

## St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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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.

Second Sunday after Pentecost June 2, 2024

## For Your Prayers -June 3-9, 2024

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

*Monday:* Exodus 16:13-26 Romans 9:19-29 Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72 *Tuesday*: Exodus 16:27-36 Acts 15:1-5, 22-35 Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 21:1-6 John 5:1-18 Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72

Thursday: Isaiah 28:9-13 1 Peter 4:7-19 Psalm 130

Friday Deuteronomy 1:34-40 2 Corinthians 5:1-5 Psalm 130

Saturday: Genesis 2:4b-14 Luke 8:4-15 Psalm 130

Next Sunday's Lessons Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Mark 3:20-35

<u>Join your prayers for healing</u> with God's desires for **Trudi Arnold, Kristin** Carter, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, Jim Mayfield, and Susan Neidlinger

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

God has blessed Jack Harris with 90 years of life! His birthday is Thursday, June 6th - send him a card!

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, Brian Moore, 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.

## Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### Welcome

**Centering Music** 

Amazing Grace
Lew, clarinet; Ina, piano

#### **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, \(\psi\) 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, 4 the bread of life,

you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

**Gathering Hymn** 

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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 and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

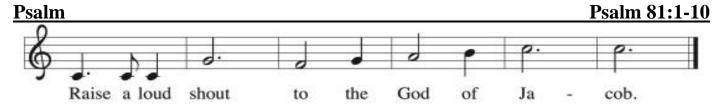
## II. Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

## First Reading Deuteronomy 5:12-15

This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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



<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to <sup>|</sup>God our strength and raise a loud shout to the <sup>|</sup>God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>Raise a song and | sound the timbrel, the merry harp, | and the lyre. *Refrain* 

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at | the new moon, and at the full moon, the day | of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>for this is a stat- | ute for Israel, a law of the | God of Jacob.

<sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the | land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I | did not know:

<sup>6</sup>"I eased your shoulder | from the burden; your hands were set free from the grave- | digger's basket. *Refrain* 

<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I de- | livered you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the wa- | ters of Meribah.

<sup>8</sup>Hear, O my people, and I will ad- | monish you:

O Israel, if you would but lis- ten to me!

<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange | god among you; you shall not worship a | foreign god.

<sup>10</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the | land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and | I will fill it. *Refrain* 

#### **Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

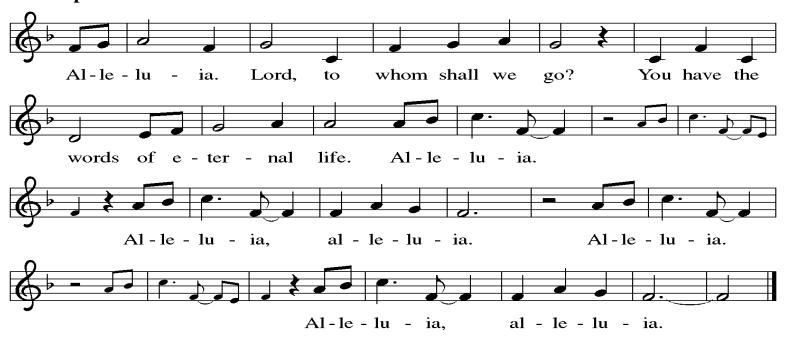
When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel** Mark 2:23—3:6

Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

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

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

#### Sermon

For Humankind Pastor Alex Sheppard-Witt Silence for prayer and reflection.

**Hymn of the Day** 

There is a Balm in Gilead

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## **Prayers**

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

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

## And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words

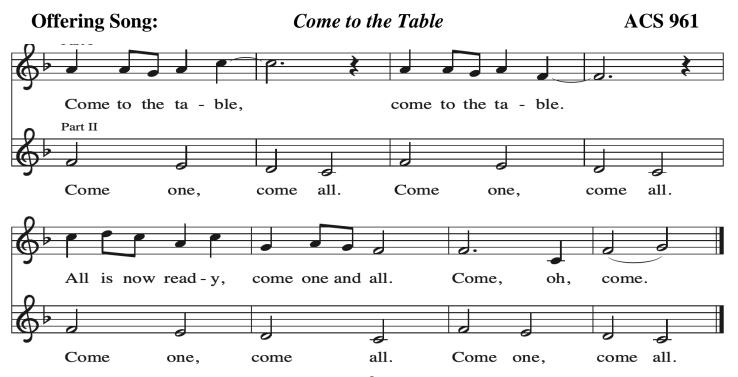
## III. Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

## **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

Just a Closer Walk With Thee Lew, clarinet; Ina, piano



## **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.** 

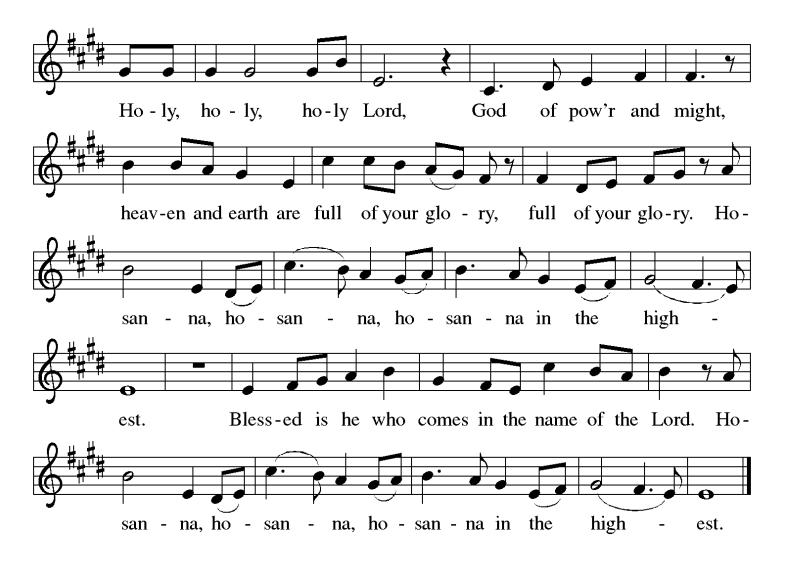
## The Great Thanksgiving

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



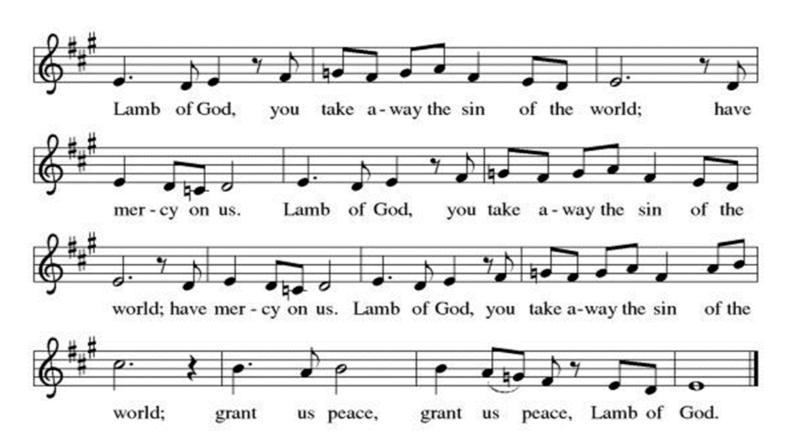
### **Words of Institution**

### 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** 

Around You, O Lord Jesus

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**Table Blessing** 

**Prayer after Communion** 

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

## **Blessing for the Journey**

Theo Bergh as he graduates high school and begins a new chapter in his life. Pastor Alex Sheppard-Witt as she moves and begins a new call at St. Matthew LC.

## **Blessing**

#### **Dismissal**

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

**Postlude** When the Saints Go Marching In

Lew, clarinet; Ina, piano

Bio for Lew Mabie: He was born in Chicago into a musical family, started trumpet at age 6, played in concert and swing bands through high school and college. His career was in the Navy, but not as musician. He returned to music in early 2000s and currently plays in a number of musical groups, including concert, jazz, Dixieland and church. He and his wife, Nan, live at Patriots Colony.

Thank you to Ina Berky for filling in today while Karen is out.

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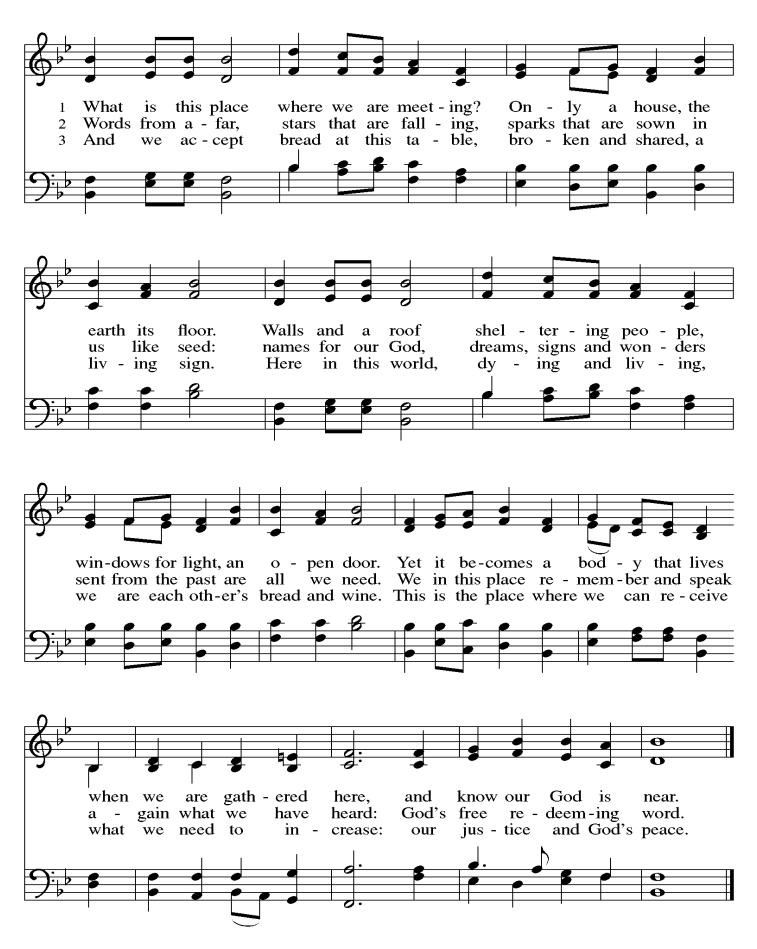
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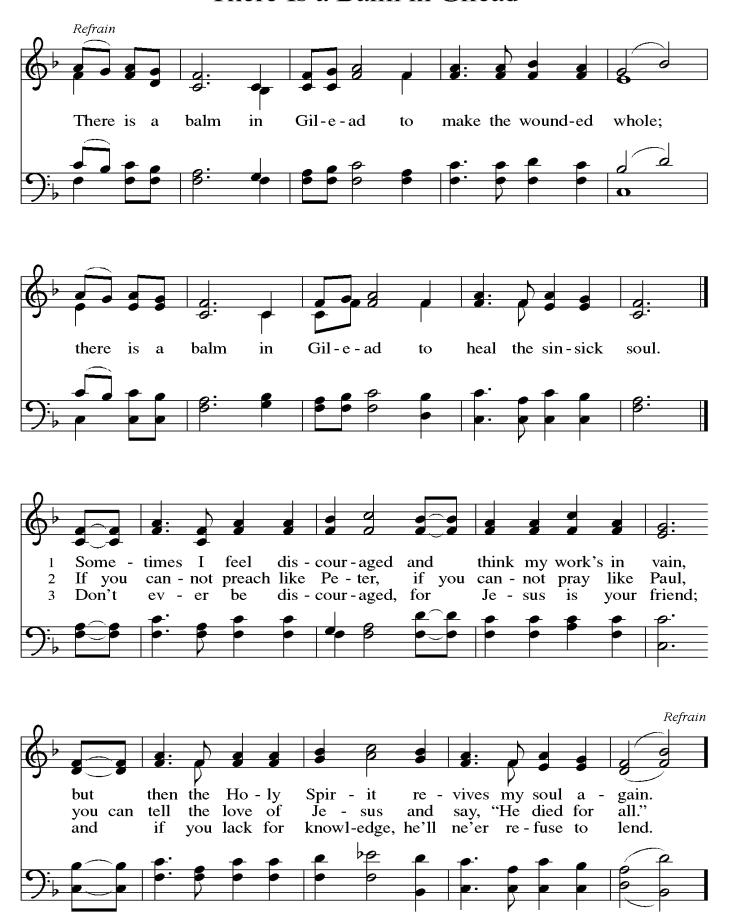
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## What Is This Place



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## There Is a Balm in Gilead

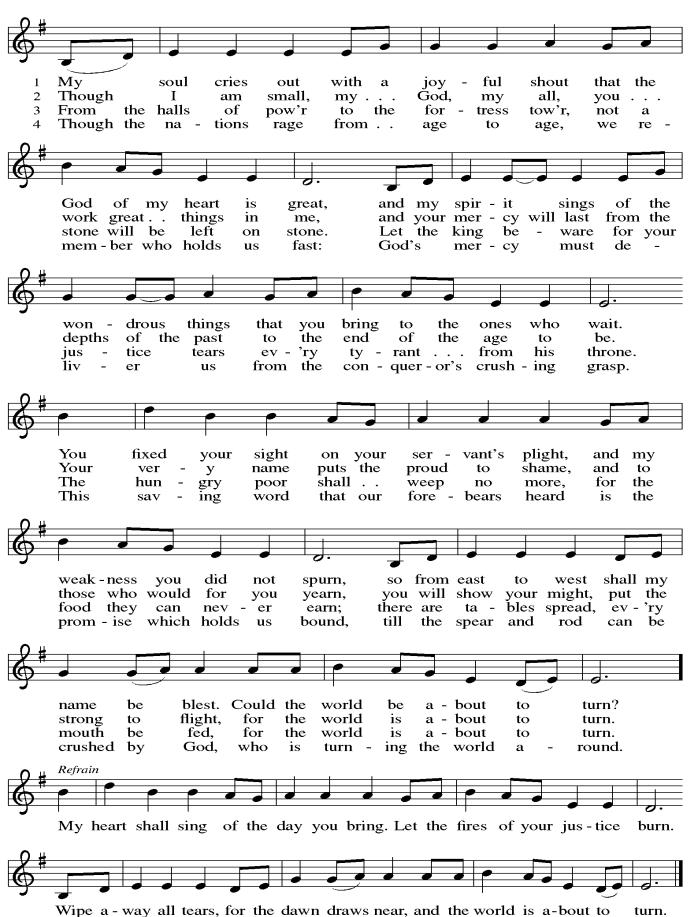


## Around You, O Lord Jesus



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## Canticle of the Turning



## 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

<u>Flowers this morning</u> are given by Harvey and Marie Nelson in honor of their anniversary!

<u>Picnic in the Park</u> Join us today at **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 bring a side dish and or a dessert.

## **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 11**<sup>th</sup>, **October 20**<sup>th</sup>, **and 27**<sup>th</sup>, **Nov 10**<sup>th</sup> and **Dec 1**<sup>st</sup>

<u>Breakfast:</u> Come to build and deepen relationships – **at the Colonial Pancake House**, on the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road. Gatherings take place **at 8:00 AM**.

**Tuesday, June 4 - Women** are invited to join together for breakfast **Thursday, June 6 - Men** are invited to join together for breakfast

**<u>Bible Study:</u>** Bible study will be on hiatus for the summer. Look for an announcement in August about its resumption.

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.

## **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 2627, 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.

## 2024 SUPER SCHOOL SNEAKERS for GROVE!

This is the 19th year that St. Stephen members have the purpose-filled opportunity to provide sneakers for Grove community students so they can start school this fall in style! If you like to shop, please buy GIRLS sneakers in any size from 6 to 11 or BOYS sneakers any size from 6 to 12, including half sizes for both—these are the most needed sizes but any size will do! Deliver them to the Gathering Space by Sunday, July 28th, and we will take them to Grove. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make the check out to St. Stephen Lutheran Church with SHOES FOR GROVE on the memo line. Cash is also accepted in an envelope marked SHOES FOR GROVE. Put envelopes with checks or cash in the offering plate or in mailbox outside the church by July 28 the as well, and Grove will use our monetary donations to purchase sizes that are still needed. Thank you in advance for supporting this project in such a big way for the past 18 years! If you have any questions, please call Jim Ivey at 757-608-8990 or Nancy Egloff at 757-293-8547. The Social Ministry Coordinating Committee.

From His Hands and Meals on Wheels "Summer Meals for Kids 2024" needs our help each Tuesday this Summer from June 18th through August 20th to help prepare lunches for local children. It is estimated that 300 lunches per day will be prepared between 8:30AM and 10:30 am at the WISC (Williamsburg Indoor Sports Complex), 5700 Warhill Trail. Please review the available slots on the SignUpGenuis link to Make Sandwiches, Pack Lunches, or Bake Cookies (deliver cookies between 8AM and 11AM). Sign up using the link below or scan the QR code with your mobile device to be taken there directly. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Ivey, 757-608- 8990, or Randy Punchard, 757-870-8410. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4AAAA82DAAF85-49384288-summer#/



## St. Stephen Calendar – June 2- June 9, 2024

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

## **SUNDAY, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** ~ Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

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

#### MONDAY, June 3

Preschool Summer Camp Week 1

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

## TUESDAY, June 4

8:00AM Women's Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)

#### WEDNESDAY, June 5

3:00 PM YOGA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

## THURSDAY, June 6

8:00AM Men's Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)

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

## FRIDAY, June 7

## **SATURDAY, June 8**

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

## **SUNDAY, June 9** ~ Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

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

Acolyte/Crucifer	
	Amy Bergh
Audio-Visual Team	Tim Judy and Doug Moore
Bread Baker	Amy Bergh
Cantor	
Communion Assistants	Julie Meeks, Jeffrey Berry
Flower Delivery	
	Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Lectors	
Preacher	
Tellers	Jane Gingerich, Ursula Recktenwald, & Russ White
Ushers	

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## Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (873-2273; counselors are in Williamsburg on Thursdays)

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

June 2, 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
Would like more information about Stephen Ministry
Would like a Parish Nurse to contact me
Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

# **Prayer Requests**

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