

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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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 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.

Serving Today

Reader: Janet Slay
Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager
Altar Guild: Connie Cunningham
Counters: Janet Slay

Upcoming Events:

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

August tba	Confirmation Class 6:30 pm
Aug. 23	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm (Fellow. Hall)
Aug. 23	Habitat for Humanity lunches 10:30 am
Aug. 25	Knitters 7:00 pm
Aug. 25	Preschool Chapel 10:15 am
Aug. 25	Bible Study 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Aug. 25	Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm (Fellowship)
Aug. 25	Newsletter Collating 2:00 pm
Aug. 26	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 “Making Their Way” ACS #979

**Making their way down through the ages,
Sinners and saints have heard God’s call:
Wealthy and poor, powerful, lowly,
Jesus’ disciples, one and all.
Gathered for worship, offering thanks,
The greatest with the least have come to share this feast.**

**Making their way all the world over,
Christians assemble on this day,
Hearing the Word, sharing the Banquet,
Learning to walk in Jesus’ way.
Members of Christ, united in love,
They seek our God to know, and so together grow.**

**Making our way season by season,
Pilgrims, we journey till life’s end,
Traveling light, sharing the riches,
Caring for stranger as for friend,
Till in the joy of longing fulfilled,
Together we will come to our eternal home.**

*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 McMillin & 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, 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.

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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Red #859

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the God of creation!
My heart is longing to offer up sweet adoration.
Melody make; dulcimer, harp, now awake.
Sound forth your praise, ev’ry nation.**

**Praise the Almighty, o’er all life so wondrously reigning,
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen? All that is needful has been
Sent by God’s gracious ordaining.**

**Praise the Almighty,
who prospers your work and defends you;
See from the heavens the showers of mercy God sends you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do;
Infinite Love here befriends you.**

**Praise the Almighty! In wonder my spirit is soaring!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises outpouring.
Let the amen sound from God’s people again,
Gladly forever adoring!**

*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.

Here is grace, here is peace
Christ is with us, He is with us
Know his grace, find his peace
Feast on Jesus here **REFRAIN**

Here we are, joined in one
Christ is with us, He is with us
We'll proclaim till he comes
Jesus crucified! **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.**

*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

"Here is Bread" Red #483

Here is bread, here is wine
Christ is with us, he is with us
Break the bread, taste the wine
Christ is with us here

REFRAIN In this bread there is healing!
In this cup is life forever!
In this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here

(continued)

*Prayer of the Day

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

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C: Amen

God Stories

The Word of God

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9-14

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R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

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R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

*Alleluia

ACS setting 12

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

*Gospel Reading Luke 13:10-17 Celebrate pg. 3

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th 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

"Build a Longer Table" ACS #1062

***Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
Feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces;
False divisions end.***

***Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
Where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.***

***Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences; all are welcome here.***

***When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.***

*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.

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...

*Words of Institution