

All  
of them  
were filled  
with the  
**Holy  
Spirit**

ACTS 2:4



# Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025

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 “Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”

## 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.*

**C: In the name of Almighty God our Creator  
And of Jesus Christ + , God’s Holy Child,  
And of the Holy Spirit, God’s Advocate.  
Amen**

**P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: Merciful God,  
You free us to love others,  
But we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
But we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
And generosity,  
But we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
And show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

**P: You belong to Christ Jesus  
And you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of + Christ,  
And through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
C: Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn      *“O Spirit All-Embracing”*      Blue #944

O Spirit all embracing and counselor all wise,  
Unbounded splendor gracing a shoreless sea of skies:  
Unfailing is your treasure, Unfading your reward;  
Surpassing worldly pleasure, The riches you afford.  
Come, stream of endless flowing,  
and rescue us from death;  
Come, wind of springtime blowing,  
and warm us by your breath.

O Beauty ever blazing in flower, field, and face,  
You show yourself amazing in unexpected place.  
We see you and remember what once  
our dreams had been;

(continued)

You fan the glowing ember and kindle hope within.  
Come, fire of glory gracious, bless all who trust in you;  
Undying flame tenacious, burn in your church anew.

Come, passion's power holy, your insight here impart,  
And give your servants lowly an understanding heart  
To know your care more clearly  
when faith and love are tired,  
To seek you more sincerely when false ideals have died:  
For vision we implore you, for wisdom's pure delight;  
In prayer we come before you to wait upon your light.

\*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 & Hymn of Praise    "Spirit, Open"    Blue #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

## The Word of God

Mt. Cross Story

Sam Garcia

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Celebrate pg. 1

R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm—Choir

Psalm 104 (read responsively)

Cel. Pg. 2

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

Celebrate pg. 3

R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation

ELW #175

### ALLELUIA



\*Gospel Reading

John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

Cel. pg. 3

P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. John, the 15th Chapter

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

*(The Gospel is read)*

P: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.** (Please be seated)

Message

Rev. James Lapp

\*Hymn of the Day

“Shine Jesus Shine”

Red #671

REFRAIN:

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze Spirit, blaze ,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow ,  
Flood the nations with grace & mercy;  
Send forth your Word ,  
Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me... REFRAIN

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me... REFRAIN

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me... REFRAIN

## 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      “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” #942      Choir

### Offering Prayer

P: Creator God,  
In your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
And the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at you table with these gifts of the earth  
And our labor,  
That we may work for the good of all;  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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!**

(Please be seated)

Communion Gathering Song      *"As the Wind"*      *Blue #943*

As the wind song through the trees,  
as the stirring of the breeze,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the heart made strangely warm,  
as the voice within the storm,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.  
Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown  
bringing life, bringing pow'r to the world,  
as the dancing tongues of fire,



as the soul's most deep desire,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the green in the . . . spring,  
as a kite on a . . . String, so it is with the Spirit of God,  
making worlds that are new, making peace come true,  
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,  
As the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the . . . feast,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

Communion Hymn      “Loving Spirit”      Red #397

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
You have chosen me to be  
You have drawn me to your wonder,  
You have set your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me,  
Hold my life within your own,  
Feed me with your very body,  
Form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father you protect me,  
Teach me the discerning eye,  
Hoist me up upon your shoulder,  
Let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in our closeness  
I am known and held and blessed:  
In your promise is my comfort,  
In your presence I am rest.

(Continued)

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
You have chosen me to be  
You have drawn me to your wonder,  
You have set your sign on me.

## The Sending

### \*Prayer after Communion

P: Mothering God,  
You gathered us to your table  
And we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
To love our neighbors as ourselves  
And proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen**

### \*Blessing

P: The love of God abound in you;  
The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
And the life of the Spirit  
+ bless you and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

\*Closing Hymn      *"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"*  
Red #400

God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,  
There with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning,  
all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body,  
let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice,  
kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth!

God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder,  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;  
Make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!

God of passion, God unsleeping,  
stir in us love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish,  
may we share your heart's distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil;  
Claim us for your kingdom's work,  
claim us for your kingdom's work!

\*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Live by the Spirit.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

*"Go in Peace"*



*staff sing*

Music

"Hail Thee, Festival Day"



## **Prayer Concerns**

**SHORT TERM:** Mt. Cross Summer Staff, Family of Ed Valencia, Tex & family, Those in need of patience & resilience, Those who need help forgiving & letting go, Carla Brown, Kevin & Cindy, Dawn, Gerry Daves, Tim Oldfield, Laura, Joana, James S. Chad Fields, Chelsea & Logan Preston, Cassidy, family of George Webber, Sam, Isabelle Hackman, Eric, Ellie, Paula & family, Julia, Jim Aller's family, Bill Giles family, Dr. Bruce Dunn's family, Grey, Ruth Stiles, Riley, Mary Saccullo, Ana Cardenas, Rose, Levi, Lisa J., John B., Linda, Unemployed, Isaac & Marissa, Gloria, Marta's parents, Gary & Louse Matz, Nick, James, Mary D., Tom, Galahad, Debbie, Sam, Nate Barker, Robbin, Francisco, Michael, Keith, Noelle, Ensley, Sierra, Middle East Peace, Tom Dawson, Taiyo, Marissa, Isaac, Alvarado family, Dustin, Father Jack Davis, Sandi Csik, Sam, Adolfo, Elida, Jeannie, Anetta, Nancy, Jane, Barbara Allen, Gary & Marjie Toops, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Mateo & Lina, Don, Atlas, Sal, Katarina, Stephanie Jager.

**LONG TERM:** Those suffering with Mental Illness, James Sheehan, Biergiel—Colclough family, Eric Utto-Galarneau, Joel Hurtgamm, Dawit and family (Ethiopia), April McCalmont, Miller Mouw, Kyle Lapp, Will, Aaron Johnson, Shelby Volpi, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Dom, Lisa & Beau, Linda Johnson, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Bobbie Erickson, Mike, 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, People of Palestine/Israel, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, S.S. Senior Housing, Pastor Jim & Our Church Family, men & women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.

Please notify when to remove

The Altar Flowers are given  
By Jeanette Dawson  
To the Glory of God







## Sister Parish News

**Prayer Children** - Our program supports 120 students from kinder through high school.

Sponsoring a prayer child is an opportunity to help a child and build a long-distance friendship. The requirements for the student are to have good behavior, attendance and grades. Sponsors pray for their student (s), contribute toward our program and a gift package, and send a card and photo each year which is given to the students at the scholarship ceremony each November. In return the sponsors receive a photograph and a letter from their child. Contact us if you would like to begin sponsoring a child.

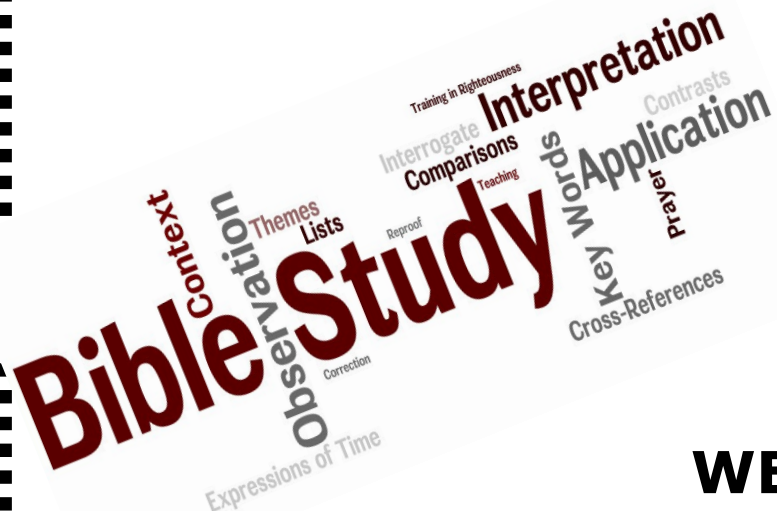
**2025 Delegation** - Many sponsors have traveled to El Salvador to connect with their prayer child by meeting them and sharing a meal at their home. Seeing these connections made is almost always a very touching experience. The hospitality, gratitude and love that is shared is very real and special to witness. Even a one-time visit can spark a deep and long-lasting relationship.

Contact us if you would like to join this delegation. It's never too soon to tell us about your interest in traveling to El Salvador with our group.

## Music at St. Stephen's



Soon the singers will be on their summer break and will return in the Fall. During this time, feel free to share your talents ~ anything musical. We will rejoice!



On ZOOM  
with Pr. Jim

Check email on  
Tues. for link

**WEDNESDAYS**  
7:30 – 8:30 pm

*As we grow in our faith, we grow in community.*

## New Ways of Giving

Our *Virtual Offering Plate* has been enhanced. We are now able to receive donations made by: credit card, debit card, PayPal, Venmo and Zelle.

There are three choices:

- 1) **Vanco**, our regular electronic giving provider;
- 2) **PayPal / Venmo / Zelle** for single one-time gifts;
- 3) **PayPal** with the possibility of recurring donations and an option to cover the fees.

All are available at  
<https://ststephenslutheran.org>  
 Or by scanning this QR code.



# Upcoming Events:

June Benevolence Offering - Society for Prevention of Suicide

June 10	Knitters Guild 6:15 pm
June 10	Scouts 6:30 pm
June 11	Bible Study Weds. 7:30 pm
June 12	MMRR Circle 10:30 am
June 12	Mens beginner A.A. Thursdays 7:00 pm Fireside rm
June 13	Tex Ronning Memorial TBA
June 13	A.A. Fridays 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall
June 19	NL deadline noon
June 19	Women's Café Group 6:00 pm Thursdays Dinner and devotions
June 26	NL Collating 2:00—helpers needed
June 29	Summer Kick off BBQ — 11:30 am Come for some fun in the sun Bring a favorite side or dessert
July 1	Trinity Tuesday 6:30 pm Pub Theology Discretion Brew 41st Ave.

SAVE THE DATE July 26 at noon Paul Cunningham Memorial  
Scotts Valley Community Center

**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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Pre-School Director: Kathy Berens  
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Powerpoint: Jay Johnston, Kent Madsen & Barbara Rice

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