

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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18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 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,
Who is eager to forgive
And who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
Our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice,

Love kindness,

And walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey,

Through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Sign up for Altar Flowers In the narthex

Upcoming Events:

October Benevolence - St. Stephen's
Child Development Center

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| Oct. 9 & 23 | Confirmation Class 6:30 pm |
| Oct. 11 | Knitting Guild 6:30 pm |
| Oct. 11 | Church Council 6:30 pm |
| Oct. 11 | Boy Scouts 7:00 pm (Fellow. Hall) |
| Oct. 13 | Knitters 7:00 pm |
| Oct. 13 | Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm (Fellowship) |
| Oct. 13 | Preschool Chapel 10:15 am |
| Oct. 13 | Holy Land Presentation 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
(Both on Zoom but 11:00 is also in person) |
| Oct. 14 | A.A. 7:00 pm |
| Oct. 17 | Embroiders 7:00 pm |
| Oct. 19 | Women's Café 6:00 pm |
| Oct. 20 | Knitting Guild 10 am |
| Oct. 21 | Newsletter Deadline |
| Oct. 25 | Habitat Lunches 10:30 am |
| Oct. 27 | Newsletter Collate 2:00 pm Help needed! |

The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
 It's fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
 But hidden from all nature
 the eternal seed is sown -
 Though small in mortal stature,
 to heaven's garden grown:
 For Christ, your gift from heaven,
 from death has set us free,
 And we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
 That we who know your favor
 may serve you as our King;
 And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
 We'll triumph through our sorrows
 and rise to less you still:
 To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
 And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you..
 C: Thanks be to God.

Prayer Concerns

SHORT TERM: Shiela P., Mary

Smith, Paul Cunningham, Barbara Rice, 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 & 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: Mark Linder Counters: Janet Slay
 Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager

P: Beloved God:
 Your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.
 God points the way to new life in Christ,
 Who meets us on the road.
 Journey now in God's abiding love
 Through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

*Opening Hymn

"Come to the Water of Life" ACS #955

1. **All who are thirsty for mercy, all who are thirsty for love;
 All who are thirsty for love, for mercy, come:
 Come to the Water of life.**
2. **All who are thirsty for healing, all who are thirsty for touch;
 All who are thirsty for touch, for healing, come:
 Come to the Water of life.**
3. **All who are thirsty for beauty, all who are thirsty for truth;
 All who are thirsty for truth, for beauty, come:
 Come to the Water of life.**
4. **All who are thirsty for justice, all who are thirsty for peace;
 All who are thirsty for peace, for justice, come:
 Come to the Water of life.**

*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.

**Been my friend, been my friend, been my friend,
I just want to thank you, Lord.**

**Love you, Lord, love you Lord, love you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.**

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: God of the abundant table,
You have refreshed our hearts in this meal
With bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
That we might serve our neighbors with joy;
For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

*Blessing

P: God, who gives life to all things
And frees us from despair,
Bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
Guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

*Closing Hymn "O God beyond all Praising" Red 880

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

*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: Christ invites you to this table.
Come taste and see.

(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

"Thank You, Lord" ACS #1092

**Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.**

**Been so good, been so good, been so good,
I just want to thank you, Lord.**

(hymn 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

2 Kings 5:1-3

Celebrate pg. 1

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Celebrate pg. 2

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 17:11-19 Celebrate pg. 3

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th 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 “Baptized in Water” Red #456

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
One with His rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our king:
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

*The Prayers of the Church Celebrate, Page 4

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

“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.**

*Offertory Prayer

P: Gracious God,

In your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

And make us ready to share with all in need;

Through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

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...