

*The one who eats this
bread will live forever*

JOHN 6:58



13th Sunday after Pentecost

Aug. 18, 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 Prelude (G~Flat Major) Op. 11, No. 13
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 Alexander Scriabin

The Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

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 and self-examination

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.**

P: 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.

*Opening Hymn

“Praise and Thanksgiving” Red #689

**Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
For all things living, you have made good:
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
That with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
Harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

**Father, providing food for your children,
By Wisdom’s guiding teach us to share
One with another, so that , rejoicing with us,
All others may know your care.**

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
Your love sustaining showers the land.

*Greeting

From the one who is and who was and who is to come,
And from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
Grace and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie Refrain

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. REFRAIN
2. That we may live out your impassioned response
to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. REFRAIN
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
For friends and family;
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. REFRAIN
4. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives
in the water and the Word;
That you nourish our souls with you body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. REFRAIN

This Is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain* This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



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Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Prayer of the Day

P: May God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us Pray.

God Stories

The Word of God

First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

Celebrate pg. 1

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:9-14

read responsively

Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Celebrate pg. 3

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

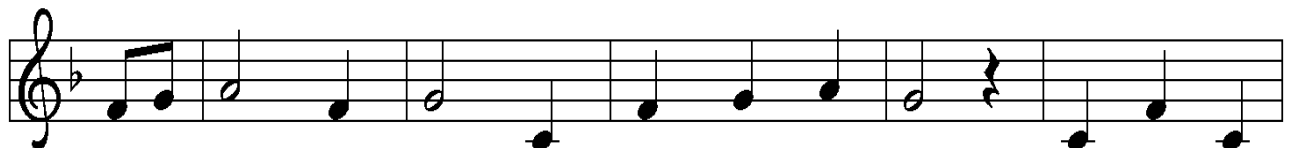
C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

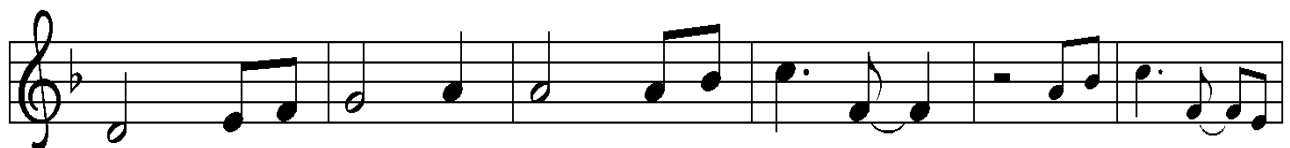
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

C: **Glory to you, O God**

Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



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



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

*Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. James Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

“Come Let Us Eat” Red #491

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord’s body let us take together,
Our Lord’s body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus’ blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus’ blood poured let us drink together.

In Jesus’ presence now we meet and rest,
In Jesus’ presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God’s mighty word,
Rise, then, to spread abroad God’s mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

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 “Despas sur la Neige” Claude Debussy

Offering Prayer

P: Let us Pray...

**C: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
Were gathered together to become one bread,
So let your church be gathered together
From the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
For yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen**

*Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord**

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every tongue and nation.

*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 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**

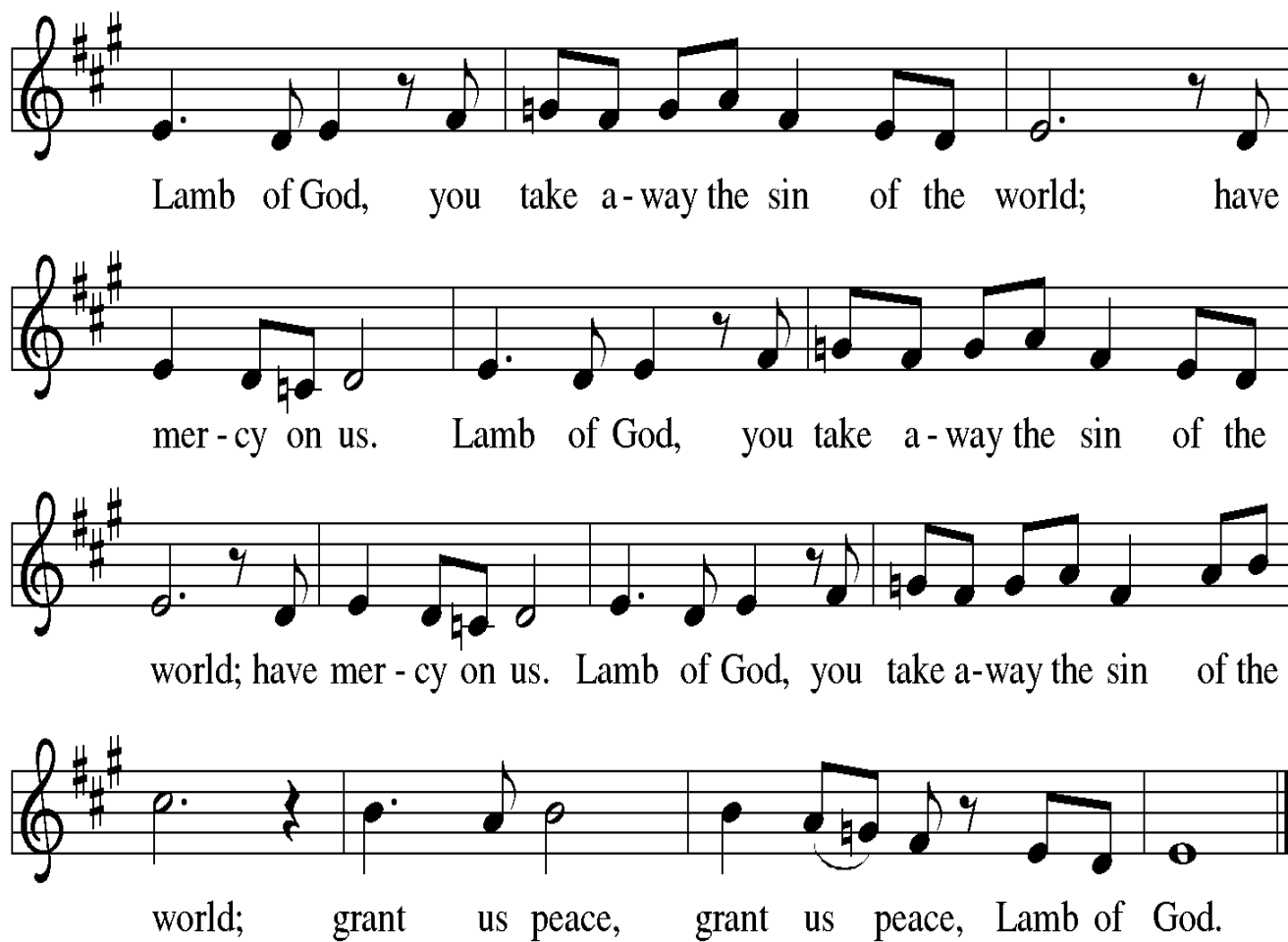
P: Goodness is stronger than evil.
Life is stronger than death.
Taste the goodness and life of God.

(You may be seated)

Holy Communion

Guests: You are welcome to come forward to receive Communion as part of this church family! Children are welcome to come forward and receive a special blessing if they have never communed before. Communion is by intinction, which means that we dip the bread into either the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Please follow the guidance of the ushers as to when and how you are to come forward.

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, grant us peace, Lamb 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.

REFRAIN

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

*Communion Blessing

P: May this Holy Communion of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

P: O God,

**C: You have called your servants
To ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
By paths as yet untrodden,**

Through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
Not knowing where we go,
But only that your hand is leading us
And your love supporting us;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Blessing

P: The love of God who created you,
The mercy of † Jesus Christ who died for you,
And the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you,
Keep you at one with all the faithful, living and departed,
And remain with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

Red #848

Give to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all his ways;
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat his mercies in your song.

He sent his Son with pow’r to save
From guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown;
The King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure
When lords and kings are known no more!

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you

C: Thanks be to God.

Music On a Tune Found in American Hymnals
 Richard I. Purvis

Serving Today

Reader: Steven Hendrickson
Coffee Host: Cheryl & Robert Bartee

Sign up for Altar Flowers & Coffee host

Prayer Concerns

SHORT TERM: Friends in Tel Aviv, family of Barbara Klapper, family of Lauren Patrick, Beth's mother, Patrick & Family, The Moore family, 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, Beth Butler, Family & friends of Sgt. William Nelson, Jen, Robbin, Maria Mendoza, Ila & Reina, Francisco, Margot Wilson, Michael, Keith, Noelle, Ensley, Tim Oldfield, Sierra, 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

Upcoming Events:

August Benevolence Offering

Cal. Lutheran University

&

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

- Aug. 19 Women's Café Group Mondays at 6:00 pm
- Aug. 20 September Newsletter Deadline
- Aug. 20 No Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
- Aug. 21 Preschool Chapel 10:15 am
- Aug. 21 Bible Study Wed. 11 am & 7:30 pm
- Aug. 22 Mens beginner A.A. Thursdays 7:00 pm
- Aug. 23 A.A. Fridays 7:00 pm
- Aug. 26—30 Preschool Closed
- Aug. 27 Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
- Aug. 29 Newsletter Team 2:00 — new helpers welcome
- Sept. 10 Knitters Guild 6:15 pm
- Sept. 10 Church Council 6:30 pm
- Sept. 29 Potluck just for fun

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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