



Ask the Lord  
of the harvest to  
send out laborers

MATTHEW 9:38

# 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

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.”

## Music

Prelude no.1 & no.2

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## **The Gathering**

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.  
Amen**

Let us confess our need for God’s grace and love in our lives.

Merciful God,

**We confess that we fall short of your hope for humanity.  
We hurt our community at times.  
We squander your blessings.  
We neglect to share your bounty.  
In the name of Jesus,  
Forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Holy God,  
We confess that we have failed to always be honest.  
We have lacked the courage to speak.  
We have spoken too quickly and hurtfully at times.  
In the name of Jesus,  
Forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy:  
You are freed and forgiven  
In the name of + Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

“Gather us In” (Here In This Place) Red #532

**Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name**

(hymn continued)

We are the young; our lives are a myst'ry  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry  
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us a-new to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
Here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone

\*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 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

ACS #1043

**REFRAIN**

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender.

REFRAIN

2. Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory.

REFRAIN

3. May I weep with those who weep;  
Share the joy of friend and neighbor.  
As I live from day to day,  
love will be my finest labor.

REFRAIN

\*Prayer of the Day

God Stories

## **The Word of God**

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-8

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Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8

Celebrate pg. 2

\*Gospel Acclamation

ELW #175

ALLELUIA



\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. Matthew, the 9th Chapter

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

*(The Gospel is read)*

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Message

Rev. Carol Been

\*Hymn of the Day

“Will You Come and Follow Me” (The Summons) #798

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

Will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found  
to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

\*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.

Music

Andante Sostenuto  
J.S. Bach, Purvis

Offering Prayer

P: God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
You are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
And multiply your graciousness in us,  
That the world may be fed with your love,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

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!**

(You may be seated)

Invitation to Communion

*All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, receive what is good.*

Communion Hymn

*"I Love to Tell the Story" Red #661*

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

*REFRAIN*

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy word.

*REFRAIN*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

*REFRAIN*

## **The Sending**

### \*Prayer after Communion

P: We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

### \*Blessing

P: The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
+ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age.

**C: Amen**

### \*Closing Hymn

*“Borning Cry”* Red #732

“I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.”

“When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun.”

“In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I’ll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I’ve begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I’ll be there as I have always been,  
with just one more surprise.”

“I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.”



## Sister Parish News

### Prayer Child Sponsorships -

Thank you to those who have committed to support your prayer children for another year and have made the associated donations. If you haven't sent yours, there's still time. We would also like you to write a short letter to your prayer child and include a photo. Please send them to:

Marian Langdon  
220 Horizon Way  
Aptos, CA 95003

Or, you may give them to me on Sundays.

As of this writing, there are 6 children that still need a sponsor. If you want to sponsor a child, please let me know. Thank you!

### **2023 Delegation?**

Planning has begun for a delegation this year. It will probably be in November, but the dates have not yet been decided. Please let me know if you are interested in going to El Salvador. Last year's flight cost \$590 roundtrip, so you have some idea. The in-country cost is generally less than \$500. Visiting El Salvador is a life-changing experience!

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Santa Cruz al Salvador (SCaS), I wish to thank all members of St. Stephen's who have contributed towards any of our projects such as the latrines in El Pilar, scholarships in Guillermo Ungo, or University Scholarships.

*Your gifts make a difference!*

## **Prayer Concerns**

### **SHORT TERM:**

*Isaac & Matteo, Tony, Sandi Csik, Janiea Paustian, Amy Wimmer, Gray, Hailey, Jesse, Joyce, James, John, Elida, Jeannie, Anetta, Jane, Barbara Rowe, George & Scott, Darlene Woodburn, Jacob & Family, Family of Marj Young, Barbara Hansen, Tom Harris, Barbara Allen, Marshall Bautz & Family, Rena Brown, Carla Brown, Kathy, Joel Hurttgam, Jacob & Family, Family of Kirsten Skiles, Carla Brown & children, Keith, Sandy, Levi & Alexandria, Norman's Father, friends in Bakersfield, Gary Toops, Donna Kemper, Lisa & Beau, Craig Dahl, Family of Kurt Bell, Genell Csik, Barbara Barte, Mateo, Family of Mark Cronquist, Barbara Stiles, Paul Cunningham, Anita & Howard, Sydnei Wilbywold, Paul Paustian, Dawit & Family (Ethiopia), Gaye Cornell, Dorothy, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Nancy, Marisa & Isaac, Mateo & Lina, Don, Atlas, Anthony, Steve, Margot Wilson, Rose, Will, Sam, Aaron Johnson, Sal, Katarina, Taiyo, Stephanie Jager, Parents, Healthcare workers & teachers.*

### **LONG TERM:**

*Biergiel—Colclough family, April McCalmont, Marty Nehring, Miller Mouw, Kyle Lapp, Shelby Volpi, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Dom, 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, Noah, Esdras, Immigrant families, The Homeless, People of Ukraine, 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.*



Sign up for Altar Flowers  
In the Narthex

\*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Share the harvest.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Music

M. Fete Joyeuse

Richard Purvis

Serving Today

Reader: Bill Schraft

Coffee Host:

Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager



**Cradle Roll**

**Helper**

*This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome families to our church with faithful resources. Thoughtful support and inspiration mailed monthly. Only one hour per month from your home. Please let the office know if you are able to help with this service.*

*Thank you Candace Anderson  
for your YEARS of faithful service.*

## Upcoming Events:

June Benevolence Offering  
Society for the Prevention of Suicide

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| June 19 | Embroiders Guild 7:00 pm            |
| June 20 | Boy Scouts 7:00 pm                  |
| June 21 | Women's Café Group 6:00 pm          |
| June 22 | <b>NO</b> Bible Study until July 13 |
| June 22 | Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm          |
| June 23 | A.A. 7:00 pm                        |
| June 25 | Pastor Gary Stevenson preaching     |
| June 27 | Provide Habitat Lunches 10:30 am    |
| July 2  | Pastor Gary Stevenson preaching     |



***Readers, Coffee Hosts & Altar Guild***

*Sign up in the Narthex*

## 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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