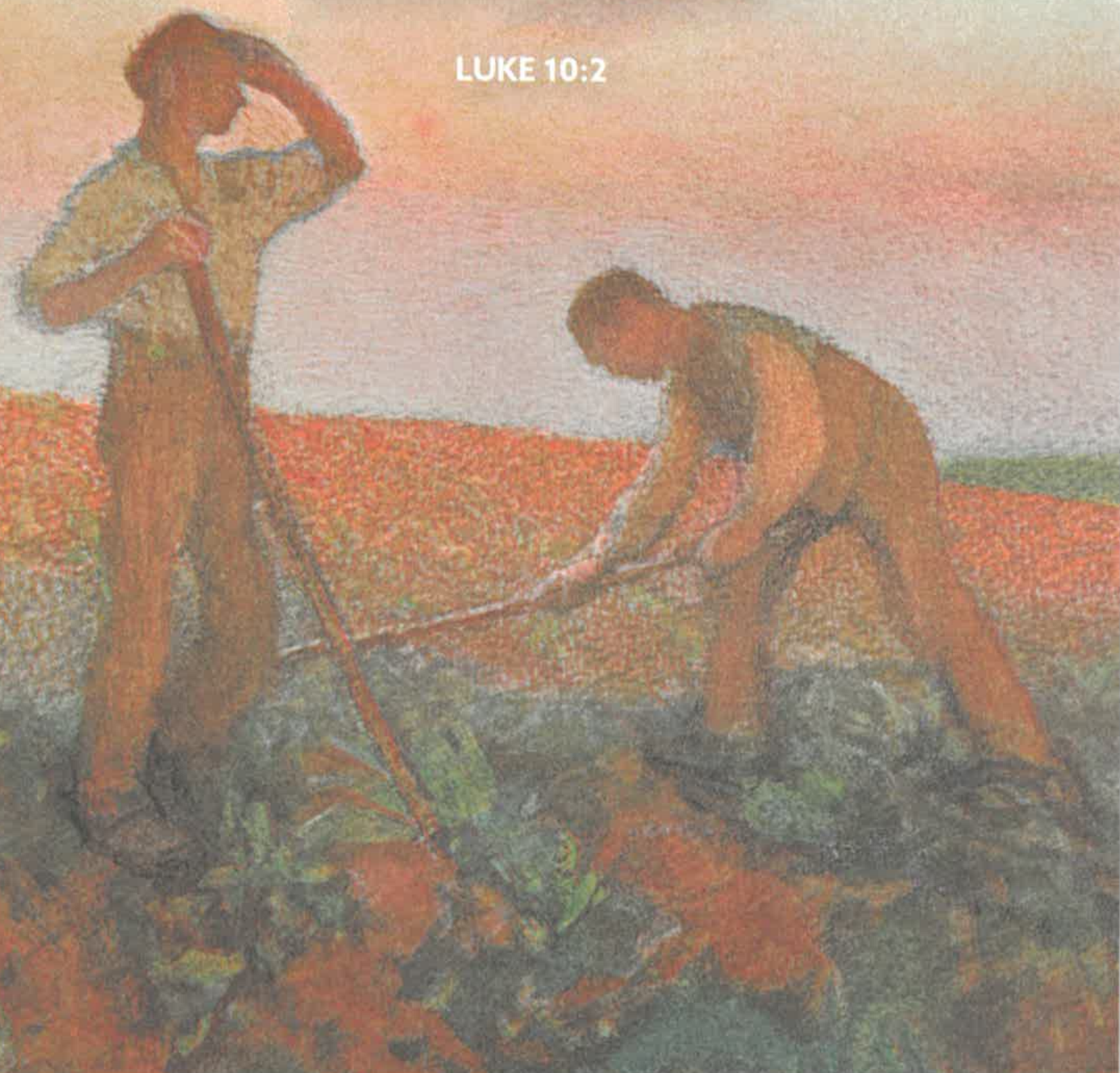


# Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers

LUKE 10:2



# 4th Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 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     ”Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”  
Henery Purcell

## **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    *"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"*    Red #735

**Mothering God, you gave me birth,  
in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain,  
My wind, my sun.**

**Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
Offering me your food of light,  
Grain...of life, and grape of love, your very body  
For my peace.**

**Mothering spirit, nurt'ring one,  
In arms of patience hold me close,  
So that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r,  
Until I know.**



\*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          Isaiah 66:10-14          Celebrate pg. 1

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm          Psalm 66:1-9 (read responsively)          Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading          Galatians 6:1-16          Celebrate pg. 3

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation

ELW #175

**ALLELUIA**



\*Gospel Reading          Luke 10:1-20          Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. Luke, the 10th 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 P. Lapp

\*Hymn of the Day

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” Red #396

REFRAIN:

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep  
Then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
And over the eons you called to each thing:  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

REFRAIN

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand  
And you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
And when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

REFRAIN

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
Then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
And down in the city you called once a gain,  
When you blew through your people  
on the rush of the wind.

REFRAIN

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow  
all the captives dream dreams;  
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With...bold new decisions your people arise.

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 “Romanza” Richard Purvis

### Offering Prayer

P: Creator God,  
In your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
And the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your 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    "As a Mother Comforts Her Child"    Blue #1015

As a mother comforts her child,  
So God will comfort you.  
As a hen gathers her brood,  
So Christ will gather you.  
As a wise one counsels her friend,  
So the Spirit will counsel you.  
The Trinity of love will be with you.

## **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

*"Go to the World"* ACS #991

Go to the world!  
Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
Baptizing, as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia. Alleleluia.

Go to the world!  
Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia. Alleleluia.

Go to the world!  
Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
The nights of tears and give way to joyous day.  
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia. Alleleluia.

"Go to the world!  
Go as the ones I send,  
For I am with you till the age shall end,  
When all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!"  
Alleluia. Alleleluia.

\*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Music      “The Sound of Trumpets be Praised”  
composer unknown

**Serving Today**

Reader: Elke Spires

Coffee Host: Please sign up, hosts needed

Altar Guild: Tina Gates

Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager

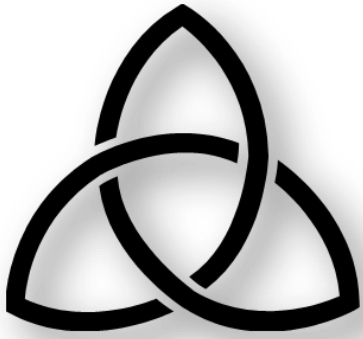


Full & Part Time openings

Ages 2-4

Contact Kathy 462-4453

Tell your friends!



# Trinity Tuesday

(Pub Theology / Discussion)

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

## Tuesday August 5 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, Tina & family, Family of Patrick McCalmont, Atlas, Ana, Kathybelle Barlow, Family & friends of Rev. Jim Carr, Aundree & family, 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

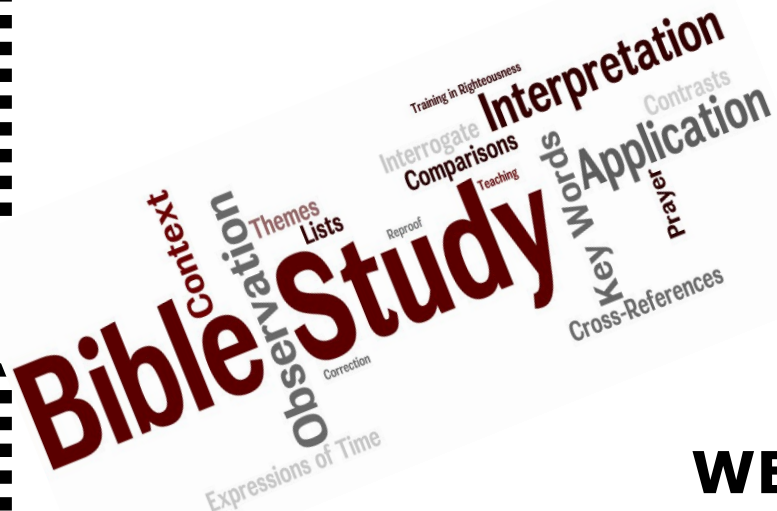
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LONG TERM: Those suffering with Mental Illness, James Sheehan, Biergiel—Colclough family, Eric Utto-Galarneau, Joel Hurtgamm, Dawit and family (Ethiopia), April McCalmont, Miller Mouw, Kyle Lapp, Will, Aaron Johnson, Shelby Volpi, Ashley, Frank, Joe, 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.

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The Altar Flowers are given  
by the Alvarados  
in honor of Judi's birthday



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:

July Benevolence Offering - ELCA World Hunger

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| July 8        | Knitters Guild 6:15 pm   |
| July 9        | Preschool Chapel 10:15   |
| July 9        | Bible Study Weds. 7:30 pm  |
| July 10       | Mens beginner A.A. Thursdays 7:00 pm Fireside  |
| July 11       | Finance Committee 9:30 am  |
| July 11       | A.A. Fridays 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall   |
| July 20       | Special Congregational Meeting 11 am<br>Preschool enrollment & Spanish Speaking Ministry |
| July 20       | Ed Valencia Memorial 2:00 pm   |
| July 26       | Paul Cunningham Memorial<br>12:000 Scotts Valley Community Center                        |
| August 5      | Trinity Tuesday 6:30 pm<br>Pub Theology Discretion Brew 41st Ave.                        |
| August 7 & 21 | Women's Café Group 6:00 pm Thursdays<br>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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