

*Little girl,
get up!*

MARK 5:41



6th Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to people new to this church or faith, long time Lutherans, and Christians from every tradition. Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation and marital status, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new. Welcome on this day.

Please fill out the “Worship Slip” and place it in the offering plate.

(*) Asterisk means, “Please stand as you are able.”

Music

“Selection” Trumpet & Organ Rawley Capone

The Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

**C: In the name of the Father,
And of the + Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**C: Merciful God,
You free us to love others,
But we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
But we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
And generosity,
But we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
And show us the path of life.
Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus
And you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of + Christ,
And through the power of the Holy Spirit,
Your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
C: Amen.

*Opening Hymn *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*
Red #859

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the God of creation!
My heart is longing to offer up sweet adoration.
Melody make; dulcimer, harp, now awake.
Sound forth your praise, ev'ry nation.**

**Praise the Almighty, o'er all life so wondrously reigning,
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen? All that is needful has been
Sent by God's gracious ordaining.**

(hymn continued)

Praise the Almighty,
who prospers your work and defends you;
See from the heavens
the showers of mercy God sends you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do;
Infinite Love here befriends you.

Praise the Almighty! In wonder my spirit is soaring!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises outpouring.
Let the amen sound from God's people again,
Gladly forever adoring!

*Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C: And also with you

Kyrie "Spirit, Open My Heart" ACS #1043

REFRAIN

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.

REFRAIN

2. Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.

REFRAIN

3. May I weep with those who weep;
Share the joy of friend and neighbor.
As I live from day to day,
love will be my finest labor.

REFRAIN

*Prayer of the Day

God Stories

The Word of God

First Reading Lamentations 3:22-33 Celebrate pg. 1

R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Celebrate pg. 2

R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW #175

ALLELUIA



*Gospel Reading Mark 5:21-43 Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. Mark, the 5th Chapter

C: Glory to you. O God.

(The Gospel is read)

P: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Rev. Carol Been

*Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” Red #712

Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
Ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power
To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens

Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service,
Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord,
in freedom may your mercy know and live.

*The Prayers of the Church

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The Communion Meal

* Passing of the Peace

P: May the peace of God be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Offering — We honor and worship God by returning some
of the gifts with which we have been blessed.

Music “If God Be For Me” Franklin D. Ash Down

Offering Prayer

P: Creator God,
In your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
And the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at you table with these gifts of the earth
And our labor,
That we may work for the good of all;
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: Amen

*Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them up to God

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our JOY...

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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**

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come for all is ready!

(You may be seated)

Invitation to Communion

P: The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

Communion Gathering Song *“As the Wind” ACS #943*

As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing pow’r to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul’s most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that’s born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the . . . spring,
as a kite on a . . . String, so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new, making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
As the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the . . . feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

Communion Hymn

*“I Love to Tell the Story”
Red #661*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

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I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy word.

REFRAIN

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

REFRAIN

The Sending

*Prayer after Communion

P: Mothering God,
You gathered us to your table
And we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
To love our neighbors as ourselves
And proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen

*Blessing

P: The love of God abound in you;
The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
And the life of the Spirit
+ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen

*Closing Hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness” #733

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **REFRAIN**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **REFRAIN**

*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

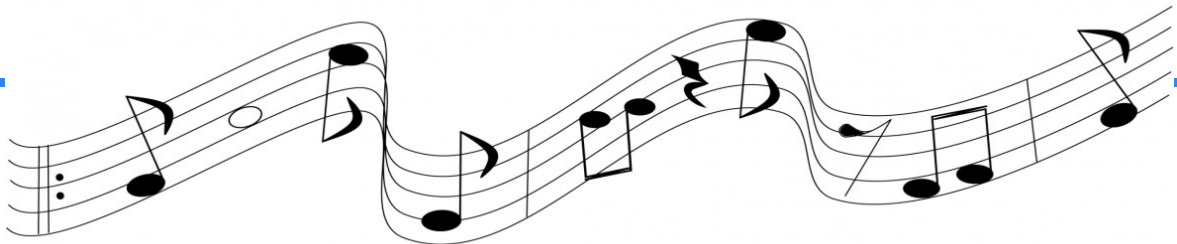
Music “Praise The Almighty” Robert Powell

Serving Today

Reader: Janet Slay

Coffee Host: Connie Cunningham

Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager



Music at St. Stephen's

The singers will be on their summer break and will return in the Fall. Think about joining, we need you!

Please come and share your talents ~ anything musical. We will rejoice!

Yours in Christ, and Mission ~ Gary



Prayer Concerns

SHORT TERM: Beth Mills, Mary D., Candace Anderson & family, Family of Gary Meeker, Galahad, Susan O., Family of Mike Homer, Debbie, Sam, Michael Lee, Nate Barker, Grandpa Dennis, Bob & Shirley Salter, Monica & Family, Lurline Moore, Barry Hansen, Beth Butler, Family & friends of Sgt. William Nelson, Jen, Robbin, Maria Mendoza, Ila & Reina, Family of Richard Barker, Francisco, Margot Wilson, Michael, Keith, Noelle, Ensley, Tim Oldfield, Sierra, Beth's mom, Julie R., Anne Rice, Rosie, The Webber Family, Janet, Sue, Middle East Peace, Tom Dawson, James, Keith, Taiyo, Marissa, Isaac, Alvarado family, Dustin, Eric Utto-Galarneau, Father Jack Davis, Atlas, Sandi Csik, Janica Paustian, James, John, Elida, Jeannie, Anetta, Jane, Barbara Allen, Joel Hurttgam, Sandy, Levi & Alexandria, Gary Toops, Donna Kemper, Paul Cunningham, Paul Paustian, Dawit & Family (Ethiopia), Gaye Cornell, Dorothy, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Nancy, Mateo & Lina, Don, Atlas, Anthony, Steve, Rose, Will, Aaron Johnson, Sal, Katarina, Stephanie Jager, Parents, Healthcare workers & teachers.

LONG TERM: Biergiel—Colclough family, Carla Brown, April McCalmont, Marty Nehring, Miller Mouw, Kyle Lapp, Shelby Volpi, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Dom, Lisa & Beau, Linda Johnson, Bailey Ingalls, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Bobbie Erickson, Joyce, Mike, Susan Anderson, Jan Wagner, Richard C., Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Karin, Will, Chris, Pearl Runquist, Volpi & Robe Family, Cabel, Noah, Esdras, Immigrant families, The Homeless, People of Ukraine, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, S.S. Senior Housing, Pastor Jim & Our Church Family, men & women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.

*The Altar Flowers are given by Sandy Eldridge
in honor of Max Fairon graduation
from Stanford with Masters degrees in
Aeronautical & Astronautical
Engineering*





Sister Parish News

Prayer Child Sponsorships - *Thank you* to those who have committed to support your prayer children for another year and have made the associated donations. We would also like you to write a short letter to your prayer child and include a photo. Please send them to:

Marian Langdon
220 Horizon Way
Aptos, CA 95003

There are 6 children that still need a sponsor. If you want to sponsor a child, please let me know. Thank you!

2024 Delegation?

Planning has begun for a delegation this year. It will probably be in November. Please let me know if you are interested in going to El Salvador.



Provide Lunches for volunteers

10:30 am

July 23

Sandwiches, fruit, chips & cookies

Upcoming Events:

June Benevolence Offering
Society for the Prevention of Suicide

- July 2 No Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
- July 4 Mens beginner A.A. Thursday 7:00 pm
- July 5 A.A. Friday 7:00 pm
- July 8 & 22 Women's Café Group Mondays at 6:00 pm
- July 9 Knitter's Guild 6:15 pm
- July 9 Church Council 6:30 pm
- July 10 Preschool Chapel resumes 10:15 am
- July 10 Bible Study Resumes Wed. 11 am & 7:30 pm
- July 13 Property Work Day 9:00 am
- July 18 Knitter's Guild 10 am
- July 20 A.A. Memorial TBA fellowship hall
- July 22 CDC Board 11:15 am
- July 27 Knitters Workshop 9:00—4:00 fireside room
- August 4 SAVE THE DATE
Potluck and back to school blessing

Pastor's Office Hours Wed & Thurs. 10:00 to 1:00

Our Mission Statement

St. Stephen's is a welcoming, healing community who worship God in Christ, nurture people growing in faith, serve others with acceptance and love, invite people to share the joy of the Spirit.

Reconciling in Christ

"We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ."

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