

All ate and were filled

MATTHEW 14:20



10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 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

Adagio (from Sonata in E Minor)

J.S. Bach (1685~ 1750)

Composer ~ latter Baroque period) Masterpieces,
Church and Instrumental music German

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

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" Red #461

**All who hunger, gather gladly;
Holy manna is our bread
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
All around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.** (hymn continued)

All who hunger, never strangers;
Seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
In communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
Live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

*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

Back to School Blessing

The Word of God

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

Celebrate pg. 1

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

Celebrate pg. 2

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW #175

ALLELUIA



*Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13-21 Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. Matthew, the 14th 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. James Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” Red #712

Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
Ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power
To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness

Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service,
Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord,
in freedom may your mercy know and live.

Holy Baptism

Red book p. 228 (front section)

Nicholas George Gross

Son of Eric & Julia Gross

&

Mia Katherine Garrity

Daughter of Patrick & Lisa Garrity

*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.

Pillowcase Blessing

Music

Choral Johann Gottfried Walther
The theorist composer,
Baroque period(1684~ 1748)

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

“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal” #464

**Bread of life, our host and meal, Jesus, feed us.
Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.**

**Bread now break and wine now pour, Jesus, feed us.
Make us one, our hope restore; feed us with your love.**

(hymn continued)

Grant forgiveness in the feast—Jesus, feed us ~
For the greatest and the least; feed us with your love.

Thank you for this gift we share. Jesus, feed us.
Save God's children ev'rywhere; feed us with your love.

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

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Red # 674

1. Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

REFRAIN (two times)

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2. Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love and word and in deed express.

REFRAIN (two times)

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:

*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Share the harvest.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Music

AIR — Grand Concerto Horn and strings
German ~ Anthems & Operas 1685 ~ 1759
G.F . Handel

* Music today is a collection of German composers *

Serving Today

Reader: Elke Spires

Coffee Host: Susan Gross & Rebecca Wickham

Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager

Music at St. Stephen's



September:

Introducing a new hymn

“Come Christians Sing That Song” A l l e l u i a !

With the Good News Singers & Brass Ensemble.

Still looking forward to strings & woodwinds in our service. Many talented young musicians are eager to participate in our church music. So, come on down!

Thanksgiving Brass — November 19

Christmas Brass — December 31

Please donate to the “Musicians Fund”
to enhance our worship together

Musical Quote:

“Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space in between the notes and curl my back to the loneliness.”

~ Maya Angelou

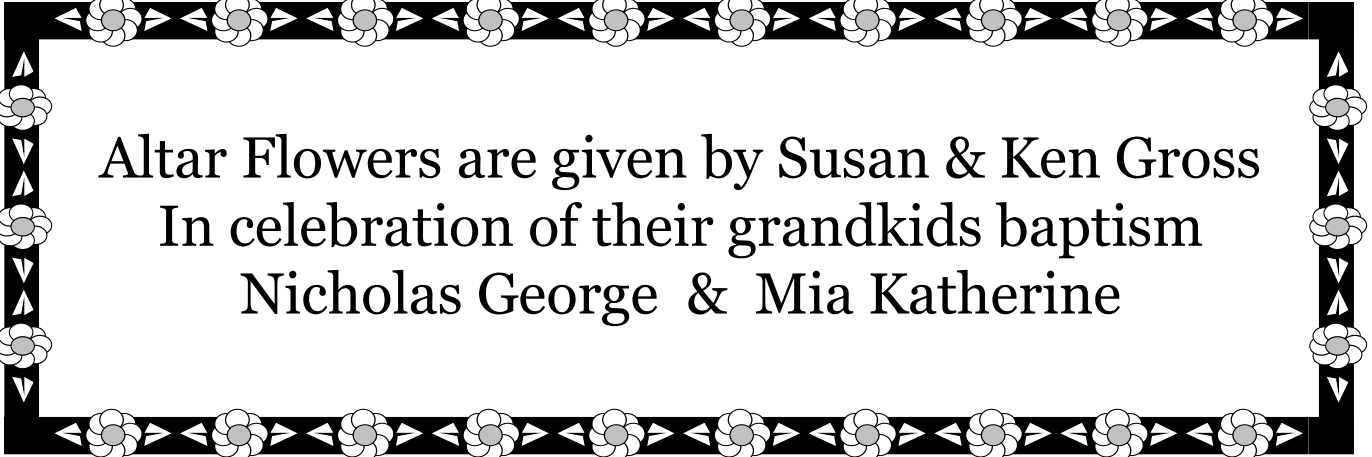
Prayer Concerns

SHORT TERM:

Andre, Joshua & Andrea, Irma, Family of Deane Strong & M. Hudi, Sam, Family of Jim Schafer, Jamie Sheehan, Family of Ron Mullen, Family of Sonya Miller, Ralph, Aria Brown, Karin Zaun, Family of Mark Oeding, Conrad, Boudreau family, Keith, Chelsea, John, Mateo, Tim, Charmaine, Linda, Atlas, 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, Barbara Hansen, Tom Harris, Barbara Allen, Rena Brown, Carla Brown, Kathy, Joel Hurttgam, Jacob & Family, Family of Kirsten Skiles, Carla Brown & children, Sandy, Levi & Alexandria, Norman's Father, friends in Bakersfield, Gary Toops, Donna Kemper, Lisa & Beau, Craig Dahl, Family of Kurt Bell, Genell Csik, Barbara Bartee, 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, 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.



Altar Flowers are given by Susan & Ken Gross
In celebration of their grandkids baptism
Nicholas George & Mia Katherine



The Lutheran Office of Public Policy – California (LOPP-CA)

Mission: to advocate with and on behalf of others in the quest for economic protection of human rights, reconciliation, and responsible stewardship of God's Creation.

The annual Lutheran Lobby Day took place on May 17th. Lutherans from across the state gathered to advocate for the following bills:

- SB 4 (Wiener)- **Affordable housing development & zoning reform.** This bill would streamline the process for religious organizations & nonprofit colleges to develop affordable housing on their property.
- AB 249 (Holden)- **Clean drinking water in schools.** This bill would increase testing & disclosure requirements of school drinking water lead levels. It would additionally allocate funding for testing filters & infrastructure improvements to reduce/eliminate lead in water.
- AB 660 (Irwin)- **Food waste, food date labeling reform.** This bill would require the use of uniform terms for food product date labels, i.e. removing 'sell by' dates and making 'best by' or 'use by' dates clearer for consumers. The goal is to help reduce food waste, which is a large problem not only for addressing hunger but also for methane emissions and climate change.
- AB 1534 (Irwin)- **Methane emissions monitoring requirements.** This bill would use remote sensing technology to better identify and then regulate methane emissions from landfills.

Currently, all of these bills are in their respective house's Appropriations Committees.

Upcoming Events:

August Benevolence Offering
California Lutheran University
& Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

TBA	Confirmation 6:30 pm
Aug. 8	Knitters Guild 6:15 pm
Aug. 8	Church council 6:30 pm
Aug. 8	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
Aug. 9	Women's Café Group 6:00 pm
Aug. 10	Preschool chapel 10:15 am
Aug. 10	Bible Study 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Aug. 10	Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm
Aug. 11	A.A. 7:00 pm
Aug. 12	Habitat pillowcase presentation 9:30 am Sign up in Narthex
Aug. 17	Knitters Guild 10 am
Aug. 29	NL Collating 2:00 pm

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

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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