

## 19th Sunday after Pentecost October 8, 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

## The Gathering

## Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us,

+ Christ Jesus who bears the cross,

And the Holy Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: You have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.

We are overwhelmed

by the world's violence and suffering.

We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.

For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.

Lead us back to you and set us on the right path: In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

\*Opening Hymn "Morning Has Broken" Red #556

Morning has broken, like the first morning; blackbird has spoken, like the first bird. Praise for the singing, praise for the morning! Praise for the springing, fresh from the world!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall, on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden. Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, born of the One Light, Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

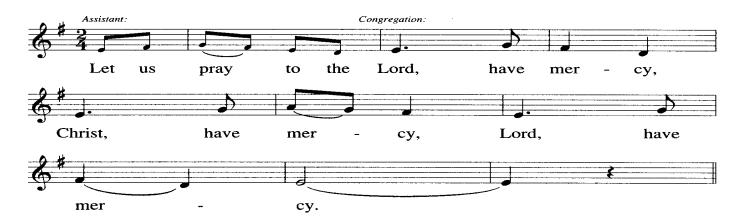
## \*Greeting

\*P: The grace that is Christ's gift to us, The love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

#### **KYRIE**

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

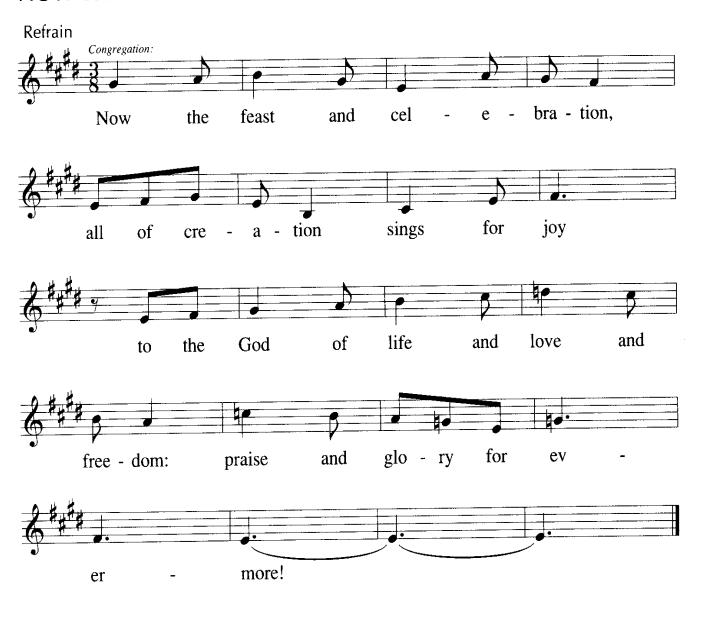


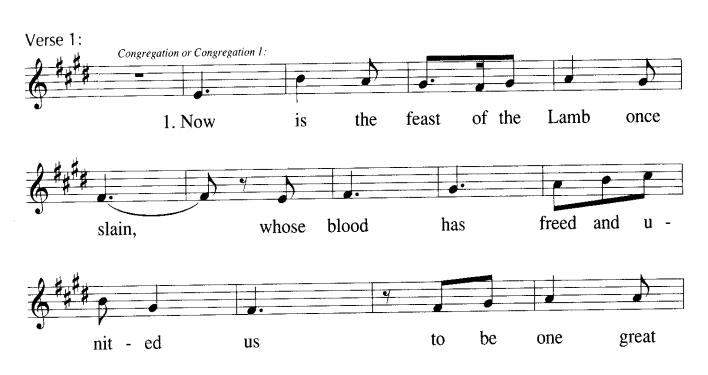
Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)



## **NOW THE FEAST**









## \*Prayer of the Day

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P: Let us pray:

C: Amen

## The Word of God

### **God Stories**

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7 Celebrate pg. 1

Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14 Celebrate pg. 2

\*Gospel Acclamation ELW #175

#### **GOSPEL VERSE**







\*Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33:46 Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter

C: Glory to you. O God.

(The Gospel is read)

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

\*Hymn of the Day This Is My Father's World" Red #824

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; The morning light, the lily white, Declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev'ry where.

This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget That, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

\*Prayers of the Church

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\*Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

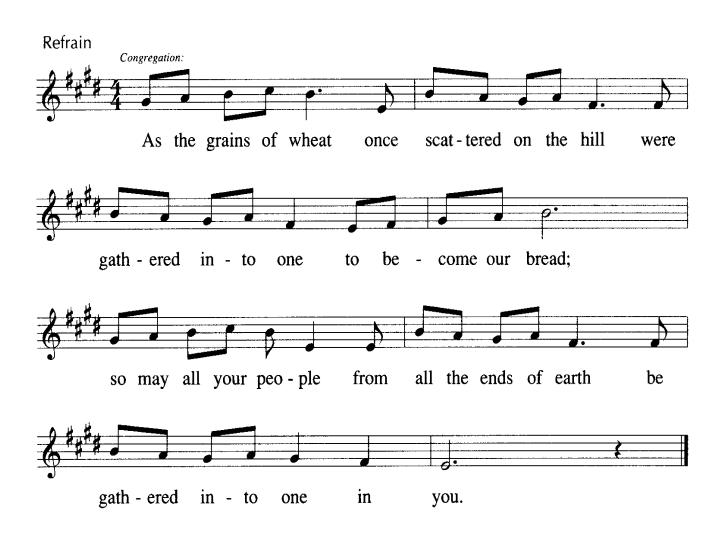
C: And also with you.

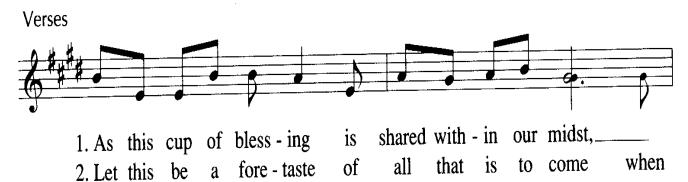
Offering — We honor and worship God by returning some of the gifts with which we have been blessed.

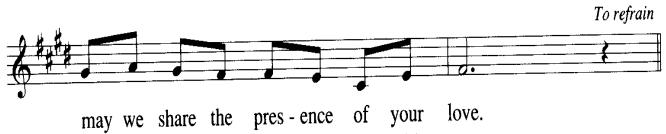
Music Richard Purvis, American composer 1913 ~ 1994

## \*Offering Song

## AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT



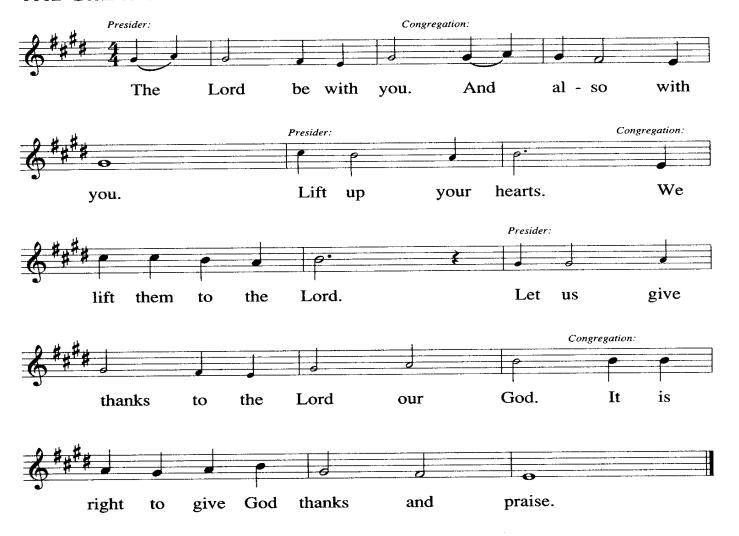




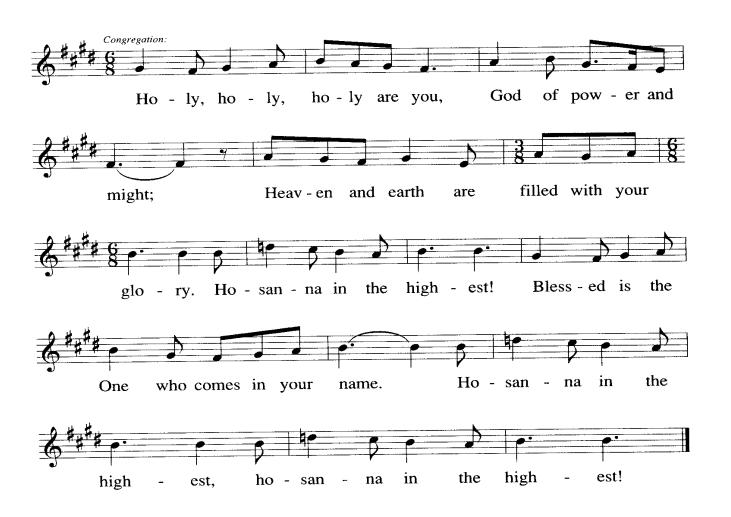
may we share the pres - ence of your love. all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**HOLY** 



# P: It is our duty and delight... and join their unending hymn:



## \*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 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.

#### LAMB OF GOD



## The Holy Communion

Everyone is most welcome to receive this means of God's love and grace! Communion is by intinction, which means that we dip the bread into the cup. The red is wine and the white is grape juice.

## Communion Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me" Red #595

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

#### **REFRAIN**

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide; He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

**REFRAIN** 

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; When at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

**REFRAIN** 

## \*Communion Blessing

P: May this Holy Communion of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forever.

C: Amen.

## \*Prayer after Communion

P: Blessed be your name, O God for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

## \*Blessing

P: May the God of glory,

+ Jesus Christ, the Lover of all humanity,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn "Thine the Amen" Red #826

Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise Thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread Thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be Thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee Gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest Thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be Then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war Thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore

Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways
Thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light Thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally Then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee Thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.

## \*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## <u>Music</u>

George F. Handel, German composer 1685 ~ 1759



The Altar Flowers are given by Connie & Paul Cunningham In honor of family far & near

## Serving Today

Reader: Elke Spires

Coffee Host:

Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager

## **Prayer Concerns**

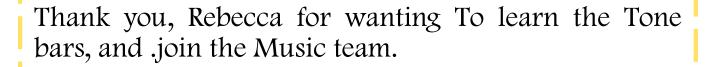
George Webber, James Boudreau, Frank, SHORT TERM: Dustin, Julie, Caitlin S., Family of Lupe Rodriguez, Eric Utto-Galarneau, Father Jack Davis, Corcoran family, Keith, Frank, Susan, Mike Homer, Charlie & Tracy, Andre, Joshua & Andrea, Irma, Family of Deane Strong & M. Hudi, Sam, Family of Jim Schafer, Jamie Sheehan, Ralph, Aria Brown, Karin Zaun, Family of Marshall Bautz, Boudreau family, Chelsea, John, 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, Sandy, Levi & Alexandrea, Norman's Father, friends in Bakersfield, Gary Toops, Donna Kemper, Lisa & Beau, Craig Dahl, 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, 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



Many thanks to:

The GOOD NEWS SINGERS and ALL THAT BRASS.



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 17

Please donate to the "Musicians Fund" to enhance our worship together

Musical Quote:

"Music is sort of my safety Net. It catches me when I fall."

~ Unknown

## SAVE THE DATES

SUNDAYS OCT. 15 & 22 11:30AM—1PM

WEDS. OCT. 18 & 25 6:30PM—8PM

Holy Conversations with Pastor Jim

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29 10:00 AM

Confirmation Youth Sunday -

Followed by Church 70th

Anniversary Celebration Feast

## **Upcoming Events:**

October Benevolence Offering S.S. Child Development Center

Oct. 9	Office Closed
Oct. 10	Church Council 6:30 pm
Oct. 10	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
Oct. 12	Preschool chapel 10:15 am
Oct. 12	MMRR Circle 10:30 am
Oct. 12	Bible Study 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Oct. 12	Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm
Oct. 13	A.A. 7:00 pm
Oct. 15-25	Sign up for House Meetings
Oct. 18	Women's Café Group 6:00 pm
Oct. 19	Knitters Guild 10 am
Oct. 21	Property Work Day 9—11 am
Oct. 24	Provide Habitat Lunches 10:30 am
Oct. 25	NL Collating 2:00 pm
Oct. 29	Reformation / Confirmation Sunday—wear red Sign up for potluck

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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Powerpoint: Jay Johnston, Kent Madsen & Barbara Rice

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