



WHERE YOUR
TREASURE IS,
THERE YOUR
HEART
WILL BE ALSO

LUKE 12:34

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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 “Proclamation” G.F. Handel

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

"Morning Has Broken"

Red #556

Morning has broken, like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning!
Praise for the springing, fresh from the world!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall, on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden.
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
born of the One Light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

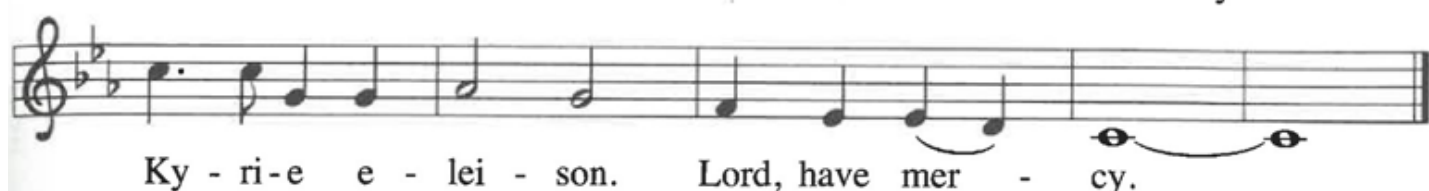
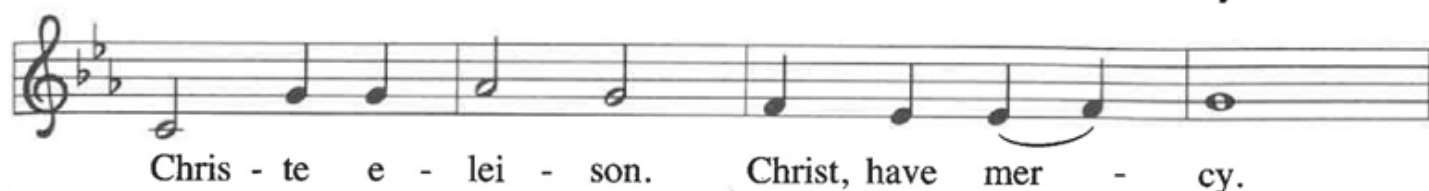
*Greeting

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

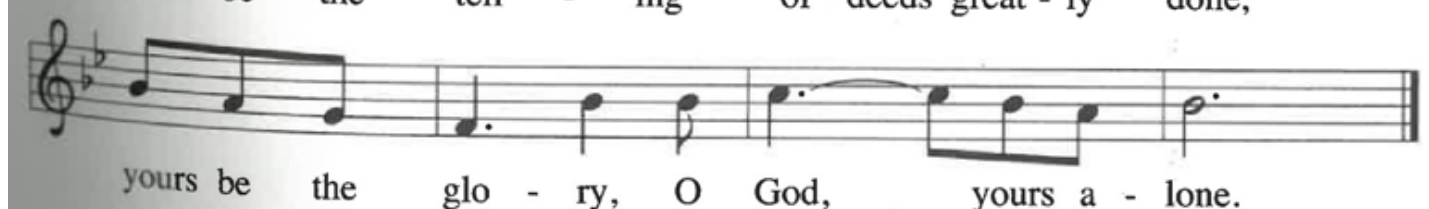
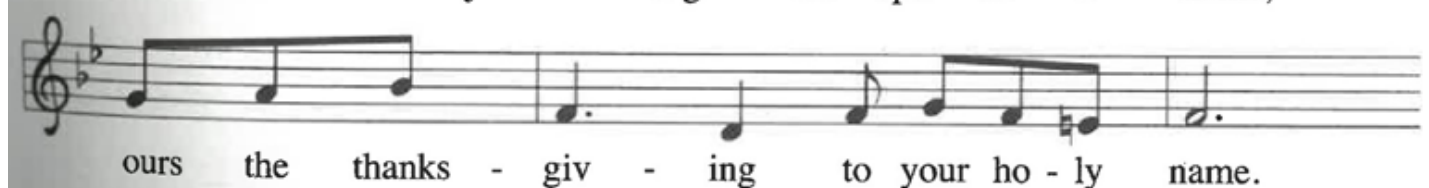
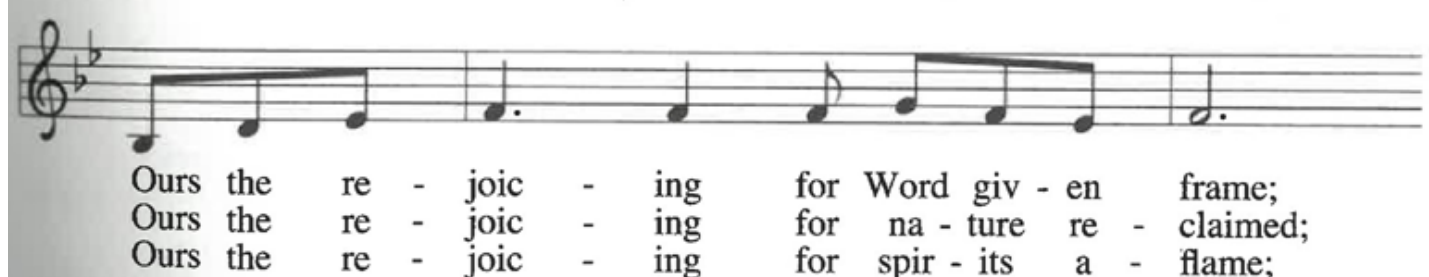
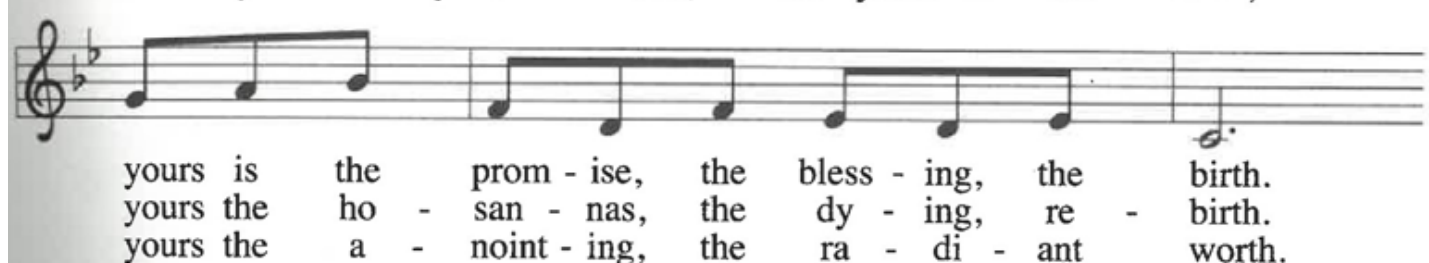
C: **And also with you**

*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 15:1-6

Celebrate pg. 1

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 33:12-22 (read responsively)

Cel. pg. 2

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Celebrate pg. 3

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

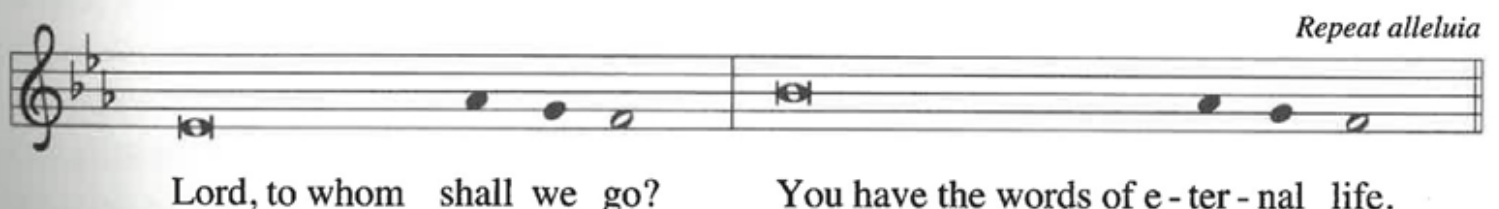
C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

ACS #33



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



*Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. Luke, the 12th 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

Pastor Greg Ronning

*Hymn of the Day

“What is the World Like”

Blue #1047

What is this world like when God’s will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
Roots thread the soil;
Branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

What is the world like when God’s will is done?
Witness the wandering children coming home;
Watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

What is the world like when God’s will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
Peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

What is the world like when God’s will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
tending our lamps till the new days’ begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.

(Hymn continued)

These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
Filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
This is a new world where God's will is done.

The Prayers of the Church

Celebrate, Page 4

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 “Choral with Variations” Johann Walter

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

“The King of Love My Shepherd is” Red #502

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow
With gentle care he leads me,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With heav’nly food he feeds me.

3. Perverse and foolish I have strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With you, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still,
Your cross before to guide me.

5. You spread a table in my sight,
Your saving grace bestowing;
And O what joy and true delight
From your pure chalice flowing!

6. And so through all the length of days
Your goodness fails me never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
Within your house forever.

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

"Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer"

Red #618

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
Hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
Shield me with your might arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will raise for~ever~more,
I will raise for~ ever~more.

*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace, Christ is sending you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Music “Vexilla Regis” Richard Purvis

Serving Today

Reader: Mark Linder

Coffee Hosts needed

Altar Guild: Tina Gates

Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager



The Altar Flowers are given
by Barb & Kent
To Celebrate Renee's birthday

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





Prayer Concerns

SHORT TERM: Tom D., Connie Garcia & Family, 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, 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, Gloria, Marta's parents, Gary & Louse Matz, Nick, James, Mary D., 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, Isaac & Marissa, 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 *

New Ways of Giving

Our *Virtual Offering Plate* has been enhanced. Donations can be made by: credit card, debit card, PayPal, Venmo and Zelle.

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:

August Benevolence Offering -
Cal. Lutheran University & Pacific Lutheran Theo. Seminary

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| August 12 | Scouts 6:00 pm |
| August 12 | Knitters Guild 6:15 pm |
| August 12 | Church Council 6:30 pm |
| August 14 | Mens beginner A.A. Thursdays 7:00 pm Fireside |
| August 15 | A.A. Fridays 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall |
| August 17 | Back to School Blessing & Potluck —Sign up now
Supplies for gift bags needed, contact Leslie |
| August 18 | Embroiders Guild 7:00 pm |
| August 20 | Preschool Chapel 10:15 |
| August 20 | Bible Study Weds. 7:30 pm |
| August 21 | Newsletter Deadline |
| Aug. 21 | Women's Café Group 6:00 pm Thursdays
Dinner and devotions |
| Aug. 28 | Newsletter Collating 2:00 pm helpers needed |
| September 2 | Trinity Tuesday 6:30 pm
Pub Theology Discretion Brew 41st Ave. |

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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