

THE
SON OF MAN
CAME NOT TO BE SERVED
BUT TO
SERVE

MARK 10:45

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 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

Good News Singers

“Gathering Music” & “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

“Making Their Way” [ACS #979](#)

**Making their way down through the ages,
Sinners and saints have heard God’s call:
Wealthy and poor, powerful, lowly,
Jesus’ disciples, one and all.
Gathered for worship, offering thanks,
The greatest with the least have come to share this feast.**

**Making their way all the world over,
Christians assemble on this day,
Hearing the Word, sharing the Banquet,
Learning to walk in Jesus’ way.
Members of Christ, united in love,
They seek our God to know, and so together grow.**

Making our way season by season,
Pilgrims, we journey till life's end,
Traveling light, sharing the riches,
Caring for stranger as for friend,
Till in the joy of longing fulfilled,
Together we will come to our eternal home.

*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

Isaiah 53:4-12

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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 5:1-10

Celebrate pg. 3

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

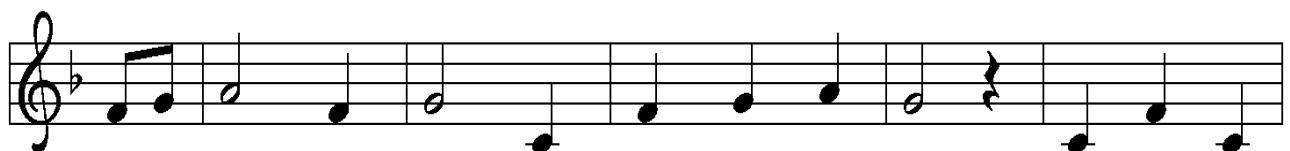
C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

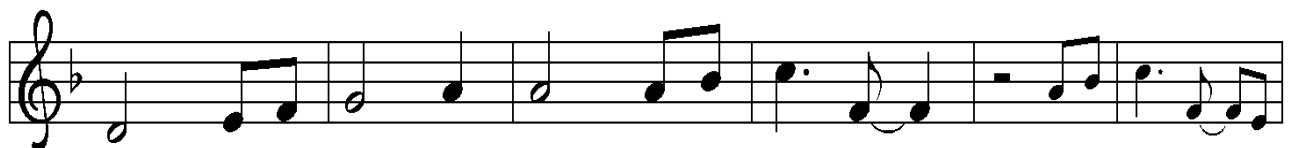
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

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 10:35-45

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P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. Gary Stevenson

*Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” #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 Good News Singers Introduce songs for Polka Mass

“This the Sacrifice we Gather”

“Under the Skies of Blue” and “Let us Sing”

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God,
Source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
Help us to serve one another and all in need,
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **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**

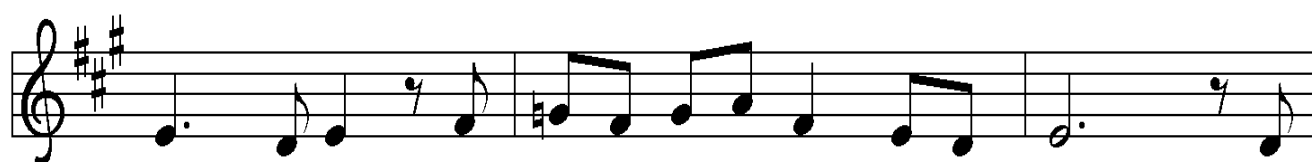
P: Jesus welcomes you to this table.
Come, here is your God.

(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



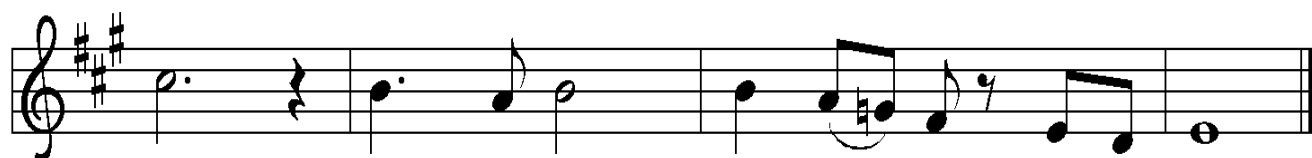
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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

“On Eagle’s Wings” #787

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
Say to the Lord; “My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!”

REFRAIN

And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under God’s wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. REFRAIN

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. REFRAIN

For to the angels God’s given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

FINAL REFRAIN

And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

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: 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.

*Blessing

P: God all mighty,
God most merciful
† Bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

C: Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age" #729

The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change,
But Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,
The victims of injustice cry for shelter
And for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise,
A caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
And clothed n Christ's humanity

For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
And teach us how to share our bread
And feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
To care for all, without reserve,
And spread his liberating word.

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Music "Thanksgiving Toccata" Richard Purvis

Serving Today

Reader: Bill Schraft

Communion Assistant:

Coffee Host:

Altar Guild: Judi Alvarado

Office Helpers: Shiela & Sherilyn

*The Altar Flowers are given by
Shelly Barker
To Celebrate Liz's 16th birthday*



Upcoming Events:

October Benevolence Offering Lutheran Campus Ministry

- Oct. 20 No Sunday School today
- Oct. 21 & 22 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm
- Oct. 23 Preschool Chapel 10:15 am
- Oct. 23 Bible Study Wed. 11 am & 7:30 pm
- Oct. 24 Mens beginner A.A. Thursdays 7:00 pm
- Oct. 25 A.A. Fridays 7:00 pm
- Oct. 21 CDC Board 11:15 am
- 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 exchange from local elected officials and business leaders, focusing on the county supervisors. The week before the national election see what local democracy should look like.
- Oct. 27 Reformation Polka Mass / October feast, tree planting & jump house
- 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 ¹⁵ 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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