



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

HOLY COMMUNION

All Saints Sunday
November 3, 2024

You are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the ELCA, we believe that the gospel is God's gift to all people, shared unconditionally and without regard to race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic or family status, age, physical or mental abilities, outward appearance, or religious affiliation. We seek racial equality and justice. In this way, we live into the truth written in Ephesians (2:14)—that Christ breaks down the dividing walls between us and makes us one.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome

Joys & Concerns

**** Remembering the Saints**

Alpha Saints (those newly baptized)

Ayla Jo Deeney

Athena Eleanor Sperati

Omega Saints (those who have completed their baptismal journey)

John Hogan III

John Baesch

Nora Fabiyan

Steve Linderman

Janet Iona

Mary Snyder

John Done

Cheryl Wilson

Carol Fabiyan

Nancy Tepping

Eleanor Turner

James Linderman

George Landmann

** Gathering Hymn

Give Thanks for Saints

ELW 428

During this hymn, worshipers are invited to light additional candles, in memory or thanksgiving of Alpha and Omega saints.



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962
Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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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.**

** Please stand as you are able. **Items in bold are to be spoken by the assembly.**

** Hymn of Praise



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

** Prayer of the Day

Assisting Minister leads the prayer of the day and the assembly responds: Amen.

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Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading

Word of God, Word of Life.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119:1-8

¹Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

²**Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,**

³who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.

⁴**You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.**

⁵O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

⁶**Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

⁷I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

⁸**I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.
I am exalted in the earth.”**

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**** Gospel Acclamation**



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**** Gospel**

Mark 12:28-34

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

**** Gospel Acclamation**

Please see gospel acclamation above.

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Loney

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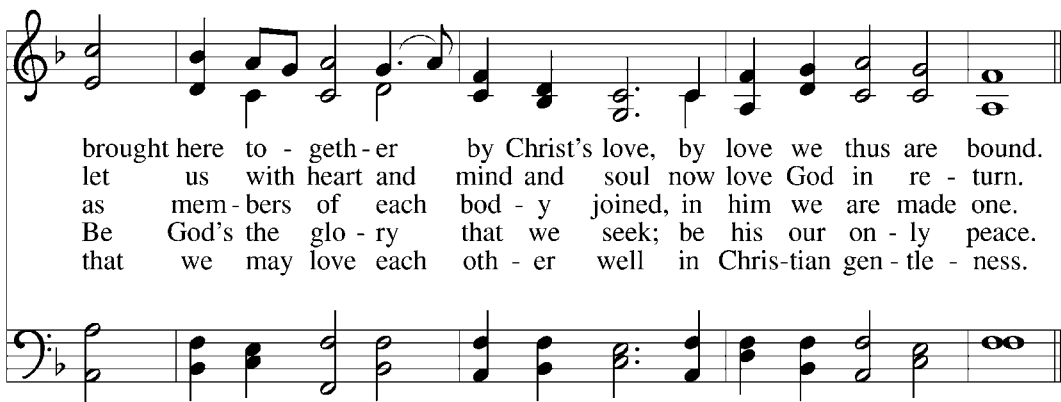
** Hymn of the Day

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW 359



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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Meal

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Offering

Each week we give thanks to God for what God has given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. A financial gift to St Stephen's supports the work of the congregation in our community.

** Offering Song

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW 489



Ven - goa ti, Je - sús a - ma - do: It - bra - me de mi pe -

- 1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of
- 2 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing
- 3 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est



ca - do. Cal - ma, Re - den - tor, mi llan - to;

sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
treasure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



he pe - ca - do tan - to, tan - to.

there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
though the souls it feeds are count - less;
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Con la san - gre que ver - tis - te das con - sue - loal al - ma

Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a -

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tris - te; ham - bre tor - nas en har - tu - ra,
 found-ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly,
 giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion,
 dore you; wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you,



sal - va - ción me das se - gu - ra.
 deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
 and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.



Refrain/Estribillo
 ¡Oh Cris - to! ¡Oh Cris - to!
 Be thank - ful! Be thank - ful!



Ge - ne - ros - o tú meo - fre - ces la sa - lud,
 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, and re - joice!



quea los tu - yos siem - pre das con ple - ni - tud.
 Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed is our joy.

2 Vida ofrece, y paz preciosa
 tu palabra poderosa;
 por unirse al elemento
 hace el santo sacramento.
 Con el pan y vino adquiero
 cuerpo y sangre del Cordero.
 ¡Oh, misterio tan profundo!
 ¿Quién lo entiende en este mundo? *Estribillo*

3 Ya mi alma tú libraste,
 y el pecado tú quitaste,
 cual preludio de tu cielo,
 hoy me gozo en tu consuelo.
 Cielos, tierra, noche y día
 te den gracias a porfía:
 "Por tus múltiples favores,
 ¡gracias mil y mil loores!" *Estribillo*

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-1677, stanzas; Esther Bertieaux, b. 1944, refrain; tr. composite
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**** Offering Prayer**

Assisting Minister leads the offering prayer and the assembly responds: Amen.

**** Dialogue**

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.

**** Preface**

**** Holy, Holy, Holy**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**** Thanksgiving at the Table**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

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** 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.

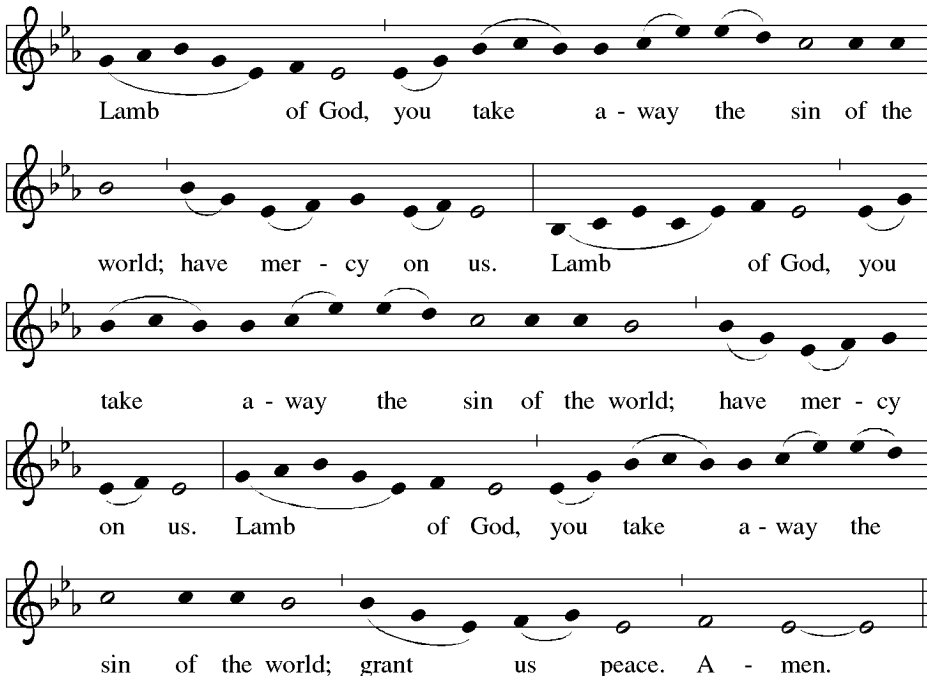
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

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Communion

Holy Communion is a free gift of God's grace and love. Everyone is welcome to share in this meal. Come forward, take an empty cup from the table, then kneel or stand along the Communion rail. If you require GF wafers, please tell the minister. Our chalices contain red wine and amber-colored juice. As you return to your seat, place your used cup in the receptacle at the end of the first row of pews. If you wish to receive words of blessing, simply tell the minister.

Communion Hymn

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.

Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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Communion Blessing

** Post Communion Prayer

Together, let us pray.

Holy God,

you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.

Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

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Sending

We are sent into the world to serve.

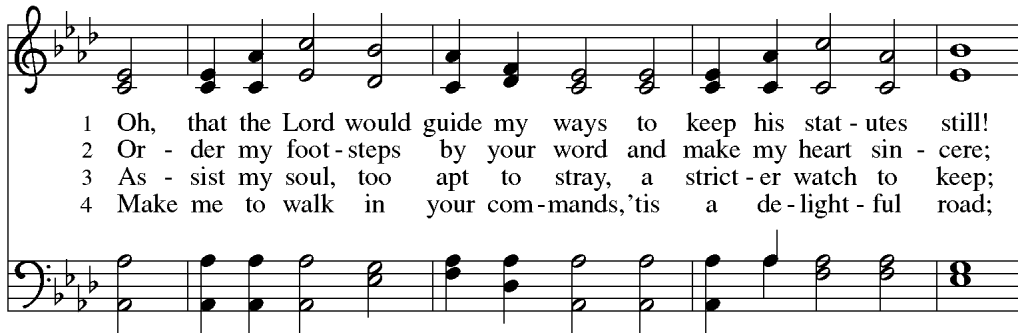
** Blessing

** Prayer Before a National Election

** Sending Hymn

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

ELW 772



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - ues still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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**** Dismissal**

Go in peace,
To Love, To Invite, To Serve.

Remember the Saints.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Flowers are given by John Rodammer celebrating the beautiful fall colors.

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Participants in Today's Service

Pastor:

The Rev. Susan Loney

Guest Musician:

Pepi Pilibossian

Assisting Minister/Lector:

William Sperati

Altar Guild:

Sally Dudderar

Usher:

John Gordon

Ministers:

The people of St. Stephen's

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