

For God
all things
are possible

MARK 10:27

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 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

“Giga” M. Enrico Bossi

Good News Singers: “Draw the Circle Wide”

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 the One Who Breaks the Darkness” #843

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the dessert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

(hymn continued)

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

*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



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.

*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

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

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R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:12-17

read responsively

Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

Celebrate pg. 3

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

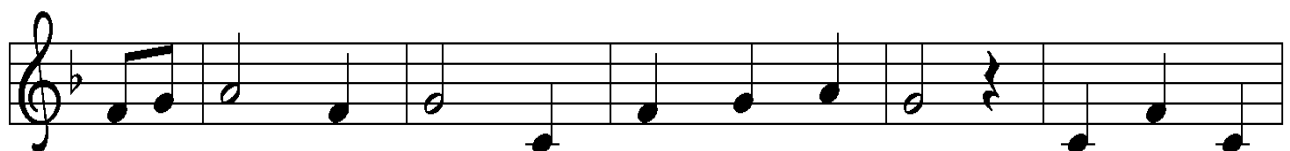
C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

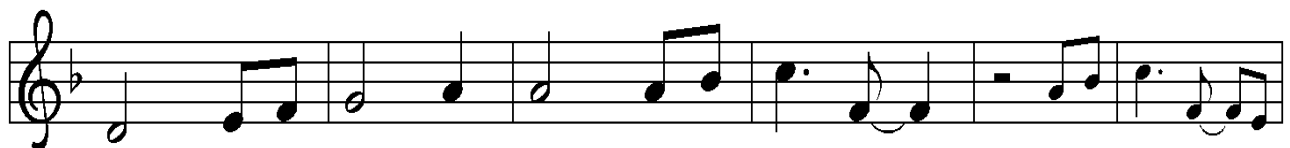
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

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

Mark 10:17-31

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P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. James P. Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

"We Come to the Hungry Feast" #479

**We come to the hungry feast
Hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
The love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast**

**We come to the hungry feast
Hungry for a world released
From hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
The poor in body, Poor in mind
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**We come to the hungry feast
Hungry that the hunger cease,
And knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

The Prayers of the Church

Celebrate, Page 4

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 “A Prayer for Guidance” Richard Purvis

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

"Take My Life, That I May Be" #685

Take my life, that I may be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I with-hold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

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

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!" #669

**Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.**

**Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
As heirs of God's baptismal grace,
The word of hope proclaim.**

(hymn continued)

Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
Redress sin's cruel consequence;
Give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
Stretch forth your hand of healing now,
With love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths
which Christ has trod;
And, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Music "Taccata Johann Pachel Bel

Serving Today

Reader: Janet Slay

Communion Assistant:

Coffee Host: Margaret & Bill Schraft

Altar Guild: Tina Gates

Office Helpers: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager

*The Altar Flowers are given by
Barbara Rice celebrating
Asher & Amelia's birthdays*



Upcoming Events:

October Benevolence Offering Lutheran Campus Ministry

- Oct. 14 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm
- Oct. 16 Preschool Chapel 10:15 am
- Oct. 16 Bible Study Wed. 11 am & 7:30 pm
- Oct. 16 Women's Café Wed. 6:00 pm off site TBA
- Oct. 17 Mens beginner A.A. Thursdays 7:00 pm
- Oct. 18 A.A. Fridays 7:00 pm
- Oct. 20 No Sunday School
- Oct. 21 Embroiders Guild 7:00 pm
- Oct. 26 COPA 3-5pm at 90 5th Sanborn in Spreckles
Celebrate victories (Meeting with Pope Francis, passing
statewide legislation to reduce application fees, keeping 70
people in their homes in S. C., and more than a thousand
house meetings in Monterey). AND engage in a power ex
change from local elected officials and business leaders, fo
cusing on the county supervisors. The week before the na
tional election see what local democracy should look like.
- Oct. 27 Reformation Polka Mass / October feast
& tree planting fun
- Oct. 28 Women's Café Group Mondays at 6:00 pm
- Nov. 5 NEW Trinity Tuesday 6:30 pm
Discretion Brew 41st Ave. Kathy Allen 430-6359
(1 hour, 1 faith question, 1 drink)

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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