

*I still have
many things to
say to you*

JOHN 16:12

Holy Trinity

June 15, 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 “We all Believe in One True God”

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 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* Red #413

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity. (continued)**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*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

First Reading Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Celebrate pg. 1

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

Psalm — Choir Psalm 8 (read responsively) Cel. Pg. 2

Second Reading Romans 5:1-5 Celebrate pg. 3

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

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW #175

ALLELUIA



*Gospel Reading John 16:12-15 Cel. pg. 3

P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. John, the 16th 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

Womb of life and source of being,
home of ev'ry restless heart,
In your arms the worlds awakened;
you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather round you,
at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,
We are nurtured by your care.

Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
Born to bring us second birth,
You have come to stand beside us,
Knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles,
Life of life and Death of death,
Risen Christ, come stand among us,
Send the Spirit by your breath.

Brooding Spirit, move among us;
Be our partner, be our friend.
When our mem'ry fails, remind us
whose we are, what we intend.
Labor with us; aid the birthing
of the new world yet to be,
Free of servant, lord, and master,
Free for love and unity.

Mother, Brother, holy Partner;
Father, Spirit, Only Son:
We would praise your name forever,
One in Three and Three in One.
We should share your life, your passion,
share your word of world made new,
Ever singing, ever praising,
One with all, and one with you.

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 “Father Most Holy” Red #415 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.

<u>Communion Hymn</u>	"Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil"	#721
	(repeat often)	

Goodness is stronger than evil;
Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness;
Life is stronger than death;
vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,
Through God who loves us.
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,
Through God who loves us.

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

“Come, Thou Almighty King” Red #408

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
Help us to praise; Father all glorious,
o’er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord;
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless,
And give thy word success,
And let thy righteousness on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou who almighty art,
Rule now in ev’ry heart,
Never from us depart, Spirit of pow’r.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sov’reign majesty
may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

*Dismissal

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

Music

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Serving Today

Reader: Janet Slay

Coffee Host: **please sign up**

Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager



Full & Part Time openings

Ages 2-4

Contact Kathy 462-4453

Tell your friends!



Prayer Concerns

SHORT TERM: Family of Patrick McCalmont, 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

Sign up to offer Altar Flowers





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.

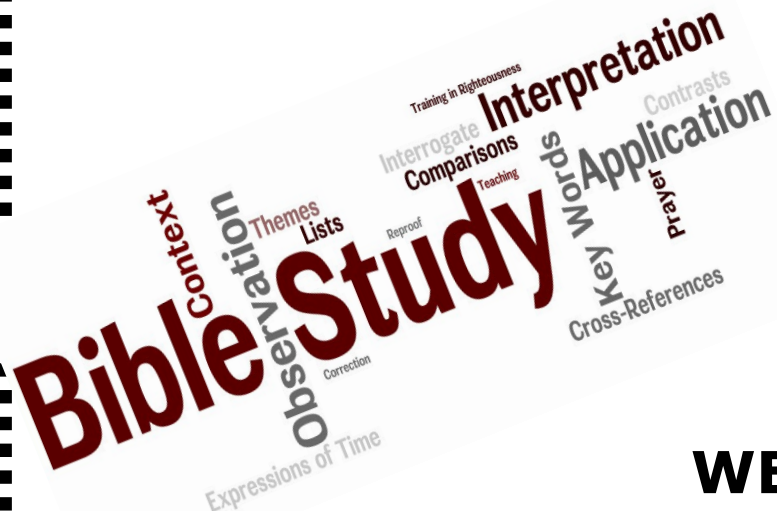
2025 Delegation - Many sponsors have traveled to El Salvador to connect with their prayer child by meeting them and sharing a meal at their home. Seeing these connections made is almost always a very touching experience. The hospitality, gratitude and love that is shared is very real and special to witness. 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 16	Embroider's 7 pm
June 17	No Scouts
June 18	Preschool Chapel 10:15
June 18	Bible Study Weds. 7:30 pm
June 19	NL deadline noon
June 19	Women's Café Group 6:00 pm Thursdays Dinner and devotions
June 19	Mens beginner A.A. Thursdays 7:00 pm Fireside rm
June 20	A.A. Fridays 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall
June 23	CDC Board 11:15 am
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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