



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 10, 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,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
 we confess that sin has taken hold of us
 and we are complicit in its power.
 We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
 Unbind us and set us free.
 Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
 that we may live just and generous lives
 for the good of your world
 and the care of our neighbors,
 following in the servant way of Jesus.

These words are trustworthy and true:
 Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
 swallowing up death forever.
 For his sake, you are ✚ forgiven
 and God remembers your sin no more.
 Let your heart be glad again,
 and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

**** Gathering Hymn**

As Saints of Old

ELW 695

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
 3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day

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to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.

so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900–1996, alt.
Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



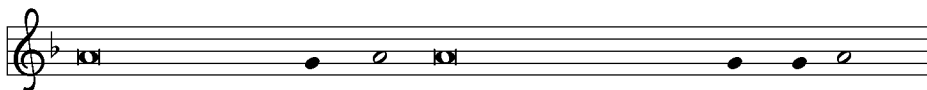
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

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let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

A - men.

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** 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.

1 Kings 17:8-16

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 146

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

³Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**⁶who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;**

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

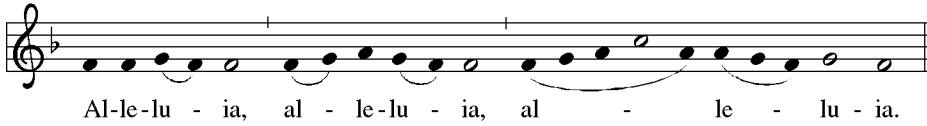
**⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!**

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**** Gospel Acclamation**



**** Gospel**

Mark 12:38-44

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. Kristine Peterson

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** Hymn of the Day

Take My Life, that I May Be

ELW 685

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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**** Apostles' Creed**

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: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

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.

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** Offering Song

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW 489



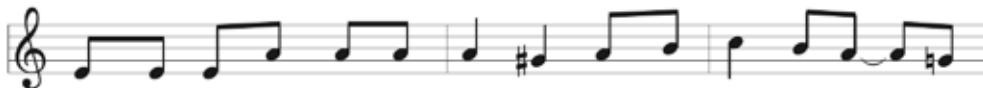
Ven - goa ti, Je - sús a - ma - do: lí - bra - me de mi pe -
1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of
2 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing
3 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est



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
trea - sure, 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 -



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,

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



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/Estrillo

¡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 adquiere
 cuerpo y sangre del Cordero.
 ¡Oh, misterio tan profundo!
 ¿Quién lo entiende en este mundo? *Estrillo*

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!" *Estrillo*

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-1677, stanzas; Esther Berticaux, 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.

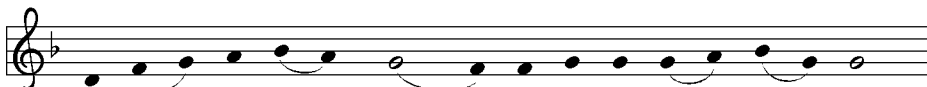
**It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

**** 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.

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**** Thanksgiving at the Table**

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

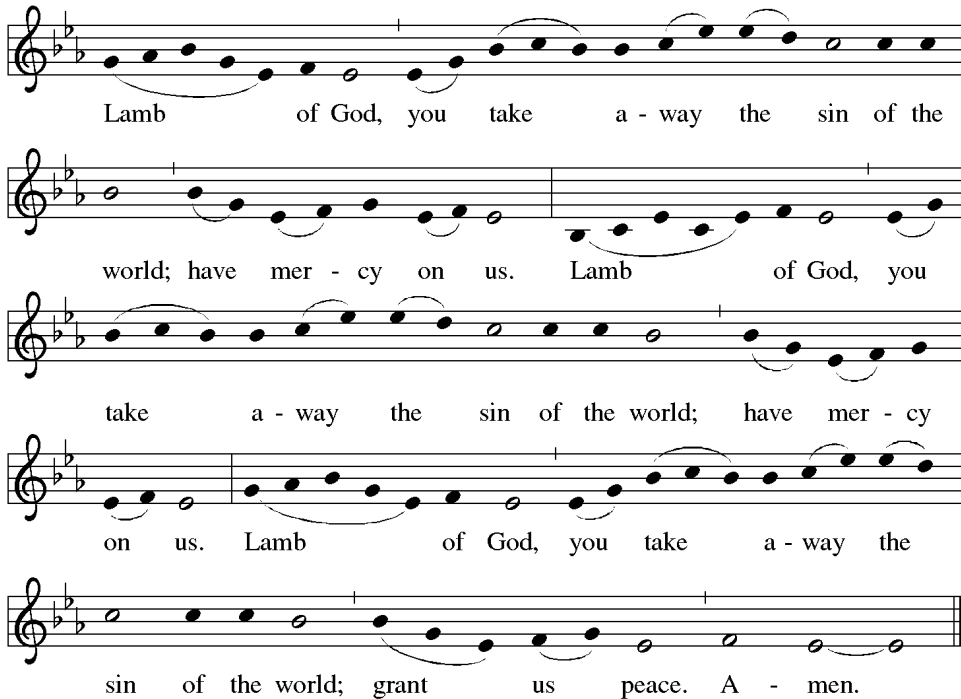
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

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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.

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.

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Communion Hymn

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

Leader or All



- 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,

All



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come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
in Je - sus', pres - ence now we meet and rest.
rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



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,

All



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
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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.

Faithful God,

**you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.**

Now send us out to labor with you,

in service to the world you have made,

and among the people you have made your home,

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Announcements

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Sending

We are sent into the world to serve.

** Blessing

** Sending Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign verses 1, 2, 5

ELW 434

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

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shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

** Dismissal

Go in peace,
To Love, To Invite, To Serve.
 Live generously.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Flowers are given by Bob & Sue Linderman in loving memory of
 Sue's father, John Rowell and Bob's sister-in-law, Jeanne Linderman*

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Participants in Today's Service

Presiding Minister:

The Rev. Kristine Peterson

Music Director:

Claudio Espejo

Assisting Minister/Lector:

Michael Farthing

Altar Guild:

Michele Torchia

Usher:

John Gordon

Camera:

Ministers:

The people of St. Stephen's

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