

# **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.

# Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 23, 2024

**Lectionary readings for this week:** 

Monday: Exodus 7:14-24 Acts 27:13-38 Psalm 65
Tuesday: Exodus 9:13-35 Acts 27:39-44 Psalm 65
Wednesday: Joshua 10:1-14 Mark 6:45-52 Psalm 65
Thursday: Lamentations 1:16-22 2 Corinthians 7:2-16 Psalm 30
Friday Lamentations 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 Psalm 30
Saturday: Lamentations 2:18-22 Luke 4:31-37 Psalm 30
Next Sunday's Lessons Lamentations 3:22-33 Psalm 30 (1) 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43

*Join your prayers for healing* with God's desires for **Trudi Arnold**, **Karen Bailey**, **Ed Brown**, **Steve Bushman**, **Kristin Carter**, **Steve Grant**, **Jack Harris**, **Sharon Jacobs**, **Jim Mayfield**, **and Helen Nelsen** 

<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, Marilyn Johnson, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.

**Pray for these loved ones of our congregation**: Bob Alt , Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, John Black, Sally Blackburn, Linda Bonfiglio, Mary Bloom, Amy Carl, Karin Cavanaugh, Judy Craun, Sophia Czajkowski, Judy Drezek, Ginny Mauney Fox, Joanne Gaskins and family, Joel Gillespie, Karyn Grinstead, Joan and Frank Goodhart, Deanna Harbison, Nick Havola, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Lisa Hill, Jaxon Ireland, Linda Jackson, The Jacobs Family, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Marnah Lund, Trish and Matthew Macerelli, 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.

## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## Welcome

Centering Music Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand Setting, Terry D. Wilson

#### **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 Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

ACS 1024 Bulletin page 12 **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**

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

## **First Reading**

## Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: <sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. <sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?-<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

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



<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended <sup>|</sup> to the depths; their souls melted away <sup>|</sup> in their peril.

- <sup>27</sup>They staggered and <sup>|</sup> reeled like drunkards,
- and all their skill was of <sup>1</sup> no avail.
- <sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried <sup>|</sup> to the LORD, and you delivered them from <sup>|</sup> their distress.
- <sup>29</sup>You stilled the storm <sup>1</sup> to a whisper
  - and silenced the waves <sup>|</sup> of the sea. *Refrain*

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when <sup>|</sup> it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor <sup>|</sup> they desired.

<sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your <sup>|</sup> steadfast love and your wonderful works <sup>|</sup> for all people.

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly <sup>|</sup> of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing <sup>|</sup> hallelujah! *Refrain* 

## Second Reading

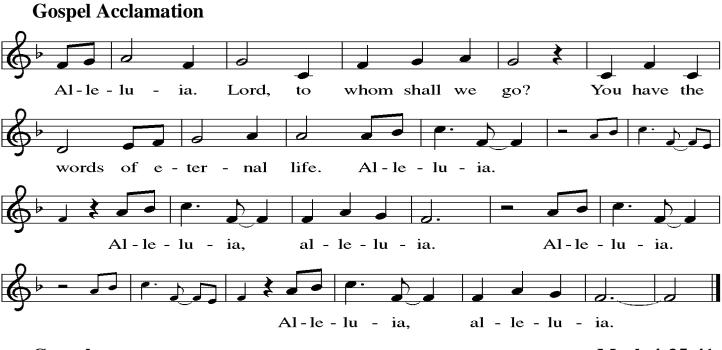
## 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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#### Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

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

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

Sermon		Pastor Harvey Nelson
	Silence for prayer and reflection.	
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## Prayers

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

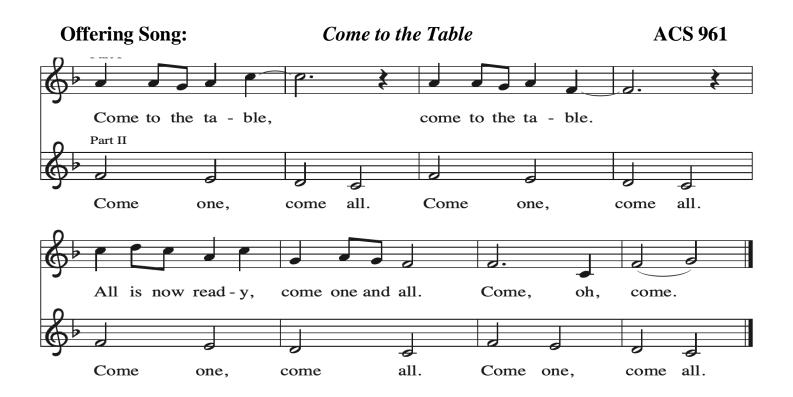
## III. Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

## 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**

Christ Before Us in the Waters Sarah and Cooper Sherry Terri and Jim Larsen

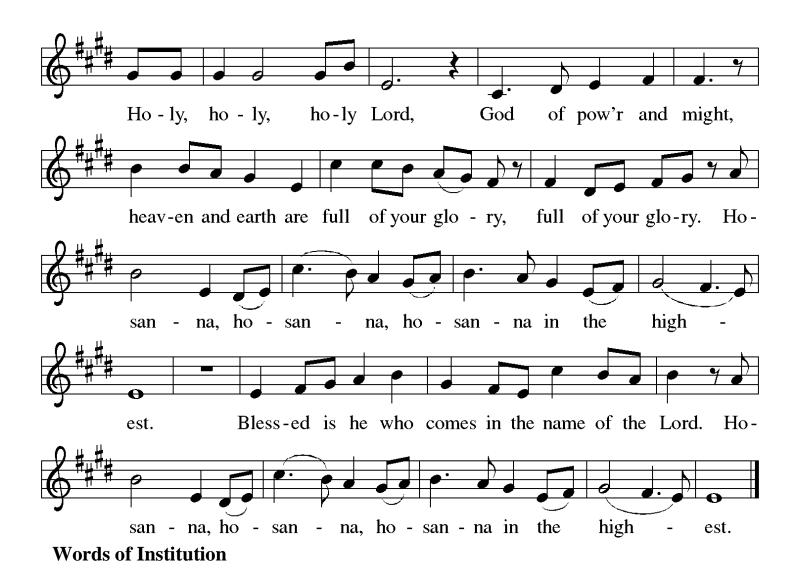


## **Offertory Prayer**

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:

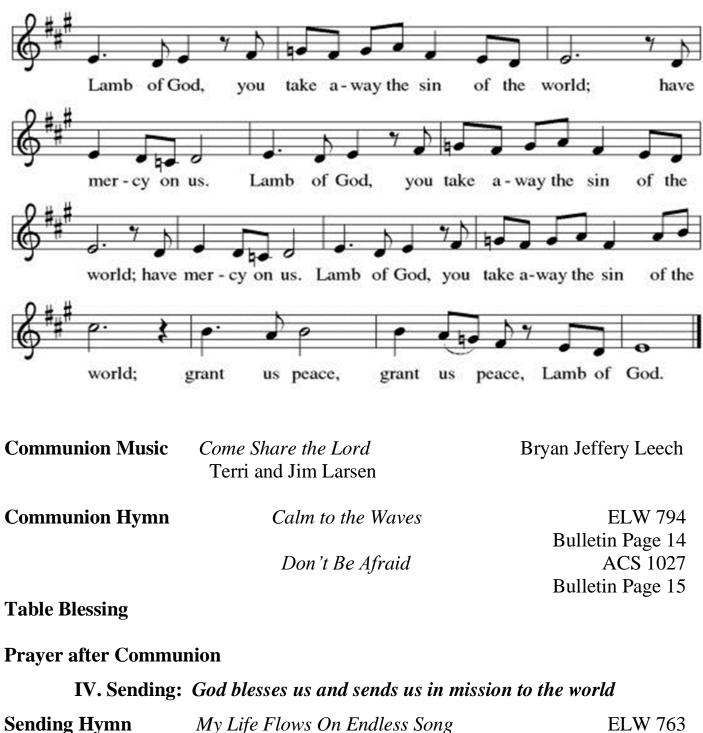


#### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.



ELW 763 Bulletin page16 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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Setting, David Cherwien

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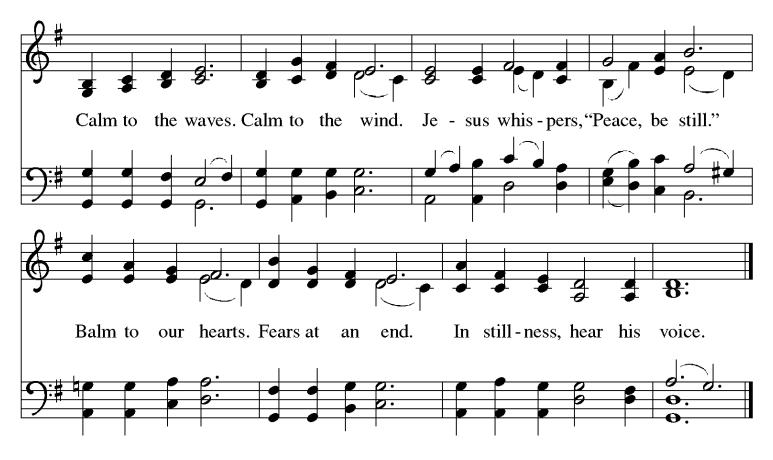
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# Calm to the Waves



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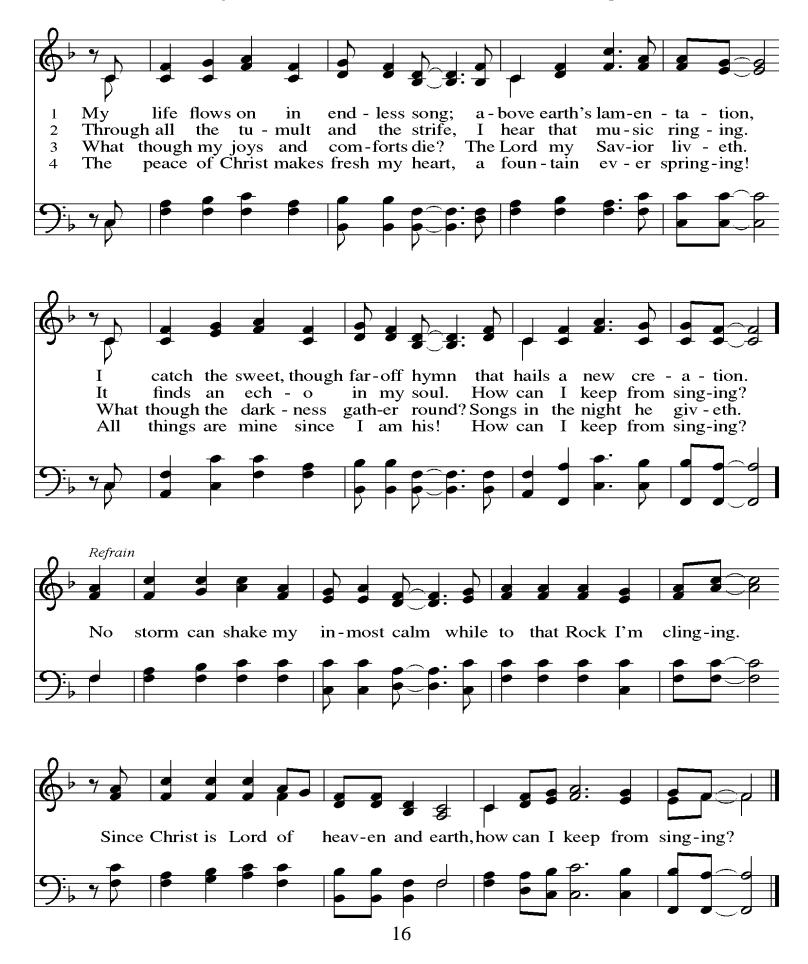
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# Don't Be Afraid



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## My Life Flows On in Endless Song



## 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.

**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 James and Kathryn Ogborn in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Thank you to Pastor Harvey Nelson for Preaching this Sunday while Pastor Jon is away.

## Upcoming.

## 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.

## **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 the black lockable 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), and if you can, just add the link to your web browser to sign into the SignUpGenius . 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 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

#### **SUNDAY, June 23rd** ~ Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

## MONDAY, June 24

#### **TUESDAY, June 25**

## WEDNESDAY, June 26

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

## THURSDAY, June 27

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

## FRIDAY, June 28

#### SATURDAY, June 29

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

#### SUNDAY, June 30 ~ Sixth 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	Sandy Peterkin
-	Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Audio-Visual Team	Nancy Carter and Beth Grant
Bread Baker	Carol Wiers
Cantor	Terri Larsen
Communion Assistants	
Flower Delivery	Rosemary Stimson
Greeters/Hosts	Paul & Rita Kristiansen
Lectors	Sandy Peterkin, Gretchen Osborn
Preacher	Pastor Harvey Nelson
Tellers	Tom Peterkin, Sandy Peterkin, Sandy Croushore
Ushers	Bill Dichtel and Tom Witt

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## Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

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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.

June 23, 2024

Name:
For guests and members with changes:
Address (Home)
City/State Zip
Геlephone #
E-Mail Address
Guests Only: belong to
Church Address
Please check as many as pertain: Member First time guest Regular guest Guest (out of town) Student at William & Mary
Student at William & Mary Looking for a church home
Desire to speak with pastor
Would like more information about Stephen Ministry
Would like a Stephen Minister to contact me

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:\_\_\_\_\_