



# St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

## HOLY COMMUNION

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 23, 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:** *Prelude in D*

Bach

**Welcome**

**Joys & Concerns**

**\*\* Confession and Forgiveness**

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.**

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

**\*\* Gathering Hymn**  
*God of the Sparrow*

ELW 740



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing  
2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet  
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty  
4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -



stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
gal How does the crea - ture say Care



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
How does the crea - ture cry Save  
How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
How does the crea - ture say Life

5 God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

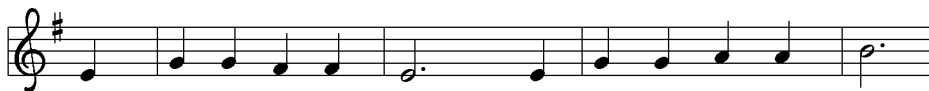
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**\*\* Greeting**

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.**

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## \*\* Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## \*\* Hymn of Praise



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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**\*\* Prayer of the Day**

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

# Word

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

**First Reading**

Job 38:1-11

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

**Psalm**

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble**

<sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

<sup>23</sup>**Some went down to the sea in ships,  
doing business on the mighty waters;**

<sup>24</sup>they saw the deeds of the LORD,  
his wondrous works in the deep.

<sup>25</sup>**For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,  
which lifted up the waves of the sea.**

<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;  
their courage melted away in their calamity;

<sup>27</sup>**they reeled and staggered like drunkards,  
and were at their wits' end.**

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<sup>28</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he brought them out from their distress;

<sup>29</sup>**he made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.**

<sup>30</sup>Then they were glad because they had quiet,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.

<sup>31</sup>**Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

<sup>32</sup>Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Word of God, Word of Life.  
Thanks be to God.

## \*\* Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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

**\*\* Gospel**

Mark 4:35-41

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 on page 6.*

**Sermon**

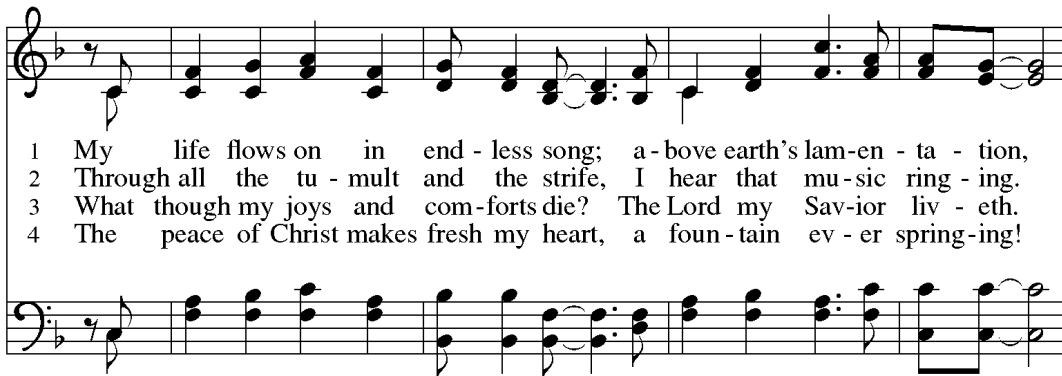
The Rev. Ed Godden

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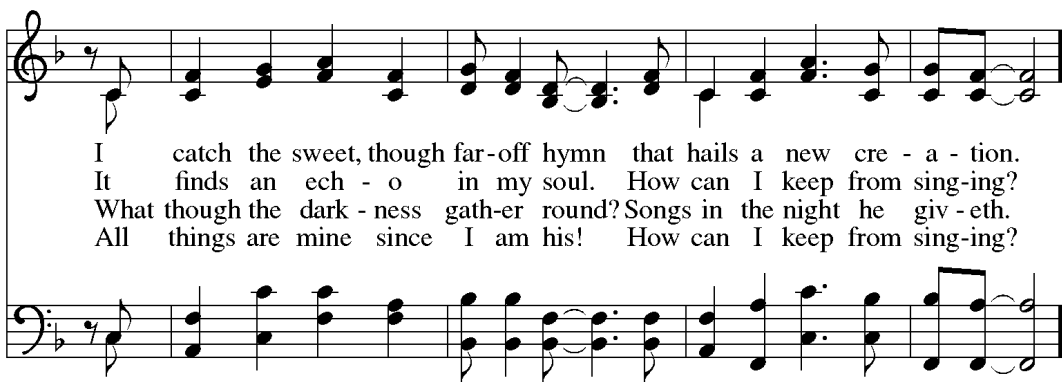
\*\* Hymn of the Day

*My Life Flows in Endless Song*

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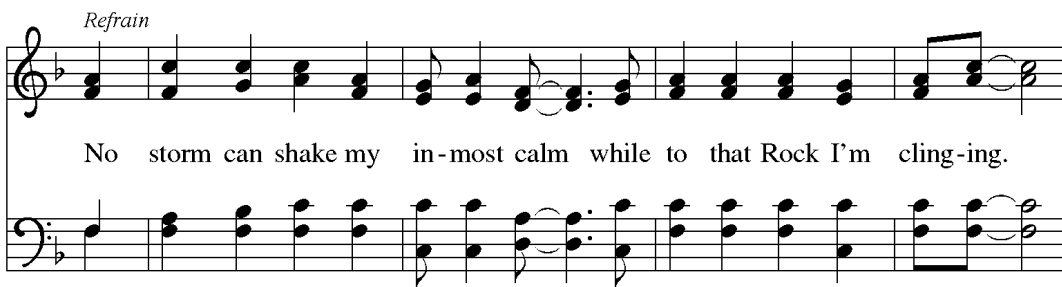


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.

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





Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899  
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

## **\*\* Statement of Faith**

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we believe that the gospel is God's gift to all people,  
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that Christ breaks down the dividing walls between us  
and makes us one.

## **\*\* Prayers of the People**

*Each portion of the prayer ends with:*

Response:            Merciful God,    receive our prayer.

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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 things that God has given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions. A financial donation to the church is not a requirement, but is freely given to support the work of the congregation in the community. For your convenience, St. Stephen's offers the opportunity to give on-line through text message. Type "Funds" to 302-257-6155 to make any donations.

## \*\* Offering Song

Let Us Now Go to the Banquet

ELW 523

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

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



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad;      voy su - bien - do\_a - le - gre la  
 mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me.      With a spring in my step I'm  
 ban - quet of jus - tice and good      where the har - vest will not be  
 peo - ple are e - qual in love.      God has called us to work to -



cues - ta,      voy en bus - ca de tu\_a - mis - tad.  
 walk - ing      with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
 hoard - ed      so that no one will lack for food.  
 geth - er      and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 *Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué.* Estribillo

3 *Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad, trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad.* Estribillo

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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**

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

## \*\* Holy, Holy, Holy

Let Us Now Go to the Banquet

ELW 523



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

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

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

*\* May be sung in canon.*

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 South America, and Central America, including the Caribbean.

## **\*\* Thanksgiving at the Table**

O God triune, how majestic...The earth is full of your glory.  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer....The earth is full of your  
 glory.  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,...The earth is full of your glory.  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and amen.

**Amen, and amen.**

## **\*\* 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.

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## Invitation to Communion

### Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

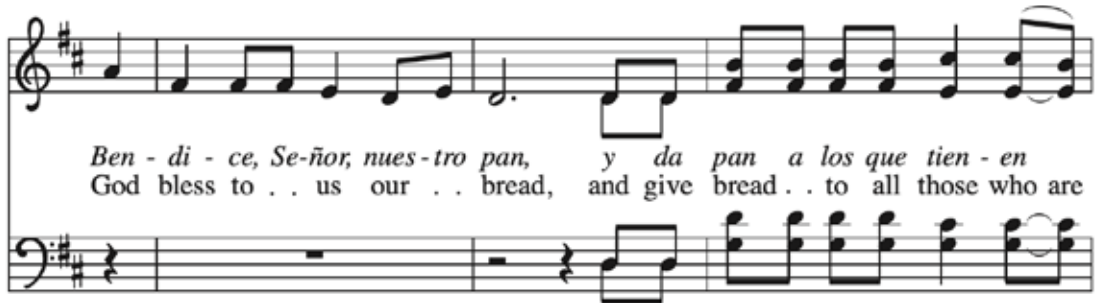
### Communion

*Holy Communion is a free gift of God's grace and love. Everyone is welcome to share in this meal. If you wish to receive words of blessing, instead of or in addition to the Bread and Cup, simply tell the minister. Our bread is GF and our chalices contain red wine or amber-colored juice.*

### Communion Hymn

*God Bless to Us Our Bread*

ACS 1056

Musical notation for the Communion Hymn, featuring a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef.

Ben - di - ce, Se-ñor, nues-tro pan, y da pan a los que tien - en  
God bless to . . us our . . bread, and give bread . . to all those who are

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ham - bre y ham - bre de jus - ti - cia, a los que tien - en  
 hun - gry, and hun - ger for jus - tice to those who are

pan. Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan.  
 fed. God bless to . . . us our . . . bread.

Text: Argentine traditional, collected by Federico Pagura, 1923–2016; tr. John L. Bell, b. 1949  
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## Communion Blessing

### \*\* Post Communion Prayer

Together, let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,  
 we have received from your table  
 more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,  
 now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
 In your name we pray. Amen.

## Announcements

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# Sending

*We are sent into the world to serve.*

## \*\* Blessing

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

Amen.

## \*\* Sending Hymn

*When Peace Like a River*

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1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



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taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888  
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

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**\*\* Dismissal**

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

You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Fugue in D*

Bach

*Chancel flowers are given by Bill & Betty Sperati in honor of the 51st anniversary of Ed and Lucille Short, Betty's brother and sister-in-law, and Ed's 80th birthday.*

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## Participants in Today's Service

**Presiding Minister:**

The Rev. Ed Gooden

**Music Director:**

Claudio Espejo

**Assisting Minister/Lector:**

Karen Weber

**Usher:**

John Rodammer

**Altar Guild:**

Sally Dudderar

**Camera:**

John Gordon

**Ministers:**

The people of St. Stephen's

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