

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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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 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

July tba	Confirmation Class 6:30 pm
Aug. 15	Embroiders Guild 7:00 pm
Aug. 16	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm (Fellow. Hall)
Aug. 17	Women's Café Group 6:00 pm
Aug. 17	Newsletter Deadline noon
Aug. 18	Knitting Guild 10 am
Aug. 18	Knitters 7:00 pm
Aug. 18	Preschool Chapel 10:15 am
Aug. 18	Bible Study 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Aug. 18	Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm (Fellowship)
Aug. 18	Knitters Group 7:00 pm (Fireside)
Aug. 19	A.A. 7:00 pm
Aug. 23	Habitat for Humanity lunches 10:30 am
Aug. 25	Newsletter Collating 2:00 pm

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

**Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;
Redress sin's cruel consequence;
Give justice larger place.**

**Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
Stretch forth your hand of healing now,
With love the weak sustain.**

**Commit your hearts to
seek the paths which Christ has trod;
And, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!**

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

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, Sydnei 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, Margot Wilson, Rose, Will, Sam, Aaron Johnson, Isaac, Mateo, Atlas, Don, Lina, Sal, Katarina, Taiyo, Mateo, Stephanie Jager, 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: Mark Linder
Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager
Altar Guild: Connie Cunningham
Counters: Janet Slay 10

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 "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*

(Hymn Continued)

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*

*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 - "God have mercy"
 (We bring our burdens and pleas for God's help)

Kyrie Refrain



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P: For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
 for the unity of all;
 For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
 Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

That we may live out your impassioned response
 to the hungry and the poor;
 That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
 Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

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.

*Closing Hymn

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!" Red #669

**Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
 Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
 with nobler zeal might burn.**

**Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
 As heirs of God's baptismal grace,
 The word of hope proclaim.**

(Hymn Continued)

*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

"O God, We Call" ACS #1075

**O god, we call
O God, we call,
From deep inside we yearn,
From deep inside we yearn,
From deep inside we yearn for you.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
for friends and family;
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives
in the water and the Word;
That you nourish our soul with your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: ...now and forever. Celebrate p. 1
C: Amen

God Stories

The Word of God

First Reading Jeremiah 23:23-29 Celebrate pg. 1

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

Second Reading Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Celebrate pg. 2

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

*Alleluia W.O.V. 671

**Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen One
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to Christ's Name.**

**Verse: Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th 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

"Faith of Our Fathers" Red #813

Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to you till death.

Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
Your work for Christ is love revealed,
Spreading God's word from pole to pole,
Making love known and freedom real.
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
We will be true to you till death.

Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
Who still must bear oppression's might,
Raiding on high, in prisons dark,
The cross of Christ still burning bright.
Faith for today, O living faith,
We will be true to you till death.

Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,
Bind us with all who follow you,
Sharing the struggle of your cross
Until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
We will be true to you till death.

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,
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...

*Words of Institution