



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 6, 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**

All Are Welcome

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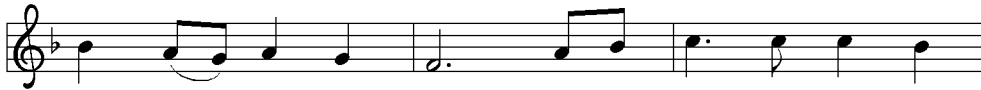


1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as

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hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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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.



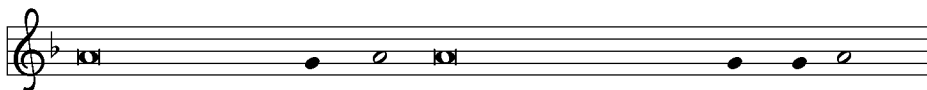
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Genesis 2:18-24

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 8

¹O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**²Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**

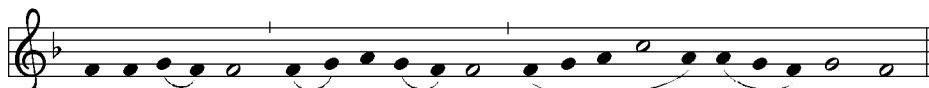
⁷all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

**⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

⁹O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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**** Gospel Acclamation**



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

**** Gospel**

Mark 10:2-16

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.

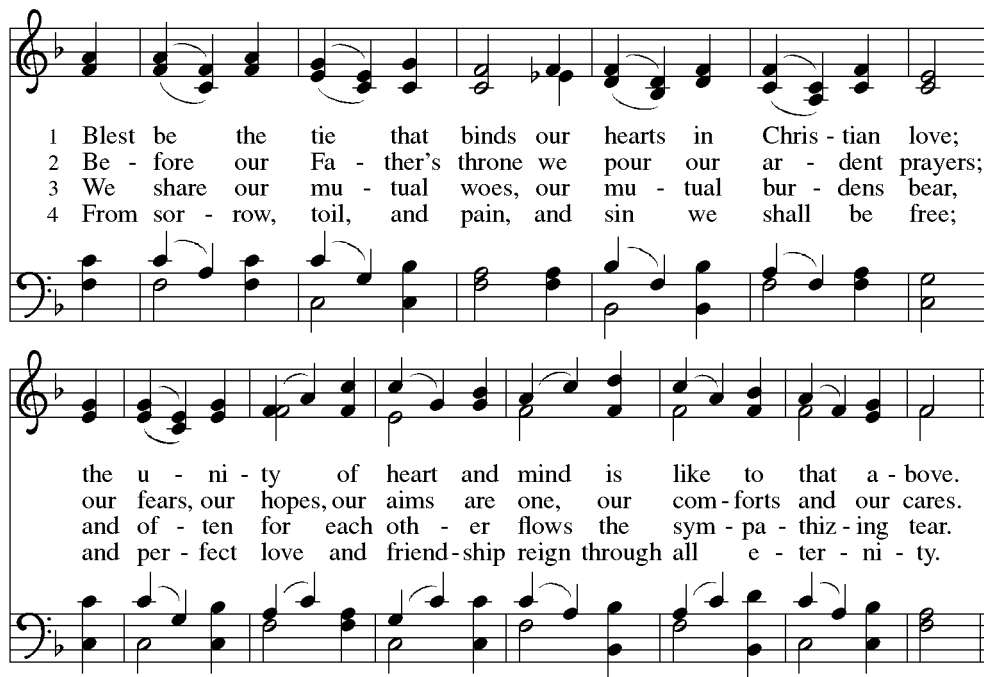
Sermon

The Rev. Susan Loney

**** Hymn of the Day**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

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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 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.

** 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
treasure, 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 -

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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,

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/Estribillo

¡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? *Estribillo*

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!" *Estribillo*

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

**** 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

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.

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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.

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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Communion Blessing

**** 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

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Sending

We are sent into the world to serve.

** Blessing

** Sending Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 839

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

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with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

** Dismissal

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

Let us follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Flowers are given by John Rodammer celebrating the beautiful colors of fall.

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