



# St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

## HOLY COMMUNION

Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 9, 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**

### **\*\* 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.

**\*\* Gathering Hymn**

*You Servants of God*

ELW 825

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and

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broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with

Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

**\*\* 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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



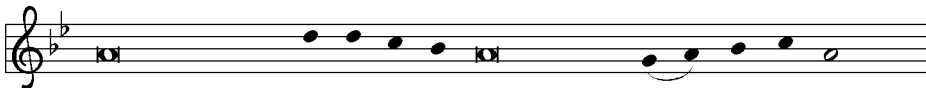
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



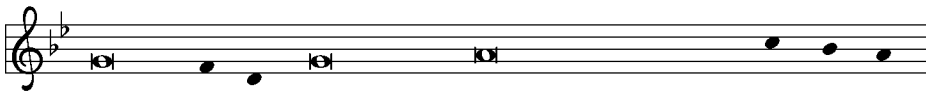
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

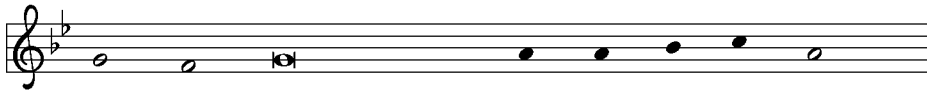
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praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord,** have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

## \*\* 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

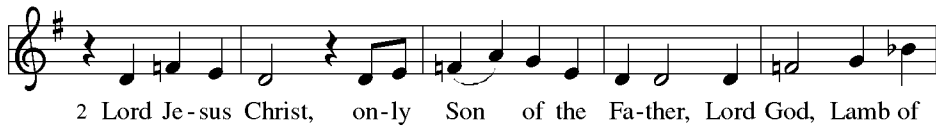


wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.




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

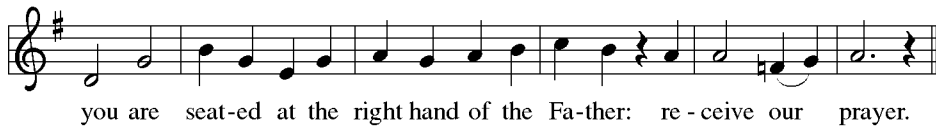
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2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



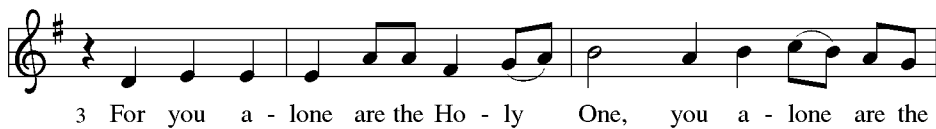
God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



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



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



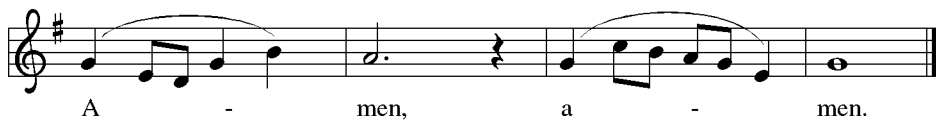
3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



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.

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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**

Genesis 3:8-15

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm**

Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

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

**Let your ears be attentive**

**to the voice of my supplications!**

<sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup>**my soul waits for the LORD  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup>**It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.**

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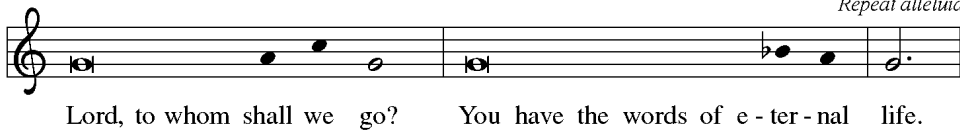
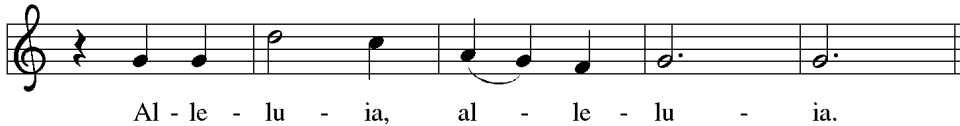
## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

### \*\* Gospel Acclamation



### \*\* Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

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

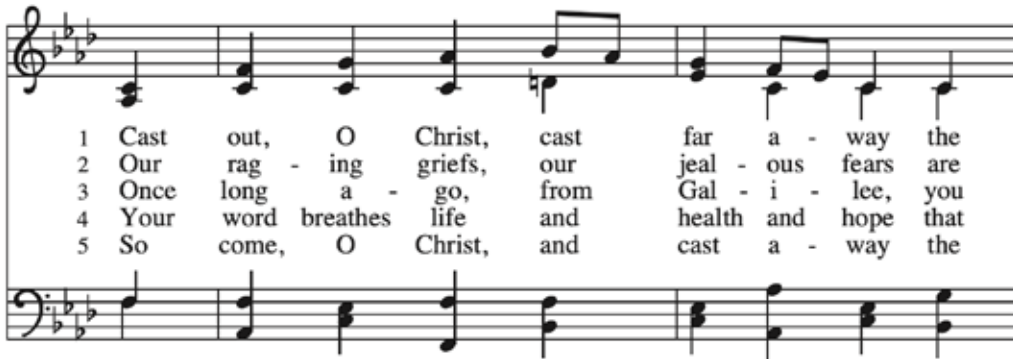
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## \*\* Hymn of the Day

*Cast Out, O Christ*

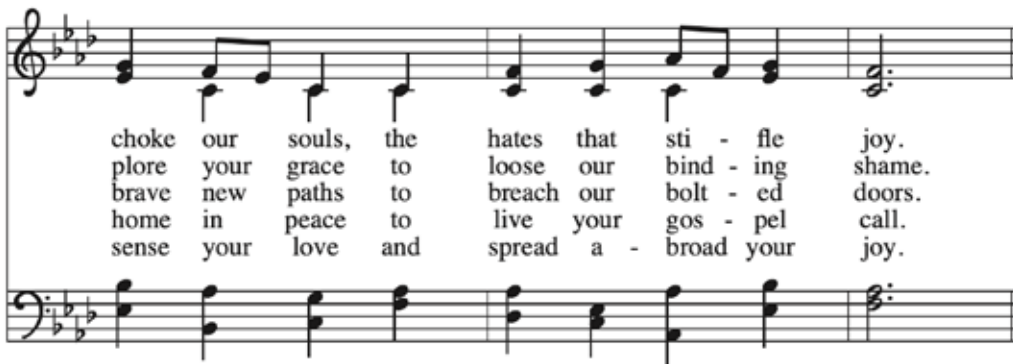
ACS 1016



1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the  
2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are  
3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you  
4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that  
5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the



de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that  
Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -  
sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you  
break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,  
de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to



choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.  
plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.  
brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.  
home in peace to live your gos - pel call.  
sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

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

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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



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

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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

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955. *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956  
 Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETÉ, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955  
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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.**

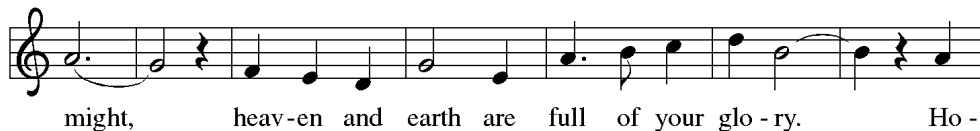
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**\*\* Preface**

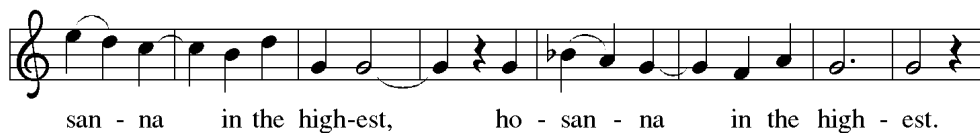
**\*\* Holy, Holy, Holy**



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



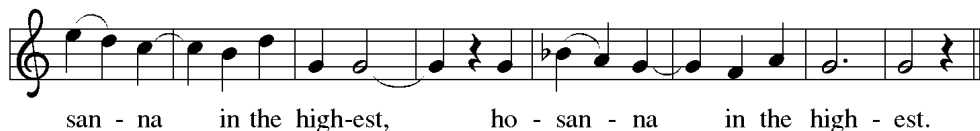
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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.

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## **\*\* 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,**

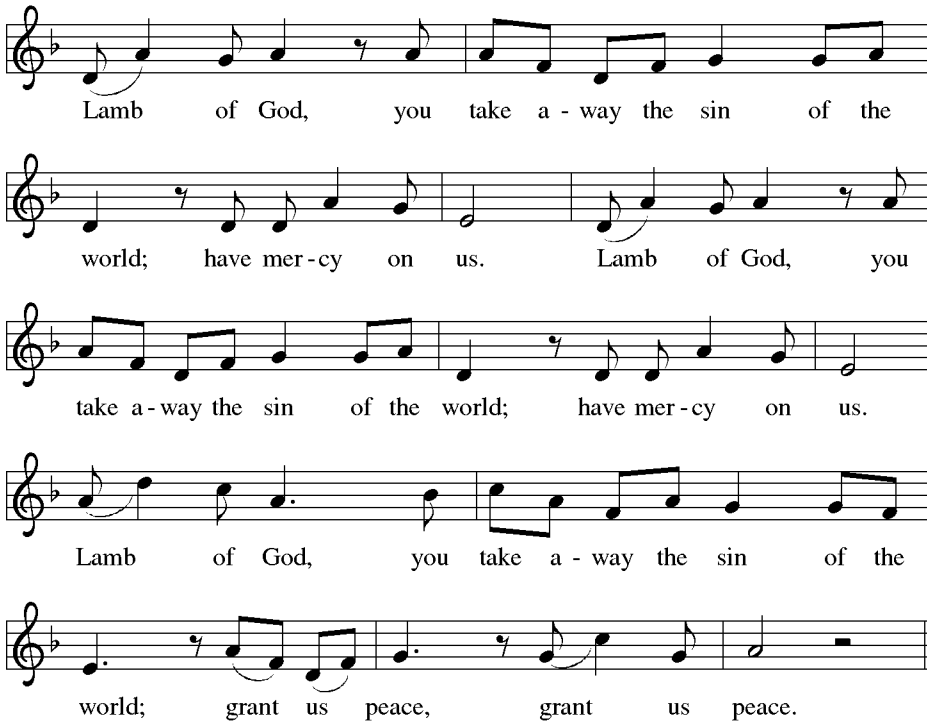
**now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

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

## 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.

## 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. Wheat and GF wafers are available as are red wine and amber juice.*

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## Communion Hymn

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

ELW 735



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342–c. 1413

Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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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.

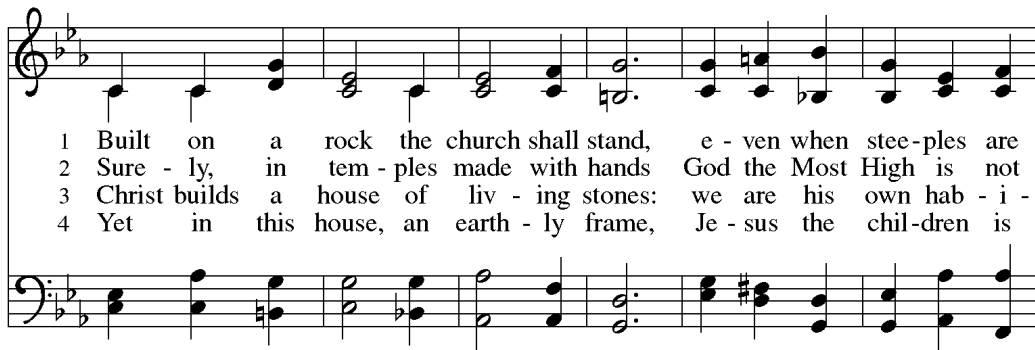
**Amen.**

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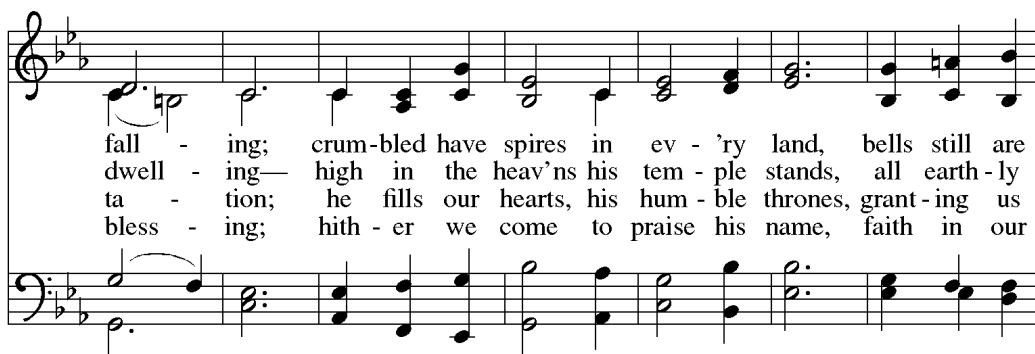
\*\* Sending Hymn

*Built on a Rock*

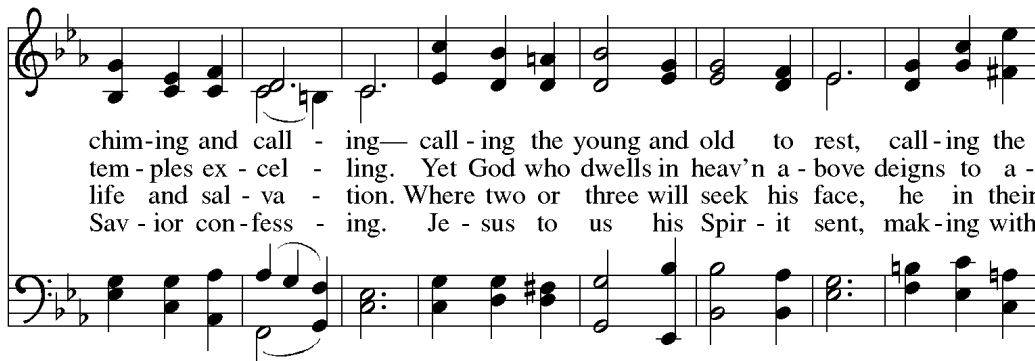
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1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

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souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.  
 Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887  
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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

*Chancel flowers are given by Bob & Sue Linderman in loving memory of  
 Bob's step-father, Robert Adams, and Bob's step-brother, Wes Adams*

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## Participants in Today's Service

**Pastor:**

The Rev. Susan Loney

**Music Director:**

Claudio Espejo

**Assisting Minister/Lector:**

John Gordon

**Usher:**

John Rodammer

**Altar Guild:**

Carol Landry

**Camera:**

Michael Lehm

**Ministers:**

The people of St. Stephen's

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