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 and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new. Welcome on this day.

Please fill out the "Worship Slip" and place it in the offering plate.

( \* ) Asterisk means, "Please stand as you are able."

## 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,  
The only Sovereign, who dwells in light;  
Christ Jesus, who came to save all from sin;  
The Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: God of overflowing grace,

**C: we come to you with repentant hearts.**

**Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.**

**Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.**

**Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.**

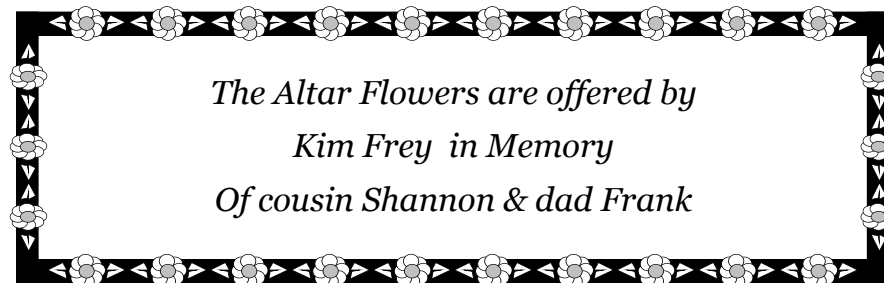
**Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.**

**Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,**

**And strengthen us to serve you**

**In all that we do and say;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



## Upcoming Events:

August Benevolence Offering - Cal. Lutheran Univ.  
& Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

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| August tba | Confirmation Class 6:30 pm              |
| Aug. 30    | Boy Scouts 7:00 pm (Fellow. Hall)       |
| Sept. 1    | Knitters 7:00 pm                        |
| Sept. 8    | Preschool Chapel 10:15 am               |
| Sept. 8    | Bible Study 11:00 am & 7:30 pm          |
| Sept. 1    | Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm (Fellowship) |
| Sept. 2    | A.A. 7:00 pm                            |
| Sept. 7    | Women's Café Group 6:00 pm              |
| Sept. 13   | Knitting Guild 6:30 pm                  |
| Sept. 13   | Church Council 6:30 pm                  |
| Sept 15    | Knitting Guild 10 am                    |

**Pastor's Office Hours Wed & Thurs. 10:00 to 1:00**

\*Closing Hymn

“Welcome Table” ACS #969

**I’m agoin’a eat at the welcome table,  
I’m agoin’a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.  
I’m agoin’a eat at the welcome table,  
I’m agoin’a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.**

**I’m agoin’a feast on milk . . . And honey,  
I’m agoin’a feast on milk . . . And honey, some of these days.  
I’m agoin’a feast on milk . . . And honey,  
I’m agoin’a feast on milk . . . And honey, some of these days.**

**I’m agoin’a wade ‘cross Jordan’s river,  
I’m agoin’a wade ‘cross Jordan’s river, some of these days.  
I’m agoin’a wade ‘cross Jordan’s river,  
I’m agoin’a wade ‘cross Jordan’s river, some of these days.**

\*Dismissal

**P:** Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer Concerns**

**SHORT TERM:** Family of Tom Dunham, Barbara Allen, Family of Audrey Patterson, Beth Stiles, Tara McMilin & family, Anita & Howard, The People of Ukraine, Sydney Wilbywold, Paul Paustian, Kurt Bell, Will, Deborah Henry, Kathi Chavez, Carla, Ellie, Adrian Cameron, Dawit & Family (Ethiopia), Gaye Cornell, Dorothy, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Kirsten Skiles, Nancy, Marisa & Isaac, Mateo & Lina, Don, Atlas, Margot Wilson, Rose, Will, Sam, Aaron Johnson, Sal, Katarina, Taiyo, Mateo, Stephanie Jager, Parents, Healthcare workers & teachers. **LONG TERM:**

Kyle Lapp, Shelby Volpi, Ashley, Jan Wagner, Sandie & Dale, Sanders Family, Linda Johnson, Bailey Ingalls, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Michelle, Josh, CJ, Bobbie Erickson, Lupe, Joyce, Susan Anderson, Jan Wagner, Richard C., Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Karin, Will, Chris, Pearl Runquist, Volpi & Robe Family, Cabel, Miller, Noah, Esdras, Immigrant families, The Homeless, Our Nation’s leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen’s Child Development Ctr, Pastor Jim & Our Church Family, men and women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.

**Serving Today**

Reader: Barbara Johnston

Coffee Host: Connie Cunningham

**P:** There is joy in heaven over every person who repents.  
By the grace of God in † Christ Jesus,  
Who gave himself up for us all,  
Your sins are forgiven and you are made free.  
Rejoice with the angels and with one another!  
We are home in God’s mercy, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn “God We Gather as Your People” ACS #1038

**God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,  
And we dare to claim the promise of your love.  
Though the day may not yet be here,  
We trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.**

**REFRAIN**

**Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,  
Fling the church doors open wide.  
May there be room enough for ev’ryone inside.**

**Oh, we sing for all the children,  
That one day they be free;  
And we sing for generations yet to be,  
That they never have a reason  
To doubt that they are blest.  
May they, in your love, find rest. REFRAIN**

**Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short  
By fear and shame,  
So afraid of who they are and whom they love.  
May the message now be banished  
That your love is for the few;  
May their faith in you renew. REFRAIN**

**God, we’re working for the future  
when children far and wide can . . .  
Live their lives with dignity and pride,  
As they grow in strength and stature,  
May they join us hand in hand,  
As against all hate we stand. REFRAIN**

\*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.**

Kyrie - Greek for: "God have mercy" ACS setting 12  
(We bring our burdens and pleas for God's help)



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria ACS setting 12



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,  
In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.  
In the presence of our Lord we gather,  
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,  
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.  
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,  
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

**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**

\*Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray:  
We come again to you, O God,  
Giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy  
You have embraced us and healed us,  
Making us one in the body of Christ.  
Go with us on our way.  
Equip us for every good work,  
That we may continue to give you thanks  
By embracing others with mercy and healing;  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
C: **Amen**

\*Blessing

P: May God send you light and truth  
To keep you all the days of your life.  
And may the blessing of Almighty God,  
The Father, The † Son, and The Holy Spirit,  
Be with you now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

\*Words of Institution

\*Lord's Prayer - Sung version

**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.  
For—give 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: Take hold of the life that is God's abundant life.  
Come, take your place at the table.

(You may be seated)

Holy Communion

*Our practice is to come forward and receive the bread from Pastor Jim, and then pick up a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray. If you choose the pre-sealed bread and cup, 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 "Come Let Us Eat" Red #491

**Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
Our Lord's body let us take together,  
Our Lord's body let us take together.**

**Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.**

(continued)

\*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: ...now and forever.  
**C: Amen**

Celebrate p. 1

God Stories

**The Word of God**

First Reading Proverbs 25:6-7 Celebrate pg. 1

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

Second Reading Hebrews 13:1-16 Celebrate pg. 2

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

\*Alleluia ACS setting 12

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing one of these verses.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.  
C: **Glory to you, O God.** (The Gospel is read.)

P: The gospel of our Lord.  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message Rev. James P. Lapp

\*Hymn of the Day

“Let Us Go Now To The Banquet” Red #523

**REFRAIN (sing Spanish only)**

**Va-mos to-dos al ban-que-te,**  
(Let us go now to the banquet,)

**A la me-sa de la crea-cion;**  
(To the feast of the universe.)

**Ca-da cual con su ta-bu-re-te**  
(The table's set and a place is waiting;)

**Tie-ne un pues-to y u-na mi-sion.**  
( Come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.)

**I will rise in the early morning;  
The community's waiting for me.  
With a spring in my step I'm walking  
With my friends and my family. REFRAIN**

**God invites all the poor and hungry  
to the banquet of justice and good  
Where the harvest will not be hoarded  
So that no one will lack for food. REFRAIN**

**May we build such a place among us  
Where all people are equal in love.  
God has called us to work together  
And to share ev'rything we have. REFRAIN**

## 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.

Offering Song “Awesome God” Barbara Johnston

\*Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful God,  
As grains of wheat scattered upon the hills  
Were gathered together to become one bread,  
So let your church be gathered together  
From the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
For yours is the glory through Jesus Christ,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen**

\*Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.  
C: **We lift them to the Lord**

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 that we should...