



# St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

## HOLY COMMUNION

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 29, 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,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
 have mercy on us.  
 We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
 but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.  
 The cravings at war within us  
 cause conflicts and disputes.  
 In our desire to be first  
 we make distinctions among ourselves.  
 We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.  
 In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.  
 Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
 and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
 our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
 and to remember our sin no more.  
 By grace you have been saved.  
 In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,  
 the source of eternal healing,  
 your sins are forgiven. Amen.

**\*\* Gathering Hymn**

*Gather Us In*

ELW 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,

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brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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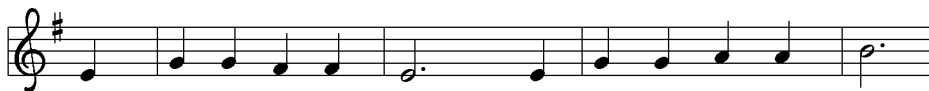
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## \*\* Greeting

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.*

# Word

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

**First Reading**

James 5:13-20

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

Psalm 19:7-14

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;

**<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;**

<sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

<sup>11</sup>Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward

**<sup>12</sup>But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.**

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<sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**\*\* Gospel Acclamation**



**\*\* Gospel**

Mark 9:38-50

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.  
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

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## \*\* Hymn of the Day

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life Verses 1, 2, 5, 6*

ELW 719

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man  
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from  
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide;  
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heav'n above  
shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.  
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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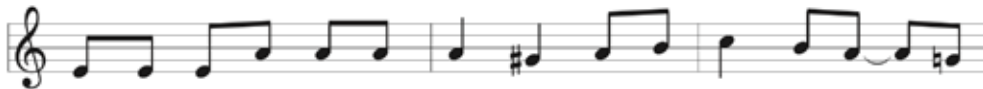




## \*\* Offering Song

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

ELW 489



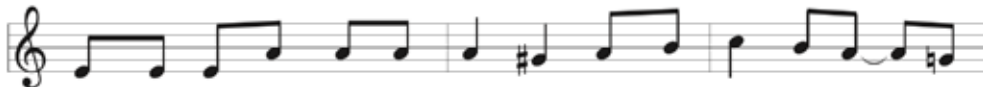
*Ven - goa ti, Je - sús a - ma - do: lí - bra - me de mi pe -*  
1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of  
2 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing  
3 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est



*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,

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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 adquiero  
 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-er and might,



heav'n 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, 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



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. Receive bread and dip it into a chalice, consuming both elements at once. Our chalices contain red wine and amber-colored fruit juice. If you wish to receive words of blessing, simply tell the minister.*

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# 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

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## \*\* 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

# Sending

*We are sent into the world to serve.*

## \*\* Blessing

## \*\* Sending Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling verses 1, 3, 4*

ELW 631

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

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faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

**\*\* Dismissal**

Go in peace,  
 Let us follow Jesus.

**To Love, To Invite, To Serve.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Flowers are given by Rick Feltman and Michele Torchia*

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## Participants in Today's Service

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