

St. Stephen Lutheran Church Love God, Love People, Form Faith. One of 13,000 Stephen Ministry Congregations Around the World

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.

> The Holy Trinity May 26, 2024

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Numbers 9:15-23 Revelation 4:1-8 Psalm 20
Tuesday: Exodus 25:1-22 1 Corinthians 2:1-10 Psalm 20
Wednesday: Numbers 6:22-27 Mark 4:21-25 Psalm 20
Thursday: Exodus 31:12-18 Acts 25:1-12 Psalm 81:1-10
Friday Leviticus 23:1-8 Romans 8:31-39 Psalm 81:1-10
Saturday: Leviticus 24:5-9 John 7:19-24 Psalm 81:1-10
Next Sunday's Lessons Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Psalm 81:1-10 (1) 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23—3:6

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Trudi Arnold, Aaron Battle**, John Baumgarten, Linda Baumgarten, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Steve Grant, Jack Harris, Jim Ivey, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, Jim Mayfield, Susan Neidlinger, and Martha Reier

<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, Bob Britcher, Linda Bonfiglio, Mary Bloom, Amy Carl, Karin Cavanaugh, Judy Craun, Sophia Czajkowski, Judy Drezek, Ginny Mauney Fox, Joel Gillespie, Joan and Frank Goodhart, Deanna Harbison, 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, The Keith Meins family, Liz Montalvo, Becky Murphy, Ed Moninger, Bob Myers, Silvana Oderisi, Denise Ogborn, Lori Ogborn, Paula Rega, Kathy Reynolds, Clarice Rohling, Marci Ries, Sharon Rogers, Betty Roth, Kurtis Schultz, Lou Schuster, Inge Seiter, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, and Caleb Winig.

The Holy Trinity

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

Welcome

Centering Music Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty Arr. Lloyd Larson

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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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.**

Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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



¹Ascribe to the [|] LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo-[|]ry and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of [|] glory thunders; the LORD is upon the [|] mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow-¹ erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a ¹ voice of splendor. Refrain

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the [|] cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce- [|] dars of Lebanon; ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
⁷The voice | of the LORD bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
⁸The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. Refrain
⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"
¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.
¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

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

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

| Sermon | Ineffable Silence for prayer and reflection. | Pastor Jon O Nelson |
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Prayers

Each petition concludes, "Merciful God," Response: "receive 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 MusicSing Praise to God Who Reigns AboveG. F. Handel/Arr.Patrick M. Liebergen



Offertory Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **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:



Words of Institution

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 Hymn

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Blessing The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

| Postlude | Holy, Holy, Holy | | Setting, Michael Burkhardt |
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Holy God, We Praise Your Name



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Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



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Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



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As the Wind Song



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Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



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 camera. 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.

Health Update: 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 in memory of Bruce Flatin.

<u>Get Well Cards</u> if you would like to send **Trudi Arnold** a get well card, please contact the office for the address that she will be residing at for the next few months of her recovery.

Upcoming.

<u>The Flower Chart for 2024</u> is posted in the display area of the Gathering Space. Please mark the date for which you would like to sponsor flowers! Sponsor sheets are in the tray below the chart! We currently have Aug 4th, 11th and 18th Sept8th, October 20th, and 27th, Nov 10th and Dec 1^{st.}

<u>Bible Study:</u> Bible study will be on hiatus for the summer. Look for an announcement about its resuming towards the end of August.

June Congregational Meeting: We will hold our June business meeting following worship on **Sunday, 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.

<u>Picnic in the Park</u> Join us **June 2nd** at **12:00 PM** at Freedom Park For a Picnic to Celebrate our Graduating Senior 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.

Preschool Summer Camps. Our Preschool will have six weeks of summer camps this year. These camps will be held between 9:00AM - 12:00PM on the weeks of June 3, June 10, July 8, July 15, July 29, and August 5. When we have children in the building, we ask members to enter through the Office door only (unless the steps are difficult for you, please let us know and we'll meet you at the Preschool door), thank you!

VSWO 2024 Call to Convention

The **2024 Annual VSWO (Virginia Synodical Women's Organization)** Convention/Gathering will be at **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church-Norge, July 26-27, 2024.** There will be three Awareness Sessions, an activity for non-Voting Members, fun, fellowship and a little business. The **Rev. Dr. Phyllis Blair Milton**, Bishop of the Virginia Synod will deliver the opening worship sermon and bring greetings from the Synod Office. The cost for both days is \$100, and the cost for one day participation is \$70. Grants are available. Please contact Pam Buckley (GuamMom16@aol.com/757.869.3373) for more information or contact info@vswo.org.

St. Stephen Calendar – April 28- May 5, 2024

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

SUNDAY, May 26 ~ Holy Trinity Sunday

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)
9:45 AM Worship – Holy Communion (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)

MONDAY, May 27

~~ Office and Preschool Closed ~~

TUESDAY, May 28

WEDNESDAY, May 29

3:00 PM YOGA (Fellowship Hall)7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, May 30

11:00 PM Staff Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)

FRIDAY, May 31

SATURDAY, June 1

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

SUNDAY, June 2nd ~ The Holy Trinity

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

12:00 PM Picnic @ Freedom Park (5537 Centerville Rd) Shelter closest to playground

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

| Acolyte/Crucifer | David Nelson |
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| Altar Guild | Diane McCurry & Sandi Witt |
| Audio-Visual Team | Beth Grant Charles Osborn |
| Bread Baker | Pat Fretz |
| Cantor | Paula Agor |
| Communion Assistants | Harvey Nelson and Lori Harms |
| Flower Delivery | Diane McCurry |
| Greeters/Hosts | J.R. & Diana Lyons |
| Lectors | John McCurry & Rosemary Stimson |
| Preacher | Pastor Jon O Nelson |
| Tellers | . Tom Peterkin, Sandy Peterkin, Sandy Croushore |
| Ushers | Brian Agor and JR Lyons |

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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 26, 2024

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| | Regular guest |
| | Guest (out of town) |
| | Student at William & Mary |
| | Looking for a church home |
| | Desire to speak with pastor |
| | Would like more information about Stephen Ministry |
| | Would like a Parish Nurse to contact me |
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Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

Prayer Requests

Please **add** to the prayer list in this month's bulletin and next month's *Quill*:

Name: _____

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

Name: _____

___ I/We need a name tag:_____

_____ I/We plan to attend the picnic on June 2nd and we will bring a side/ dessert

_____# plan to attend the picnic