

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church HOLY COMMUNION

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost October 20, 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,

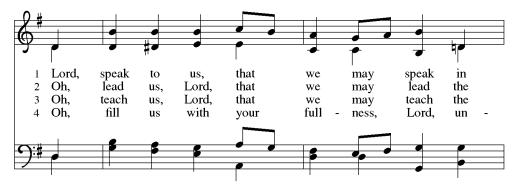
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,

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**.

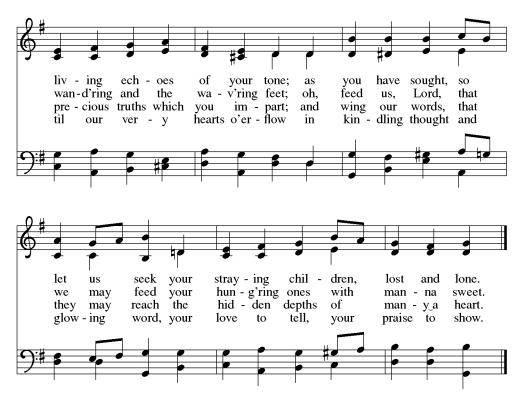
** Gathering Hymn

Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak



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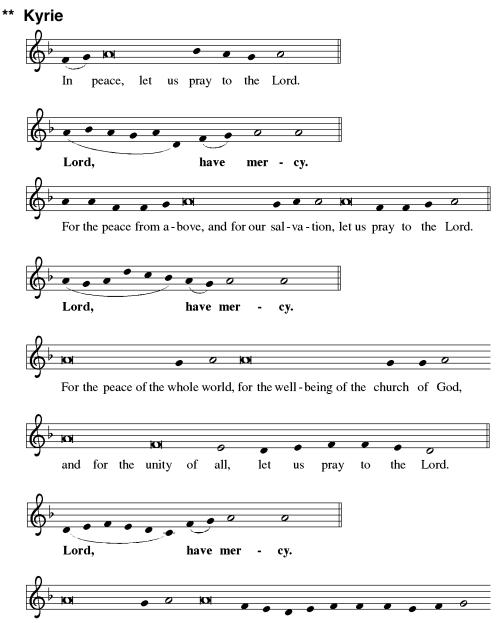
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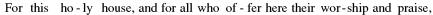


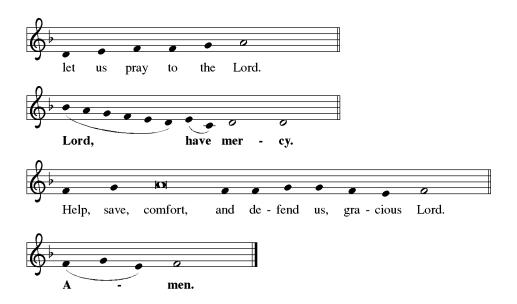
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** Greeting

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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** Hymn of Praise



** 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

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 91:9-16

Isaiah 53:4-12

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

¹⁰no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

¹²On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

¹⁶With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

** Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **

Please see gospel acclamation on page 7.

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** Hymn of the Day

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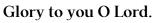
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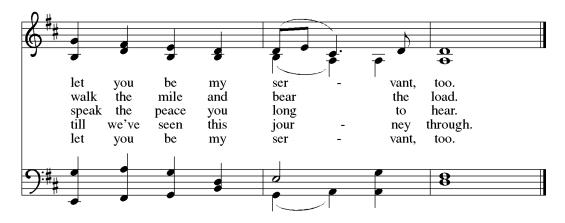
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** Apostles' Creed

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 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: God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Meal

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

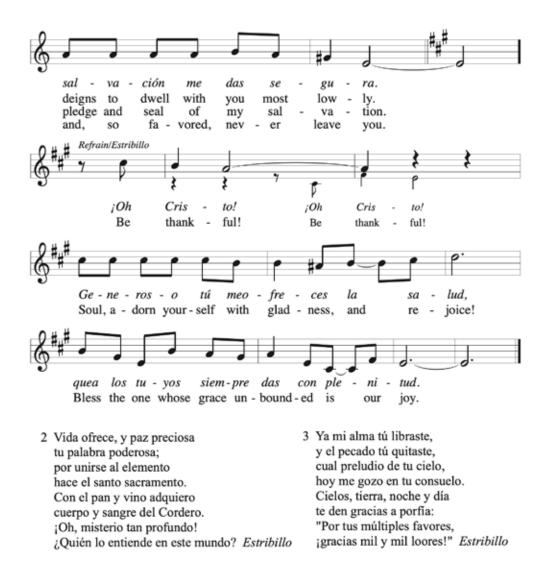
Offering

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.

** Offering Song

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness





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** Offering Prayer

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

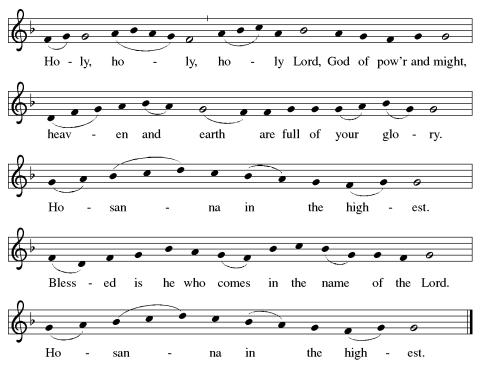
** Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

** Preface



** Holy, Holy, Holy

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And also with you. We lift them to the Lord. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

** 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

Lamb of God



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 Leader or All .0 Come, let 1 us eat. for now the feast is spread, 2 Come, let drink, for now the wine is poured, us In Je - sus' 3 pres - ence now meet and we rest. 4 Rise. then. to spread a - broad God's might - y word, All let eat, for the feast is spread. come, us now drink, for poured. come, let us now the wine is in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest. rise, spread a - broad God's might - y word. then, to Leader or All Our Lord's bod - y take let geth - er, us to -Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to geth - er, pres - ence In the of our Lord gath - er, we Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom. All our Lord's bod - y let us take to geth - er. Je - sus' blood poured let drink geth - er. us to our Lord the of gath - er. in pres - ence we Je sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

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. Text sts. 1–3 and tune © Lutheran World Federation; text st. 4 and music adapt. © 1972 Contemporary Worship 4, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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

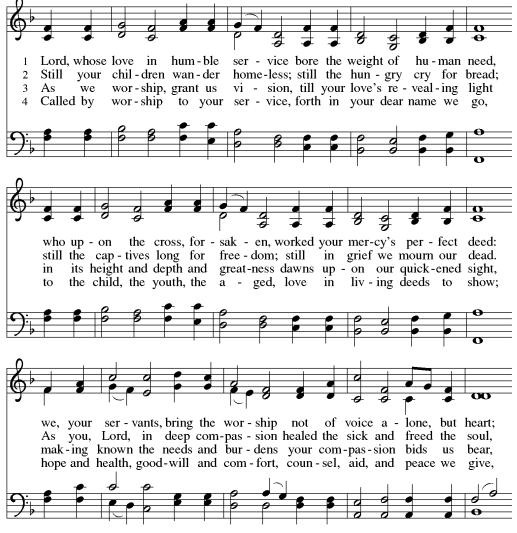
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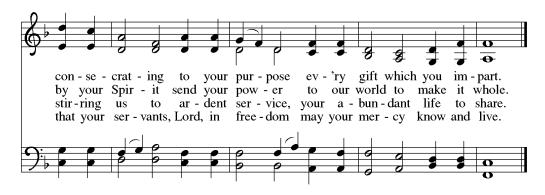
** Blessing

** Sending Hymn

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



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** Dismissal

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

Let us follow Jesus. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Flowers are given by Bob & Sue Linderman in loving memory of Bob's mother, Martha Adams.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor: The Rev. Susan Loney

> Music Director: Claudio Espejo

Assisting Minister/Lector: Ann Dransfield

Altar Guild:

Sally Dudderar

Usher: Michael Lehm

Camera: Michael Lehm

Ministers: The people of St. Stephen's

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