



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2023 • 9:30 am

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

Prelude

Welcome

Joys & Concerns

**** Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water... in the name of ✚ Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**** Gathering Hymn**

Evening and Morning

ELW 761



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, sun - set and dawn - ing,
2 Gra - cious Lord, hear me, par - don and spare me;
3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me;
4 To God in heav - en all praise be giv - en!



wealth, peace, and glad - ness, com - fort in sad - ness:
calm all my ter - rors, blot out my er - rors,
though bil - lows tow - er, and winds gain pow - er,
O God, we of - fer and glad - ly prof - fer

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



these are your works, rich in glo - ry di - vine!
that jus - ti - fied in your sight I may stand.
af - ter the storm the fair sun shows its face.
gifts from your hand; these a - lone you will prize:



Times with - out num - ber, a - wake or in slum - ber,
Or - der my go - ings, di - rect all my do - ings;
Joys e'er in - creas - ing and peace nev - er ceas - ing;
hearts that re - ceive you and faith to be - lieve you;



your eye ob - serves us, from dan - ger pre - serves us,
guard me and guide me and stay close be - side me;
these shall I trea - sure and share in full mea - sure
hymns that a - dore you are pre - cious be - fore you



caus - ing your mer - cy up - on us to shine.
all I com - mit to your fa - ther - ly hand.
when in your man - sions you grant me a place.
and to your throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

** 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



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men, a - men.

**** 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.

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

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18 (p. 322-323)

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13

The Psalm will be read responsively.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15 (p. 1032)

Word of God. Word of Life.


Thanks be to God.

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**** Gospel Acclamation**



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



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



Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**** Gospel**

Matthew 14:22-33 (p. 892)

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you O Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

**** Gospel Acclamation**

Please see gospel acclamation above.

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Loney

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

** Hymn of the Day

Jesus Savior, Pilot Me

ELW 755

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver
2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst
3 When at last I near the shore, and the

life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me
hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy
fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful

roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and
will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous
rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I

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com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 sov - reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

** Apostles' Creed

Let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess the Holy Trinity, one in essence and undivided.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

** Prayers of the People

Each portion of the prayer ends with:

Response: Hear us O God, **Your mercy is great.**

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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 never 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

We Come Now to Your Table, Lord

ACS 970

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody for the first line is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter).

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.

The second system of musical notation is identical in structure to the first, with a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody for the second line is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter).

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

You are the Liv-ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

**** Offering Prayer**

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

**** Dialogue**

The Lord be with you. **And al - so 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.

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

**** Preface**

**** Holy, Holy, Holy**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



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



san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**** Thanksgiving at the Table**

Holy God, our Maker, Healer and Redeemer...both 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, grant us peace.

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Communion

As Lutheran Christians we believe the words of Jesus, "This is my body, this is my blood given for you for the forgiveness of sin." If you desire to receive this gift, you are welcome to commune here. All who do not commune may come for a blessing. Wheat and GF wafers are available as are red wine and white grape juice.

Communion Hymn

To God Our Thanks We Give

ELW 682

Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga,
To God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give,

re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na.
to God our thanks we give, our thanks to God we give.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. There are fermatas and slurs with a '2' indicating a second ending in the piano accompaniment.

Communion Blessing

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Sending

We are sent into the world to serve.

Post Communion Prayer

Together, let us pray.

We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Announcements

**** Blessing**

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

** Sending Hymn

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

ELW 763

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.

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Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

**** Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*Chancel flowers are given by Bill & Betty Sperati
in honor of their 40th anniversary*

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