

JESUS  
TOOK THE  
LOAVES

JOHN 6:11



# 10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 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 “Le Sweet Retreat” Leon Boellmay  
French composer 1862-1877

## **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      *"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" Red #461*

All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

*(hymn continued)*

All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

\*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                      2 Kings 4:42-44                      Celebrate pg. 1

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

Second Reading                      Ephesians 3:14-21                      Celebrate pg. 2

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

\*Gospel Acclamation

ELW #175

### ALLELUIA



\*Gospel Reading

John 6:1-21

Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. John, the 6th 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. James Lapp

\*Hymn of the Day

*“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” Blue #966*

Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
by the Galilean shore.  
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven,  
was their food forever more.

**REFRAIN**

By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
in a quiet room one night.  
In the bread and wine you gave them,  
Christ, you came as Light from Light.

**REFRAIN**

Loaves are broken, words are spoken,  
as in faith we gather here.  
Jesus speaks across the ages;  
“I am with you; do not fear!”

**REFRAIN**

By the loaves you break and give us,  
send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger,  
words that tell your love and care.

**REFRAIN**

## 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            “Priere a Notre Dame”  
Composer William Boyce

### 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” Blue #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

*“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”*

Red #484

**REFRAIN:** You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
They know and heed his voice;  
So when you call your fam’ly, Lord,  
We follow and rejoice. *REFRAIN*

With joyful lips we sing to you  
Our praise and gratitude  
That you should count us worthy, Lord,  
To share this heav’nly food. *REFRAIN*

Is not the cup we bless and share  
The blood of Christ out-poured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare  
Our oneness in the Lord? *REFRAIN*

The myst’ry of your presence, Lord,  
No mortal tongue can tell:  
Whom all the world cannot contain  
Comes in our hearts to dwell. *REFRAIN*

You give yourself to us, O Lord;  
Then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other In your name  
In truth and charity. *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

*“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Red # 674*

1. Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

REFRAIN (two times)

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2. Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love and word and in deed express. REFRAIN  
(two times)

(Hymn continued)

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) ev'ry-where! REFRAIN (two times)

\*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

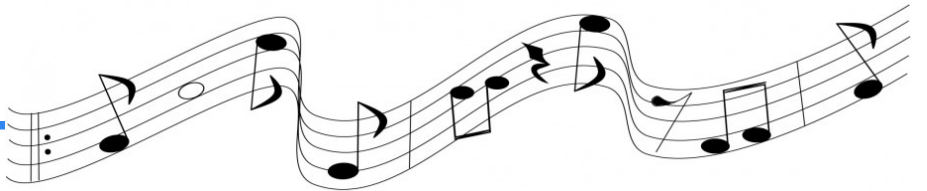
Music “Canticle of the Sun” Richard Purvis

Serving Today

Reader: Beth Stiles

Coffee Host: Connie Cunningham

Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager



Music at St. Stephen's

Jeanette Dawson and Tina Gates singing:

“You Have Come Down To the Lakeshore”

*As long there is music, you are never alone.*

Please come and share your talents, be part of worship  
through music.. We will rejoice!

Yours in Christ, and Mission ~ Gary



## Prayer Concerns

**SHORT TERM:** John Wickham & family, the Brown Family, Family of Sandra Barker, Nick, Family of Tom Harris, James, Beth Mills, Mary D., Candace Anderson & family, Family of Gary Meeker, Tom, Galahad, Susan O., Family of Mike Homer, Debbie, Sam, James, 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, 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, Taiyo, Marissa, Isaac, Alvarado family, Dustin, Eric Utto-Galarneau, Father Jack Davis, 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, 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.

*Sign up to offer Altar Flowers*







## 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 (November?) delegation this year. Please let me know if you are interested.



**On Zoom or at Church w Pastor Jim**

check email on Tues. for link

**WEDNESDAYS 11:00 am & 7:30 pm**

# Upcoming Events:

July Benevolence Offering  
ELCA World Hunger

- Today            NO Sunday School
- July 29—30    Office closed
- July 30            No Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
- July 31            Preschool Chapel 10:15 am
- July 31            Bible Study Wed. 11 am & 7:30 pm
- Aug. 1            Mens beginner A.A. Thursday 7:00 pm
- Aug. 2            A.A. Friday 7:00 pm
- August 4        Sign up NOW  
Potluck and back to school blessing  
Invite your teachers & students
- Aug. 17           Property Work Day TBD
- Aug. 5 & 19    Women's Café Group Mondays at 6:00 pm

**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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