



God will
wipe away
every tear
from their eyes

REVELATION 7:17

**All Saints Sunday
November 5, 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 Christ is the King Setting ~ Richard Anders

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

“Shall We Gather at the River” #423

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

REFRAIN

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God*

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.

REFRAIN

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.

REFRAIN

(Hymn continued)

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
 soon our pilgrimage will cease;
 Soon our happy hearts will quiver
 with the melody of peace. *REFRAIN*

*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 section. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Assistant:' and contains the lyrics 'Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,'. The second staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have'. The third staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'mer - cy.'.

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

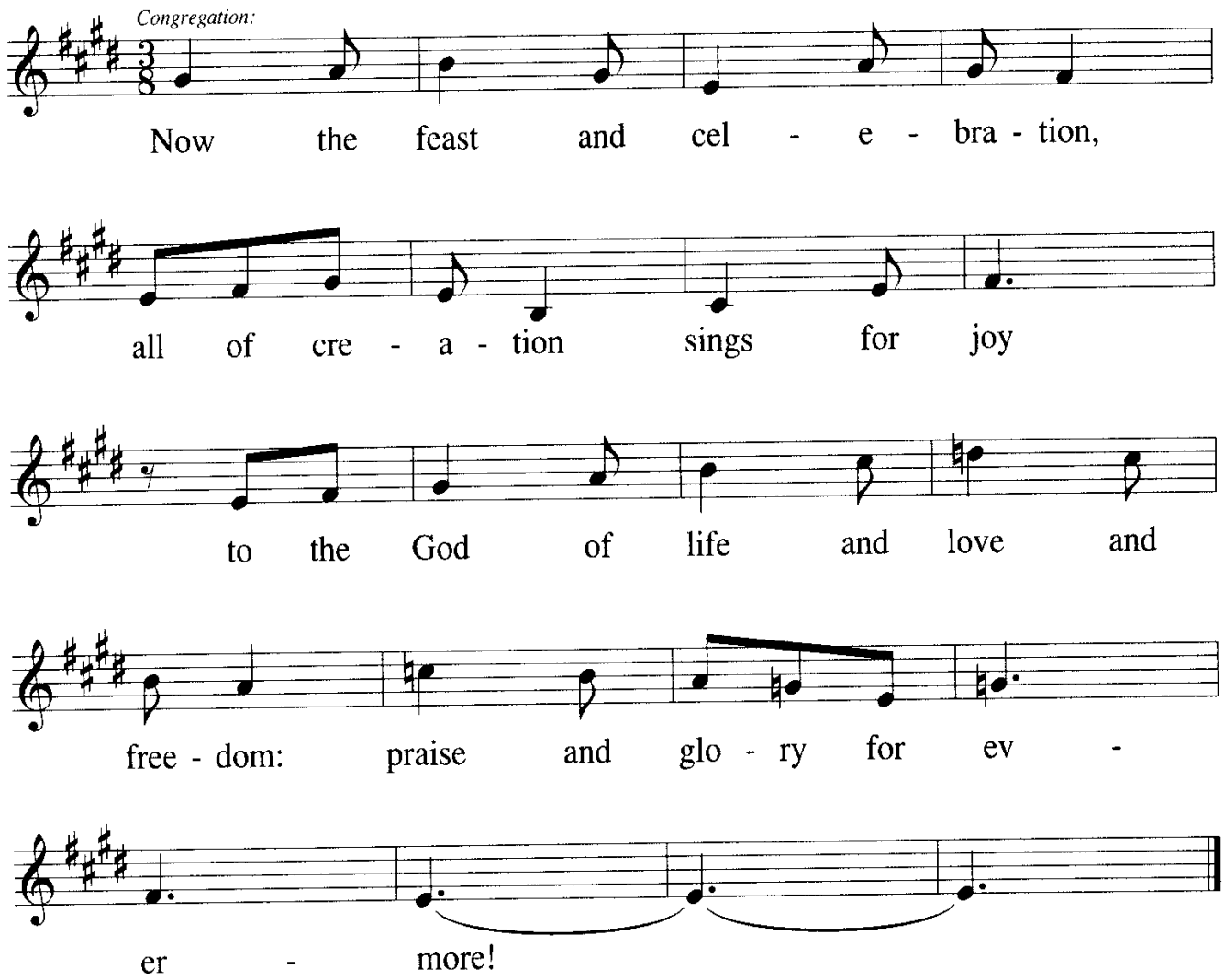
Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Musical score for the second section. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Assistant:' and contains the lyrics 'Help, save and de - fend us, O God.'. The second staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains the lyrics 'A - - - men.'.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

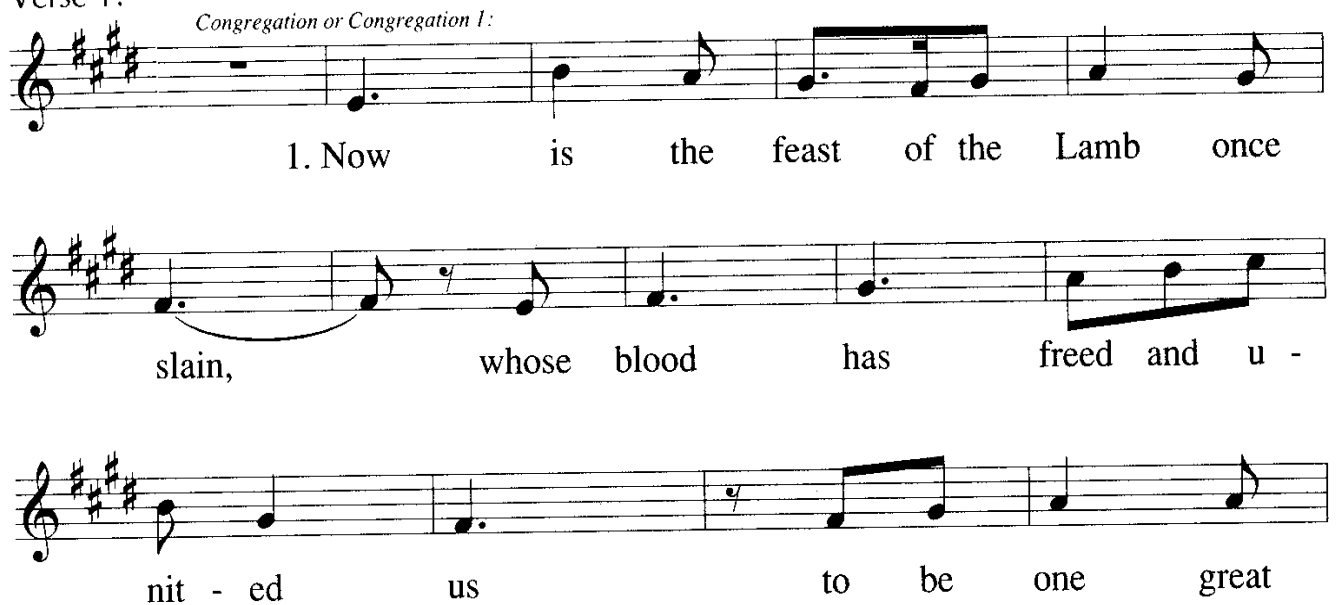
Congregation:



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

Celebrate insert pg. 1

P: Let us pray:

C: Amen

The Word of God

God Stories

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

Celebrate pg. 1

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

Celebrate pg. 2

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW #175

GOSPEL VERSE



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 5:1-12

Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. Matthew, the 5th 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 Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

“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

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

*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

Meditation ~ Richard Purvis

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**

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.

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice, and be glad! Blessed are you,
holy are you! Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones:
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.

3. Blest are they, who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God!

4. Blest are they, who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs.

5. Blest are you, who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God;
shine for all to see.

*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

"For All the Saints"

Red #422

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,....
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock,
their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;...
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(hymn continued)

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;...
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates...of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Music Praise My Soul the King of Heaven
Based On Psalm 103

Serving Today

Reader: Elke Spires

Coffee Host: Rebecca Wickham

Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager

Prayer Concerns

SHORT TERM: Middle East Peace, Jean Patterson & Barteas, Renee, Brandon, Tom Dawson, Carla Brown, James, Tina, Lurline Moore, Keith, Taiyo, Marisa, Isaac, Monte Anderson, Beth's mom, George Webber, James Boudreau, Alvarado family, 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, Jamie Sheehan, Ralph, Aria Brown, Karin Zaun, Chelsea, Atlas, Tony, Sandi Csik, Janica Paustian, Amy Wimmer, Gray, Hailey, Jesse, Joyce, James, John, Elida, Jeannie, Anetta, Jane, Barbara Rowe, George & Scott, Barbara Allen, Kathy, Joel Hurttgam, Sandy, Levi & Alexandria, Norman's Father, Gary Toops, Donna Kemper, Lisa & Beau, Craig Dahl, Genell Csik, Barbara Barteas, Barbara Stiles, Paul Cunningham, Anita & Howard, Sydnei Wilbywold, Paul Paustian, Dawit & Family (Ethiopia), Gaye Cornell, Dorothy, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Nancy, Mateo & Lina, Don, Atlas, Anthony, Steve, Margot Wilson, Rose, Will, Aaron Johnson, Sal, Katarina, 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 Youth of today.



The Altar Flowers are given by
Sandra Eldridge
To the Glory of God

Music at St. Stephen's

Christmas is coming!

Many thanks to:

The GOOD NEWS SINGERS
& 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!

Rawly Capone, Trumpet — November 19

Christmas Brass — December 17
Full Brass Ensemble 10 am

Please donate to the “Musicians Fund”
to enhance our worship together.
Yours in Christ , and mission, Gary

Musical Quote:

“Music can change the world
because it can change people.”

~ Bono

Upcoming Events:

November Benevolence Offering
Santa Cruz El Salvador Sister Parish

- Nov. 5 Watch for MMRR Angel gift tree
- Nov. 7 Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
- Nov. 9 Preschool chapel 10:15 am
- Nov. 9 MMRR Circle 10:30 am
Baking muffins for our Senior neighbors
- Nov. 9 Bible Study 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
- Nov. 9 Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm
- Nov. 10 A.A. 7:00 pm
- Nov. 14 Church Council 6:30 pm
- Nov. 14 Knitters Guild 6:15 pm
- Nov. 16 Knitters Guild 10 am
- Nov. 18 Property Work Day 9—11 am
- Nov. 19 Consecration Sunday
Bring your tithes and commitments
- Nov. 22 Women's Café Group 6:00 pm
- Nov. 28 Provide Habitat Lunches 10:30 am
- Nov. 29 Newsletter Collating

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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