



MY BELOVED  
HAD A  
VINEYARD

ISAIAH 5:1

**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,

Musical score for the Kyrie. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Assistant:' and the second and third are labeled 'Congregation:'. The lyrics are: 'Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence on the third staff.

*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)

Musical score for the Kyrie. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Assistant:' and the second is labeled 'Congregation:'. The lyrics are: 'Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - - - men.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence on the second staff.

# NOW THE FEAST

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1:

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great

*To refrain*

peo - ple of God.

Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

*To refrain*

for ev - er.

Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make

*To refrain*

all things new.

\*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

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

\*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.**

Message

Rev. Don Larsen

\*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

Celebrate insert pg. 4

\*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**

Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be



gath - ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, \_\_\_\_\_
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*To refrain*



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



\*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.**



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.**

Music

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**

**SHORT TERM:** George Webber, James Boudreau, Frank, 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, Jeanie, 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 & Alexandria, Norman's Father, friends in Bakersfield, Gary Toops, Donna Kemper, Lisa & Beau, Craig Dahl, Genell Csik, Barbara Barte, 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



## Music at St. Stephen's



*Many thanks to:*

The GOOD NEWS SINGERS  
and ALL THAT BRASS.

Thank you, Rebecca for wanting To learn the Tone bars, and .join the Music team.

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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