



*Lord,
teach us to pray*

LUKE 11:1

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 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 “In Peace Let Us Pray to the Lord”
 Liturgy of Joy

The Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign
marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you,
Against one another,
And against the earth entrusted to our care.
We are worried and distracted by many things,
And we fail to love you above all else.
We store up treasures for ourselves
And turn away from our neighbors in need.
Forgive us,
that we may live in the freedom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: When we were laid low by sin and the world's evil,
God made us alive together with Christ,
Forgiving us + all our trespasses
By taking the sin of the world to the cross.
For freedom Christ has set us free:
Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.

*Opening Hymn *"Womb of Life and Source of Being"* Blue #928

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.

(hymn continued)

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.

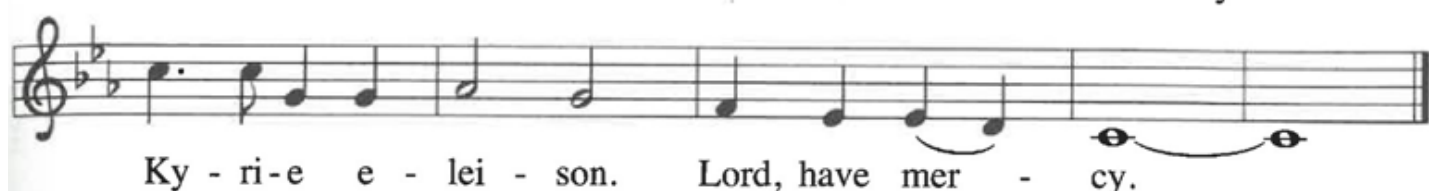
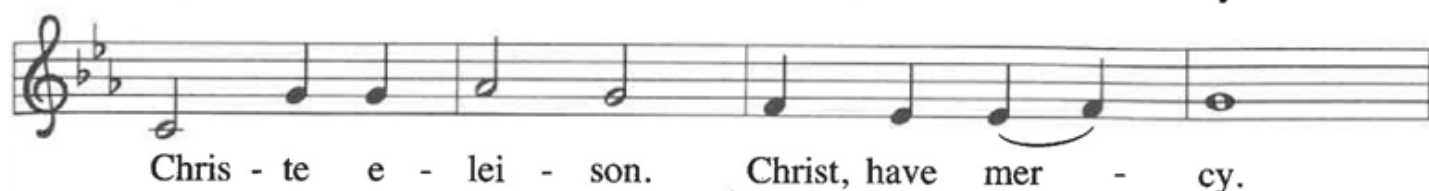
*Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

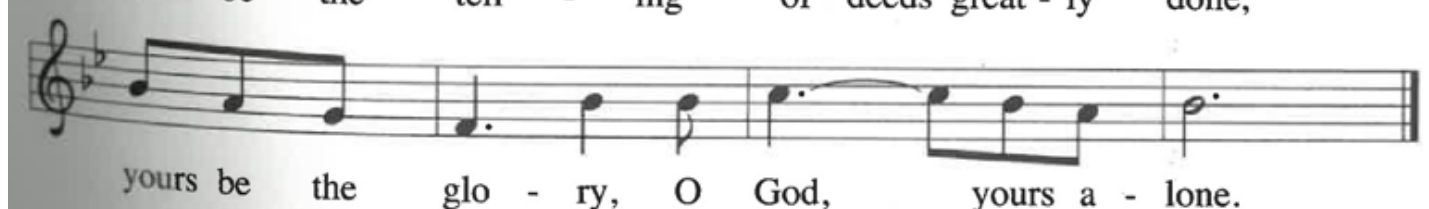
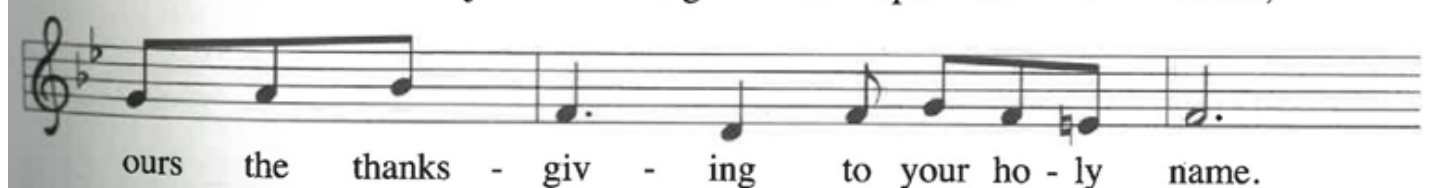
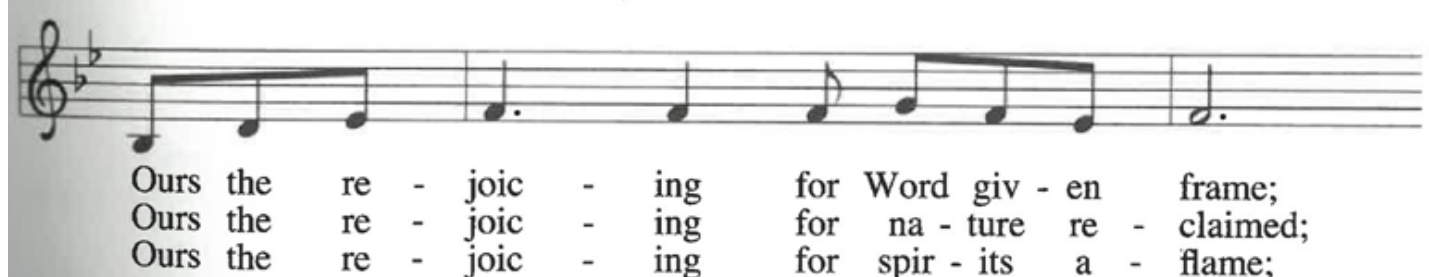
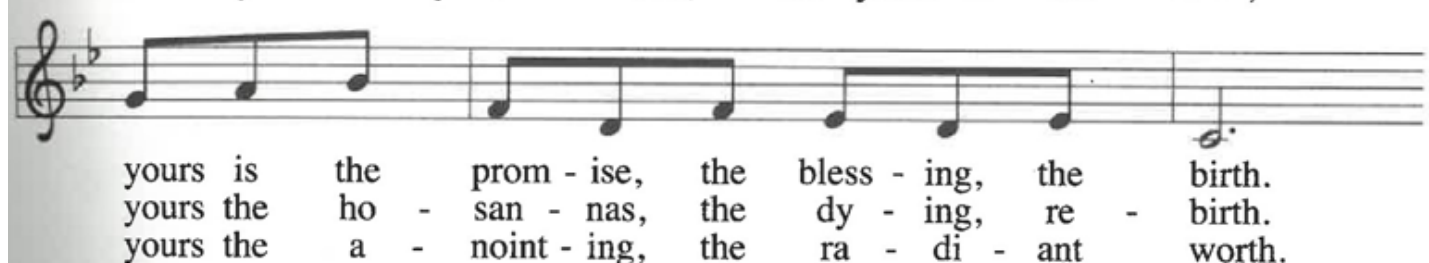
C: And also with you

*Kyrie & Hymn of Praise

ACS #31



One of the following or another song of praise may be sung.



*Prayer of the Day

The Word of God

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

Celebrate pg. 1

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 138 (read responsively)

Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-19

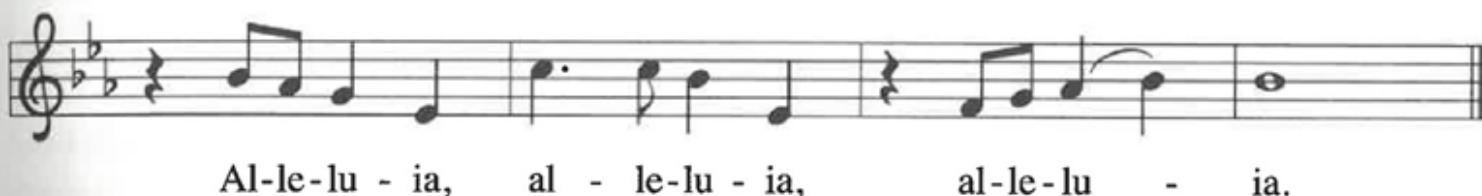
Celebrate pg. 3

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

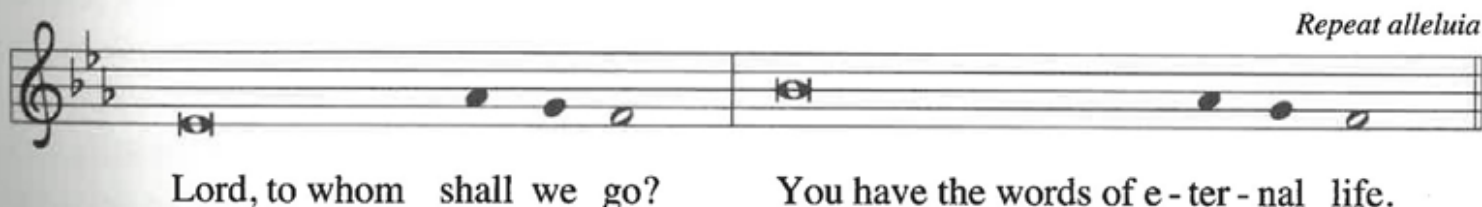
C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

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The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing one of these verses.



*Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. Luke, the 11th 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 "Ask the Complicated Questions" Blue #1005

Ask the complicated questions.
Do not fear to be found out;
For our God makes strong our weakness,
Forging faith in fires of doubt.

Seek the disconcerting answers,
Follow where the Spirit blows;
Test competing truths for wisdom,
For intension new life grows.

Knock on doors of new ideas,
Test assumptions long grown stale,
For Christ calls from shores of wonder,
Daring us to try and fail.

For in struggle we discover
Truth both simple and profound;
In the knocking, asking, seeking,
We are opened, answered, found.

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 “Scamueke dich” Setting Artur Kapp

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God,
For the greening earth given for all,
For the talents we are given to share,
And for this bread and fruit of the vine.
Transform us to be the body of Christ,
That, feasting on this food and drink,
Our lives may reflect your generosity;
Through Christ our Lord,

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: God invites you to this table of bounty.
Come, the banquet is ready.

(Please be seated)

Communion Gathering Song



Communion Hymn

“Thank You, Lord” Blue #1092

1. Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
2. Been so good, been so good, been so good,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
3. Been my friend, been my friend, been my friend,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
4. Love you, Lord, love you Lord, love you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.

The Sending

*Prayer after Communion

P: O God, in this Holy Communion
You have welcomed us into your presence,
Nourished us with words of mercy,
And fed us at your table.
Amid the cares of this life,
Strengthen us to love you with all our heart,
Serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,
And honor the earth you have made;
Through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

*Blessing

P: Live your lives in Christ,
rooted and built up in God's Spirit.
May you abound in thanksgiving;
And may the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God,
Be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen

*Closing Hymn

"Go My Children With My Blessing" Red #543

**"Go my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."**

(Hymn continued)

“Go my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace, Christ is sending you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Music “Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice”
Donald Busarow

Serving Today

Reader:

Coffee Host:

Altar Guild: Tina Gates

Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager



The Altar Flowers are given
by Barb & Kent
To Celebrate Renee & Chris’s engagement



Prayer Concerns

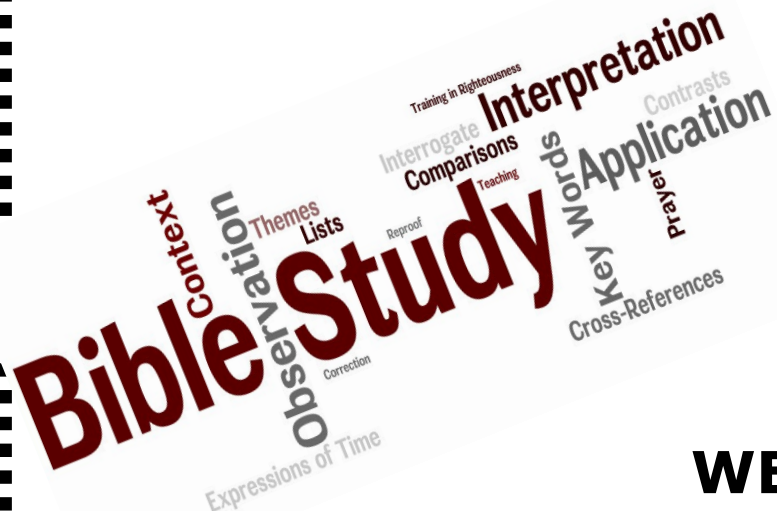
SHORT TERM: Laura, Ayla, Tate, The World & Texas, Family of Elizabeth Schilling, Tina & family, Family of Patrick McCalmont, Atlas, Ana, Kathybelle Barlow, Family & friends of Rev. Jim Carr, Aundree & family, Mt. Cross Summer Staff, Family of Ed Valencia, Family of Tex Ronning, Carla Brown, Tim Oldfield, James S. Chad Fields, Grey, 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, Keith, Noelle, Ensley, 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), Miller, April, Aaron Johnson, Shelby, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Dom, Lisa & Beau, Linda Johnson, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Bobbie Erickson, Mike, Susan Anderson, Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Karin, Will, Chris and John B. 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

Our Preschool is enrolling NOW. Ages 2-4
Full & Part Time openings.
Tell your friends!
Contact Kathy 462-4453





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

July 28	CDC Board Meeting 11:15 am
July 29	Scouts 6:00 pm
July 30	Preschool Chapel 10:15
July 30	Bible Study Weds. 7:30 pm
July 31	Mens beginner A.A. Thursdays 7:00 pm Fireside
August 1	A.A. Fridays 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall
August 5	Trinity Tuesday 6:30 pm Pub Theology Discretion Brew 41st Ave.
Aug. 7 & 21	Women's Café Group 6:00 pm Thursdays Dinner and devotions
August 17	Back to School Blessing & Potluck Supplies for gift bags needed, contact Leslie
August 21	Newsletter Deadline
Sept. 14	MMRR Bake Sale

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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