

# St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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We believe that community is *beautiful* and *messy* and *fulfilling* and *conflicted* and...the POINT. God calls us together into community for the sake of one another, our neighbors, and creation. We don't always get it right, but we trust that when we center the love and grace that Jesus taught, we will get it right more often than not. *You are welcome here!* We don't expect perfect, put-together people; we don't want you to conform to us and our ways; we want you to show up as who you are and to experience the love and grace of God as we have experienced it. And we hope that once you do, you will join us in sharing it with others too.

Day of Pentecost May 19, 2024

#### **For Your Prayers – May 20-26, 2024**

#### **Lectionary readings for this week:**

Monday: Joel 2:18-29 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Tuesday: Genesis 11:1-9 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Wednesday: Ezekiel 37:1-14 John 20:19-23 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Thursday: Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20 Romans 8:1-8 Psalm 29

Friday Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 8:9-11 Psalm 29

Saturday: Isaiah 5:15-24 John 15:18-20, 26-27 Psalm 29

Next Sunday's Lessons Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

<u>Join your prayers for healing</u> with God's desires for Trudi Arnold, Aaren Battle, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Steve Grant, Carol Harman, Jack Harris, Jim Ivey, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, Martha Reier, and Linda Vonderheide.

<u>Pray for those unable to come to worship</u>: Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Edith Haecker, Pat Janot, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Bob Alt, Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, Linda Bonfiglio, Mary Bloom, Bob Britcher, Amy Carl, Jerry & Elijah Connor, Judy Craun, Sophia Czajkowski, Judy Drezek, Ginny Mauney Fox, Joel Gillespie, Joan and Frank Goodhart, Deanna Harbison, Jane Harris, Nick Havola, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Lisa Hill, Jaxon Ireland, The Jacobs Family, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Marnah Lund, Laura Margolin, Doug Mayes, Jack Mayfield, Becky Murphy, Ed Moninger, John and Pollie Morison, Bob Myers, Silvana Oderisi, Denise Ogborn, Lori Ogborn, Janet Popelas, Paula Rega, Kathy Reynolds, Mark Punchard, Marci Ries, Sharon Rogers, Betty Roth, Kurtis Schultz, Lou Schuster, Inge Seiter, Kelsey Slay, Joyce Smith, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, and Caleb Winig.

## Day of Pentecost

I. Gathering: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome

Centering Music Hail Thee, Festival Day Arr. John A. Behnke

St. Stephen Ringers

**Call to Worship** (written by Joanna Harader on Spacious Faith)

God of wind and fire,

When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

God of mighty oceans and still waters,

When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.

God of bread and wine,

When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.

So pour out your Spirit

Let sacred waters flow

Fill us with holy food.

May our hearts and our hands be open wide to receive your gifts of life. Amen.

Gathering Prayer (written by Janet Morley in Just One Year)

Spirit of truth

Whom the world can never grasp,

**Touch our hearts** 

With the shock of your coming;

Fill us with desire

For your disturbing peace;

And fire us with longing

To speak your uncontainable word

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gathering Hymn Hail Thee, Festival Day ELW 394

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#### Greeting

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





#### Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### II. Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
18Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
19And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader: "The Word of the Lord." Response: "Thanks be to God."





<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>All of them | look to you

to give them their food in due season. Refrain

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, <sup>1</sup> they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return <sup>1</sup> to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created; and so you renew the face | of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. *Refrain* 

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live; I will praise my God while I | have my being.

<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God. I will rejoice | in the LORD.

35bBless the LORD, O my soul. Hal- lelujah! Refrain



Second Reading Romans 8:22-27

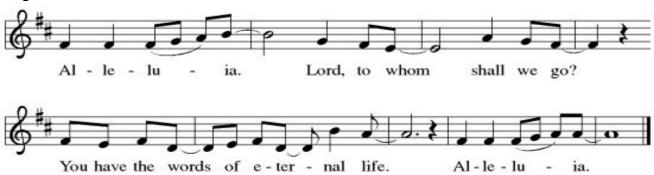
By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader: "The Word of the Lord." Response: "Thanks be to God."

#### **Gospel Acclamation**



Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

Response after announcement of the Gospel: "Glory to you, O Lord."

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup> When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no

longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Response at the conclusion of the Gospel: "Praise to you, O Christ."

Sermon

Spirit of Truth
Silence for prayer and reflection.

Pastor Jon O Nelson

Hymn of the Day

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

ELW 402



- 1 E ter nal Spir it of the liv ing Christ, I know not how to 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help me to see your
- 3 Come with the vi sion and the strength I need to serve my God and



ask or what to say; I on - ly know my need, as deep as life, pur-pose and your will, where I have failed, what I have done a - miss; all hu-man - i - ty; ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured:



Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900-1996

Music: ADORO TE DEVOTE, plainsong mode V; Processionale, Paris, 1697

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#### (11:00) Affirmation of Baptism

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#### **Prayers**

Each petition concludes, "God of grace," Response: "hear our prayer."

#### III. Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

#### **Offering**

Offerings are gathered for the mission of the church: preaching and teaching the good news of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ, and caring for the poor. During the offering, the table is set for the Lord's Supper.

Offering of Music

Pentecost

Tom Shelton

Cello, Marie Nelson; Flute, Thom Recktenwald

#### **Offertory Prayer**

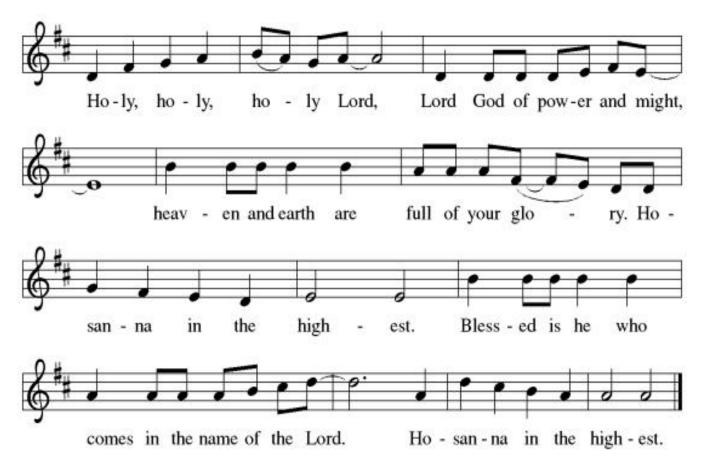
Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.** 

#### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

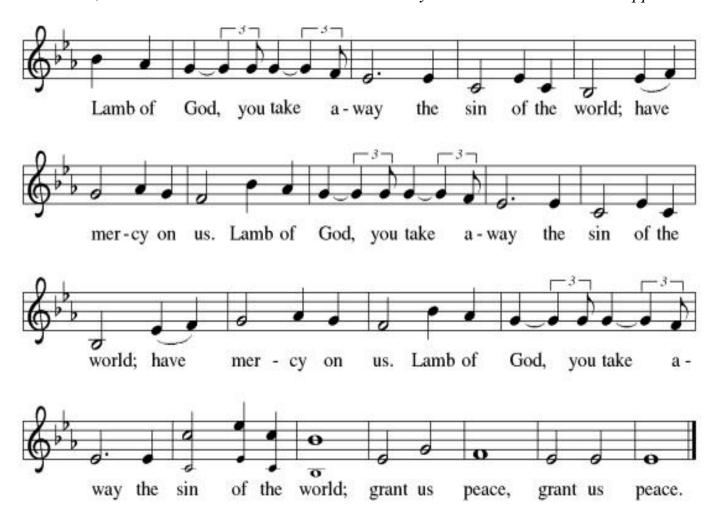


#### The Lord's Prayer

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.

#### **Holy Communion**

When receiving Communion, either stand or kneel at the Rail. Pastor will distribute the bread and a Communion Assistant will come with a tray of pre-filled cups of wine and grape juice. The juice will be in the middle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available as an alternative to bread. St. Stephen is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, so all are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper.



Communion Music The Wind Blows Where It Wills Jacob Weber

St. Stephen Choirs; Flute, Thom Recktenwald

Breathe on Me, Breath of God Anna Laura Page

St. Stephen Ringers

#### **Table Blessing**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.** 

IV. Sending: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Sending Hymn O Spirit All-Embracing ACS 944

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#### **Blessing**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope → bless you now and always. Amen.

#### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Postlude** Bell Fanfare David Burton Brown

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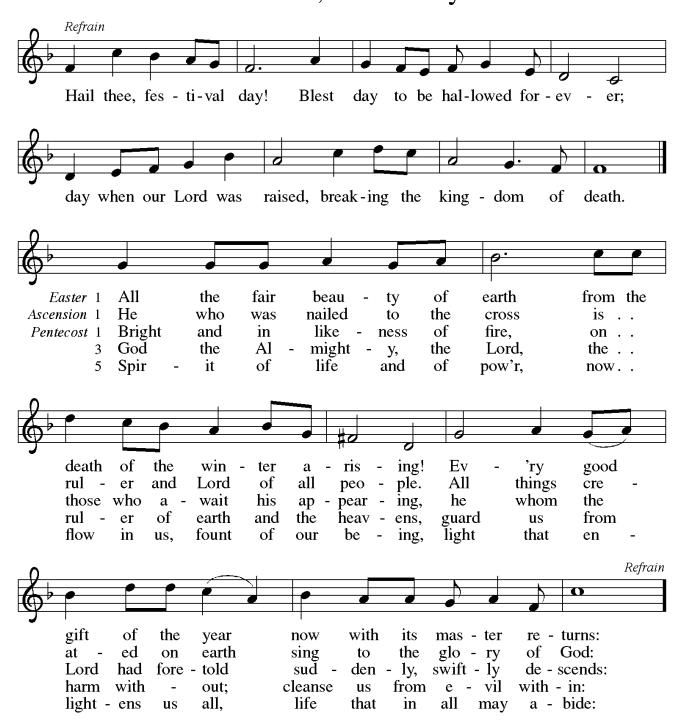
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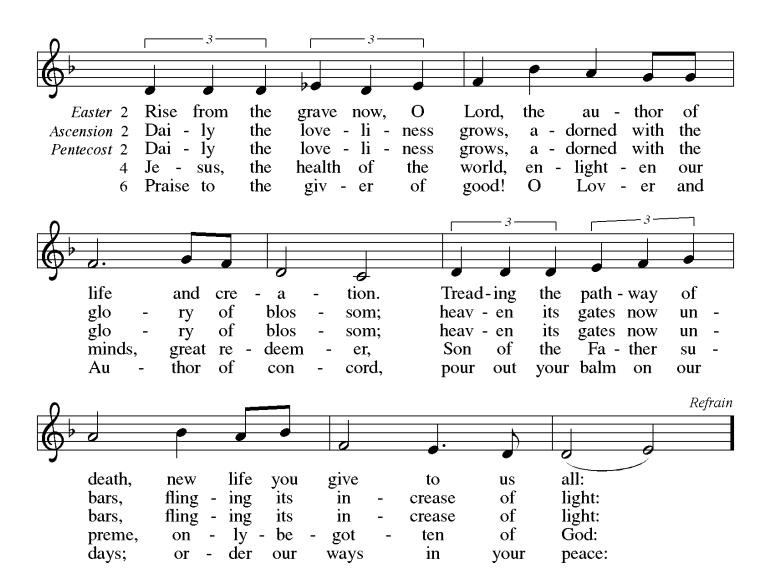
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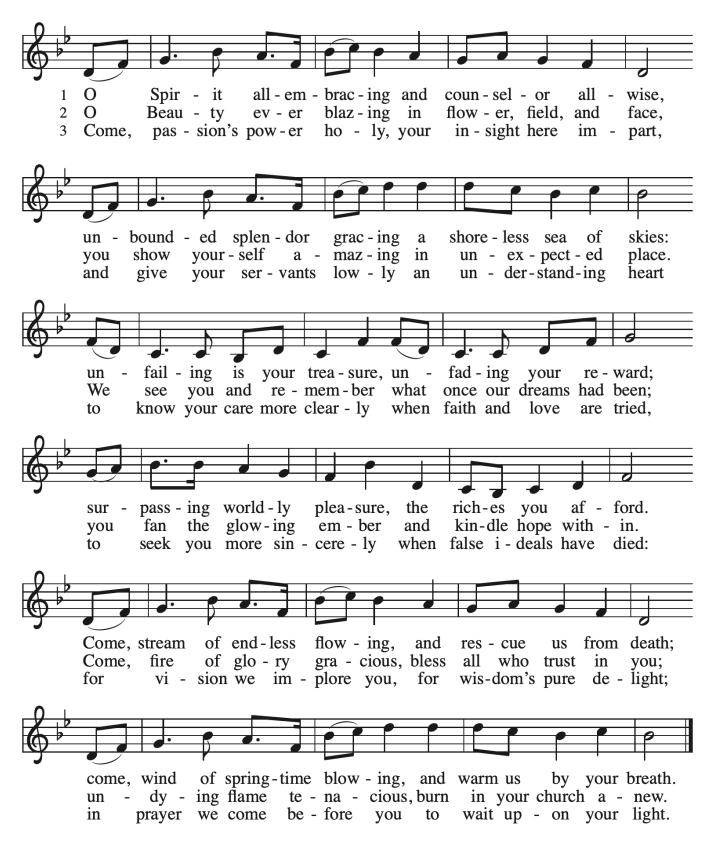




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### O Spirit All-Embracing



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#### As We Gather

#### **Restrooms & First Aid**

- ❖ A gender-neutral, family restroom and a Women's restroom can be found in the hallway behind our Worship Space.
- ❖ Additional Men's and Women's restrooms can be found on the lower level of the church building.
- ❖ A first aid kit and an A.E.D. can be found hanging on the wall in the hallway behind our Worship Space.

#### **Live-streaming**

❖ We regularly live-stream our services and cannot guarantee that you will not appear on our YouTube channel. Sitting in the East Wing or the NE section of the Worship Space will minimize your chances of being on screen. We can also bring communion to you if you inform an usher of that desire.

#### **Parents! Thanks for bringing your children** to worship.

- ❖ Did you know that intergenerational worship is the single most important activity encouraging children's faith formation? (See vibrantfaith.org)
- ❖ When parents and children need to take a break for a few minutes, there's a play area (aka "prayground") with toys and books in the East wing of the Worship Space.
- ❖ Age-appropriate activity bags are available in the Gathering Space ask an usher for assistance.

#### Assistance is Available for You:

- **❖ An induction loop** is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T."
- **Large print** worship materials are available ask an usher.

<u>Health Update</u>: We always encourage you to monitor yourself for symptoms of illness and to worship from home if you are experiencing any. We have masks and hand sanitizer available for use in our building should you require.

#### What's Happening Today

**Flowers this morning** are given by Heidi Flatin to celebrate Kay Flatin's 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday!

**Affirmation of Baptism**. We also look forward to witnessing a member of our church, **Benjamin Berry**, affirm the promises made on his behalf at baptism today at the 11:00 AM worship service. Join us between services to celebrate with cake.

Education: Adult Ed. Opportunity. Join us today in the Fellowship Hall between services (10:00AM - 10:40AM). Pastor Jon will be leading his final lesson on Liturgy. We will be exploring why we do the things we do in worship on Sunday mornings

#### Upcoming.

<u>Bible Study:</u> Join us for Bible study on **Mondays at 1:30 PM** in the Library/Conference Room.

<u>Giving Statements</u> are available in the gathering space. Please pick yours up before you leave. Thank you!

Worship: Summer Worship Schedule. Starting Sunday, May 26th we will be moving to one worship service ending Sept 8<sup>th</sup> "Gods work Our Hands". We will return to 2 services starting on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have coffee at 9:00 AM and worship at 9:45 AM on these Sundays. This worship service will be live-streamed as well. We hope that this joint service will help foster connections between "8:30 folk" and "11:00 folk" as well as give our worship leaders a lighter Sunday morning for these weeks of summer.

<u>Picnic in the Park</u> Join us **June 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00 pm** at Freedom Park For a Picnic to Celebrate our Graduating Seniors, to wish Pastor Alex "Bon Voyage", and to bring in the Summer. We will provide lemonade, water, hotdogs and hamburgers. Please sign up on the insert if you will attend and if you are bringing a side dish.

June 16th. Our June meeting typically includes elections, a midyear review and update, and a report from the Preschool regarding the completed program year. The agenda and supporting documents for the meeting will be shared soon.

#### **St. Stephen Calendar – May 19- 26, 2024**

Our worship service is available on our website <u>www.saintstephenlutheran.net</u>, click on "Worship with Us" and "Services."

#### **SUNDAY, May 19** ~ Pentecost

8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)

9:45 AM Matins/Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

10:00 AM Adult Faith Formation (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion

#### MONDAY, May 20

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)

1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)

4:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

#### **TUESDAY, May 21**

7:00 PM Preschool Committee (Library/Conference Room)

#### WEDNESDAY, May 22

3:00 PM YOGA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

#### THURSDAY, May 23

12:30 PM Staff Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)

7:00 PM SMCC Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

#### FRIDAY, May 24

#### SATURDAY, May 25

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

#### **SUNDAY, May 26** ~ The Holy Trinity

9:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

9:20 AM Choir warm-up (Worship Space)

9:45 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)

#### **Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today**

Acolyte/Crucifer	(8:30) John McCurry
	(11:00) Jeffrey Berry
	(8:30) Rosemary Frey
	(11:00)
	(8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) Doug Moore
Bread Baker	Janice Svendsen
Cantors	Choir
Communion Assistants	(8:30) Chris Punchard and Diane McCurry
	(11:00) Heidi Flatin and Steve Jacobs
Flower Delivery	
	(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00) Ned Neidlinger
Lectors	(8:30) George Martin (11:00) Jane deSolms
Preacher	Pastor Jon O Nelson
Tellers	Jeanne Garrison, Jim Larson
Ushers(8:30) Tom and	Sandy Peterkin (11:00) George Bass and Glenn Joppa

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# Welcome to St. Stephen Lutheran Church! Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

May 19, 2024

Name:
For guests and members with changes:
Address (Home)
City/StateZip
Telephone #
E-Mail Address
Guests Only: I belong to
Church Address
Please check as many as pertain:  Member First time guest Regular guest Guest (out of town)
Student at William & Mary Looking for a church home Desire to speak with pastor
<ul><li>Would like more information about Stephen Ministry</li><li>Would like a Parish Nurse to contact me</li></ul>
Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

# **Prayer Requests**

Please <b>add</b> to the prayer list in this month's bulletin and next month's <i>Quill</i> :  Name:	
Please <b>remove</b> from prayer concerns:	_
Name:	_
I/We need a name tag:	
I/We will be attending the Picnic June 2 <sup>nd</sup> and we will bringing a side dish	L
How Many Attending	