

# 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.

Third Sunday after Pentecost June 9, 2024

### For Your Prayers -June 10-16, 2024

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

Monday: 1 Samuel 16:14-23 Revelation 20:1-6 Psalm 74

**Tuesday**: 1 Kings 18:17-40 Revelation 20:7-15 Psalm 74

*Wednesday*: Isaiah 26:16—27:1 Luke 11:14-28 Psalm 74 *Thursday:* Genesis 3:14-24 Hebrews 2:5-9 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Friday 1 Kings 10:26—11:8 Hebrews 11:4-7 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Saturday: 2 Kings 14:1-14 Mark 4:1-20 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Next Sunday's Lessons Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (12)

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

<u>Join your prayers for healing</u> with God's desires for **Trudi Arnold**, **Ed Brown**, **Steve Bushman**, **Kristin Carter**, **Steve Grant**, **Jack Harris**, **Jim Ivey**, **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, 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, 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, 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.

### Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### Welcome

**Centering Music** 

Cast Out, O Christ

Setting by Anne Krentz Organ

### **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** 

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705

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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**

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

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

First Reading Genesis 3:8-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

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



<sup>1</sup>Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>Yet with you | is forgiveness,

in order that you  $\ ^{\mid}$  may be feared. Refrain

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits; in your word | is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,

more than those who keep watch | for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love; with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall | redeem Israel from | all their sins. *Refrain* 

### **Second Reading**

**2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1** 

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

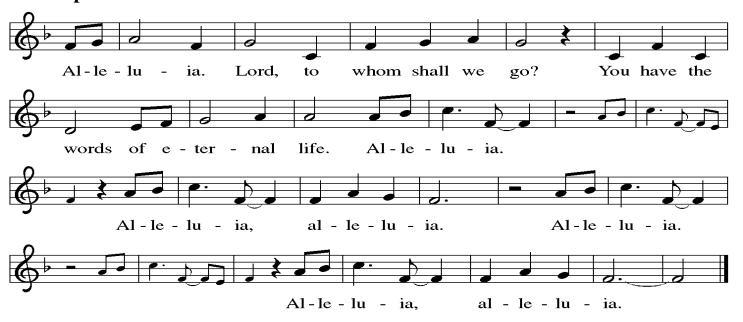
<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation**



Gospel Mark 3:20-35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demonpossessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

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

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup> and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.<sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup> for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

Sermon

# Redrawing Boundaries Silence for prayer and reflection.

Pastor Jon O Nelson

Hymn of the Day

Cast Out, O Christ

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### **Prayers**

Each petition concludes, "Merciful God," Response: "receive our prayer."

#### **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 (hug, handshake, fist bump, peace sign), and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

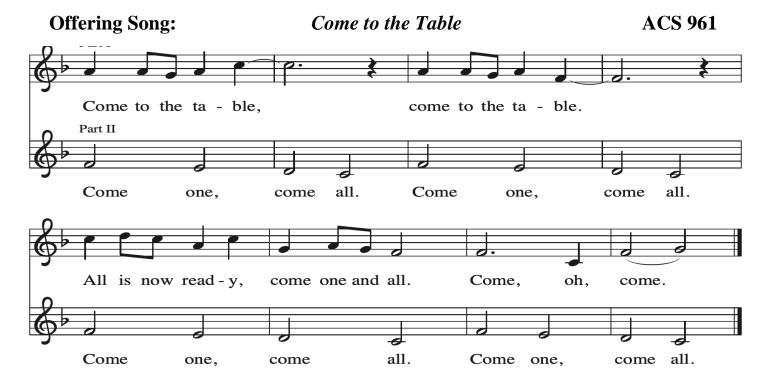
### III. Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

### **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

Guide Us, Lord Sonja, Klara & Erika Cave Mark Patterson



### **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.** 

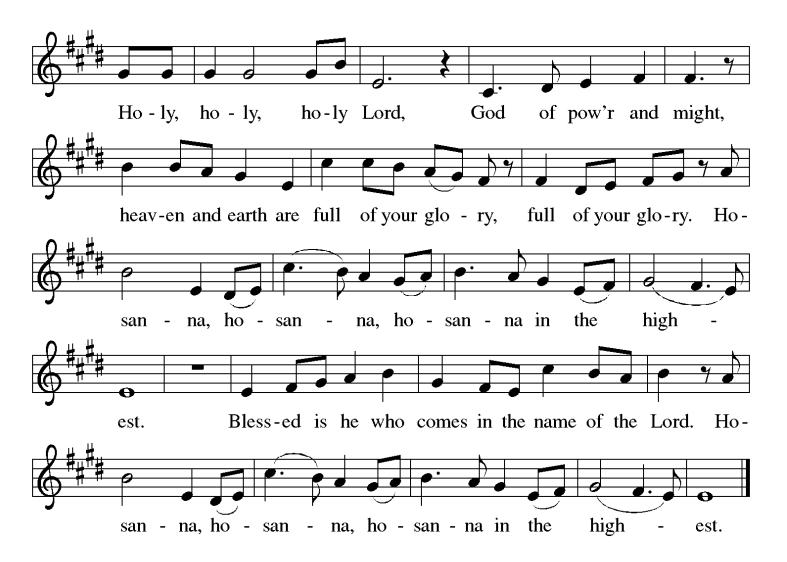
### The Great Thanksgiving

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



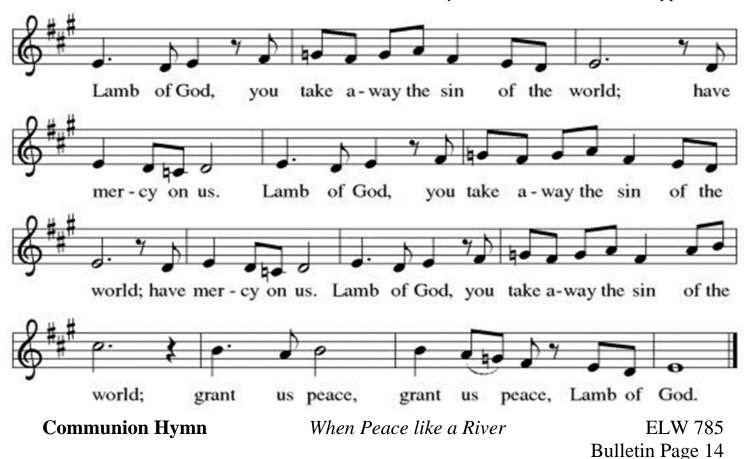
### **Words of Institution**

### 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.



**Table Blessing** 

**Prayer after Communion** 

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

**Sending Hymn** *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*ELW 860
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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** God of Grace and God of Glory

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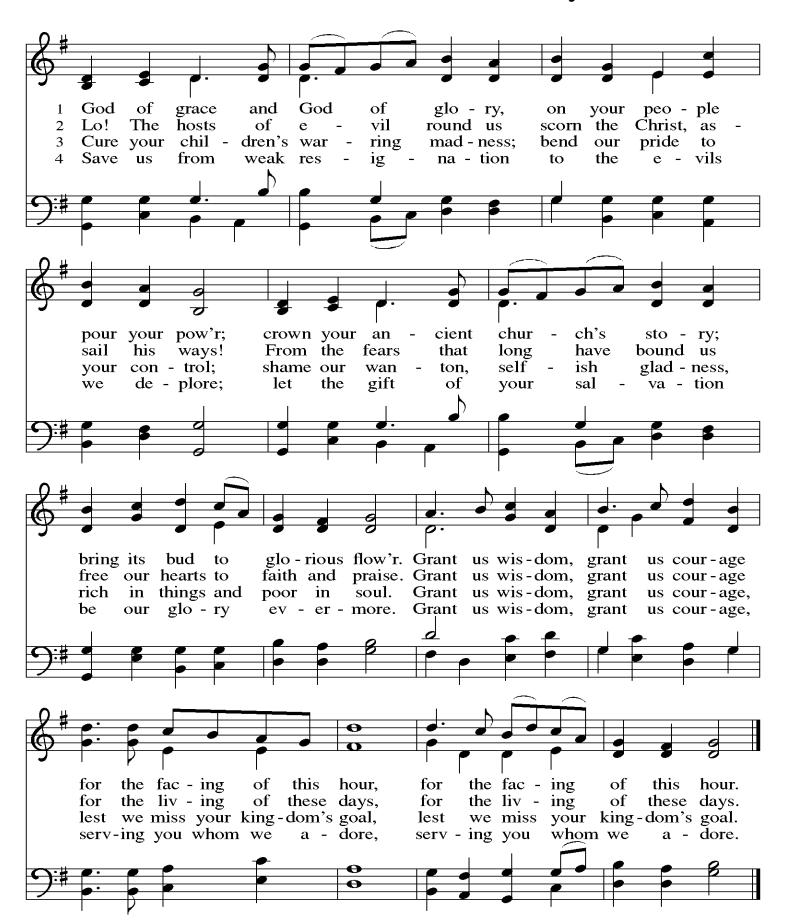
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### God of Grace and God of Glory



# Cast Out, O Christ

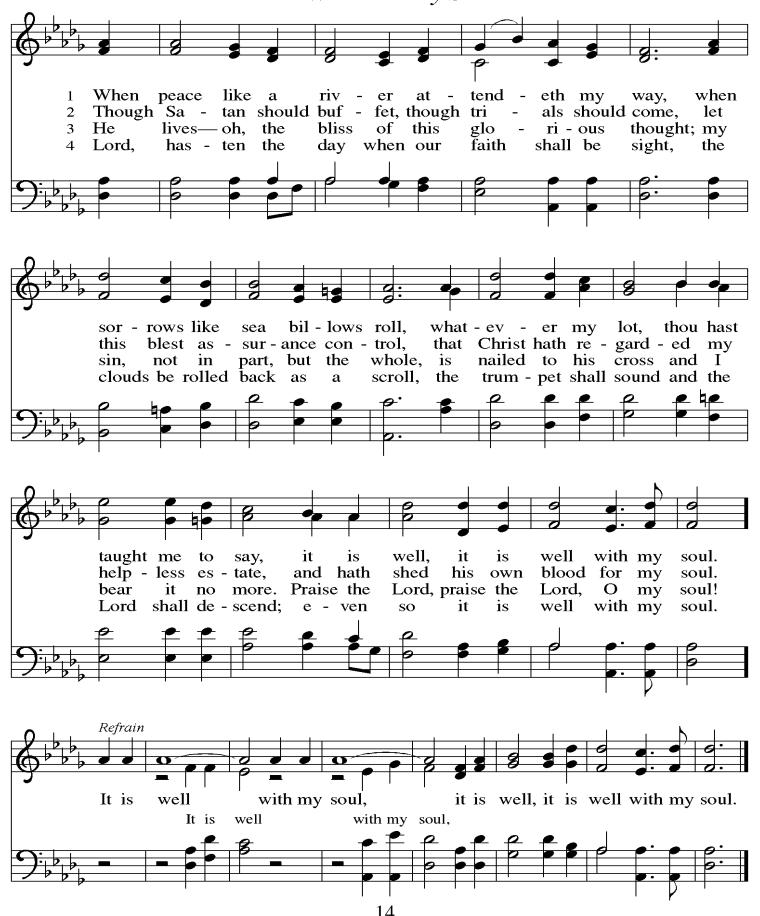


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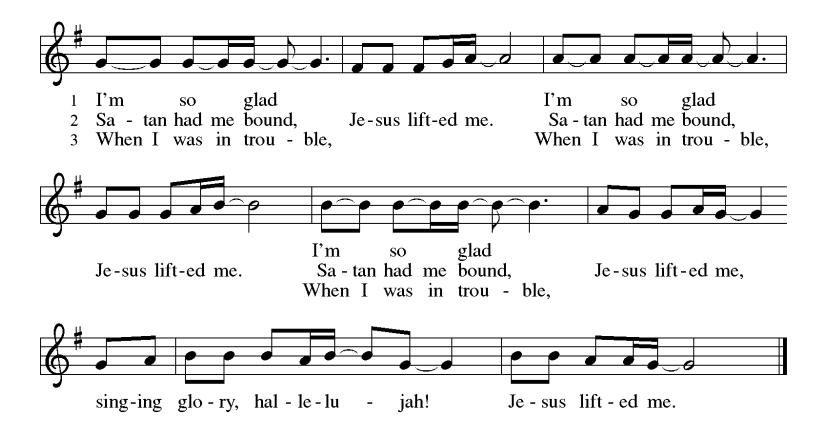
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, Kentucky Harmony, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003

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# When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*



### I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



Text: African American spiritual Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

### 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**

<u>Flowers this morning</u> are given by Bob & Carol Harman in honor of their anniversary.

Thank you to Erika Cave for filling in while Karen is away we appreciate you!

### **Upcoming**.

<u>June Congregational Meeting:</u>. We will hold our June business meeting 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.

<u>VSWO 2024 Call to Convention.</u> The 2024 Annual VSWO (Virginia Synodical Women's Organization) Convention/Gathering will be at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church-Norge, July 26-27, 2024. 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 info@vswo.org.

**2024 SUPER SCHOOL SNEAKERS for GROVE!** If you like to shop, please buy GIRLS sneakers in any size 6-11 or BOYS sneakers any size 6-12, including half sizes for both. 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 a 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<sup>th</sup>, and Grove will use our donations to purchase sizes that are still needed. 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/QR to Make



Sandwiches, Pack Lunches, or Bake Cookies (deliver cookies between 8AM and 11AM). If you have any questions, please contact Jim Ivey, 757-608-8990, or Randy Punchard, 757-870-8410. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4AAA82DAAF85-49384288-summer#/

<u>House cleaning:</u> The kitchen is going to be cleaned starting June 18<sup>th</sup>. Please remove or label anything that you want saved in the refrigerator or freezer before the 18<sup>th</sup>. Also if anyone wants to help sort the pantry or cabinet drawers that would be awesome! Please plan on being at the church on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM and on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

### Summer Yoga hour changes!!!!

For the summer, we would like to offer Yoga at 9am on Wednesday mornings. Please note, preschool camps also start at 9 am, so if you come for yoga, please plan to arrive and park by 8:45 am or park at the Christian Science Reading Room. There will be traffic congestion at 9 am around the building. Look at the Calendar to see if we have a Preschool summer camp that week if not you can park around the building.

### St. Stephen Calendar – June 9- 16<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 9 ~ Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

### MONDAY, June 10

Preschool summer camp Week 2

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

3:00 PM Finance Committee (Library/Conference Room)

### TUESDAY, June 11

7:00 PM Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

### **WEDNESDAY, June 12**

9:00AM YOGA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### **THURSDAY**, June 13

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

### FRIDAY, June 14

### SATURDAY, June 15

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

### **SUNDAY, June 16** ~ Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

11:15 AM Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

# **Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today**

Acolyte/Crucifer	
Altar Guild	Diana Tiller-Dichtel & Rita Kristiansen
Audio-Visual Team	JR & Diana Lyons
Bread Baker	Paul Kristiansen
Cantor	Erika Cave
Communion Assistants	Amy & Brian Bergh
Flower Delivery	Carol Wiers
Greeters/Hosts	Alison Carney
Lectors	Chris Punchard and Christina Nelson
Preacher	Pastor Jon O Nelson
Tellers	Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher, Jim Larsen
Ushers	Jeff and Lisa Bushmire

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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 9, 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, i necessary.

# **Prayer Requests**

Name:	
Please <b>remove</b> from prayer conce	erns:
Name:	