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LUKE 9:59



# 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 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’ve Come This Far By Faith”

## **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      "Making Their Way"      Blue #979

**Making their way down through the ages,  
Sinners and saints have heard God's call:  
Wealthy and poor, powerful, lowly,  
Jesus' disciples, one and all.  
Gathered for worship, offering thanks,  
The greatest with the least have come to share this feast.**

**Making their way all the world over,  
Christians assemble on this day,  
Hearing the Word, sharing the Banquet,  
Learning to walk in Jesus' way.  
Members of Christ, united in love,  
They seek our God to know, and so together grow.**

Making our way season by season,  
Pilgrims, we journey till life's end,  
Traveling light, sharing the riches,  
Caring for stranger as for friend,  
Till in the joy of longing fulfilled,  
Together we will come to our eternal home.

\*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

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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      1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21    Celebrate pg. 1

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm      Psalm 16 (read responsively)      Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading      Galatians 5:1, 13-25    Celebrate pg. 3

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation

ELW #175

### ALLELUIA



\*Gospel Reading      Luke 9:51-62      Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. Luke, the 9th 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)

\*Hymn of the Day

*"Faith of Our Fathers"*

*Red #812*

Faith of our fathers, living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.

**REFRAIN**

Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
We will be true to you till death.

The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,  
were still in heart and conscience free;  
And blest would be their childrens' fate  
if they, like them, should die for thee. **REFRAIN**

Faith of our fathers! We will love  
both friend and foe in all our strife;  
Proclaim thee too, as love knows how,  
by saving word and faithful life.

**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     “O Spirit All Embracing”

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 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

*“Eat This Bread , Drink This Cup”* Red #492

*REFRAIN*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,*  
Taste and see the goodness of God.  
Bread of life, cup of love,  
We rejoice in your presence

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
Praise with heart and voice;  
In my God I glory forever:  
Listen and rejoice!                      REFRAIN

Look upon the Lord, be radiant,  
Never turn away.  
God will save in ev'ry affliction,  
Hear us when we pray.                      REFRAIN

Angels fold their wings around us,  
Guard through good and ill.  
Those who seek the Lord will lack nothing;  
Taste, and have your fill.                      REFRAIN

Saints of God, bow down and worship,  
Bless the holy name.  
Rise to tell God's greatness forever,  
Wondrous deeds proclaim!                      REFRAIN

## 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      *"Lift High the Cross"*      Red #660

#### *REFRAIN:*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.      REFRAIN

All newborn servants of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.      REFRAIN

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.      REFRAIN

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

REFRAIN

\*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Music “Festive Postlude” by Richard Purvis

**Serving Today**

Reader: Bill Schraft

Coffee Host: Please sign up, hosts needed

BBQ: Robert & Judi Alvarado

Altar Guild: Judi Alvarado

Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager

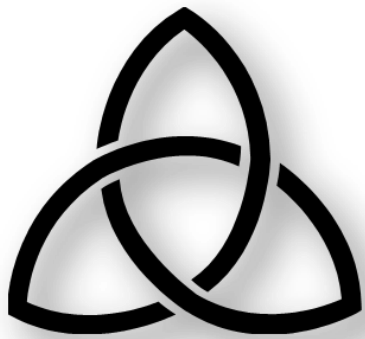


Full & Part Time openings

Ages 2-4

Contact Kathy 462-4453

Tell your friends!



# Trinity Tuesday

(Pub Theology / Discussion)

- ~ One Beverage
- ~ One Hour
- ~ One Question

## Tuesday July 1 at 6:30pm

First Tuesday of the month at Discretion Brewery

### GOT A QUESTION?

The Why's are always a challenge!

### WHAT'S ON YOUR HEART?

We continue to explore how we encounter God in ordinary moments from ordinary questions provided by you!

We invite you to join the conversation in a relaxed, thoughtful atmosphere. **No theological degree required-just bring your honest perspective.** Share ideas. Listen deeply. Connect with others.

*Trinity Tuesday-where meaningful conversations happen over a cold one. ~ Kathy Allen*





## Prayer Concerns

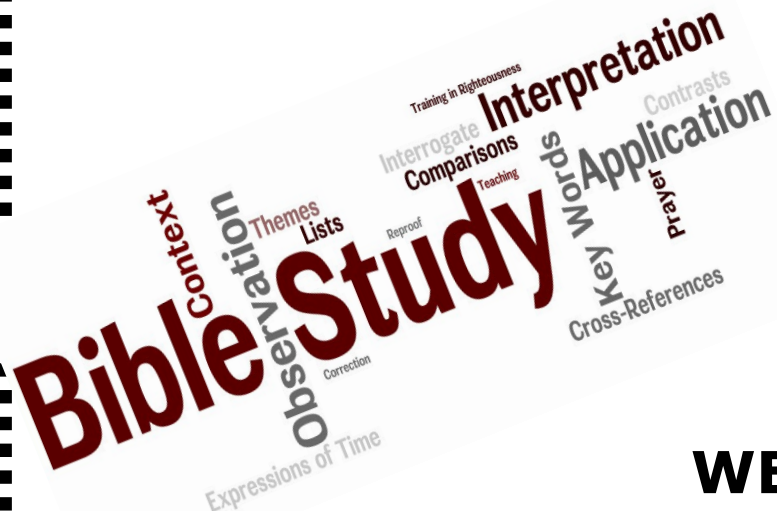
SHORT TERM: Family of Elizabeth Schilling, Family of Patrick McCalmont, Kathybelle Barlow, Family & friends of Rev. Jim Carr, Aundree & family, Ana, Mt. Cross Summer Staff, Family of Ed Valencia, the family of Tex Ronning, Those in need of patience & resilience, Those who need help forgiving & letting go, Carla Brown, Kevin & Cindy, Dawn, Gerry Daves, Tim Oldfield, James S. Chad Fields, Chelsea & Logan Preston, 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



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

TODAY	Summer Kick off BBQ — after worship Stay for some fun in the sun
July 1	Scouts 6:00 pm
July 1	Trinity Tuesday 6:30 pm Pub Theology Discretion Brew 41st Ave.
July 2	Preschool Chapel 10:15
June 3	Bible Study Weds. 7:30 pm
July 3	Mens beginner A.A. Thursdays 7:00 pm Fireside rm
July 4	A.A. Fridays 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall
July 8	Knitters Guild 6:15 pm
July 20	Special Congregational Meeting 11 am Preschool enrollment crisis & Spanish Speaking Ministry
July 26	Paul Cunningham Memorial 12:00 Scotts Valley Community Center
August 7 & 21	Women's Café Group 6:00 pm Thursdays Dinner and devotions
August 17	Back to School Blessing & 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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