

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

HOLY COMMUNION & CONCLUSION OF A CALL

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

You are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we believe that the gospel is God's gift to all people, shared unconditionally and without regard to race, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic or family status, age, physical or mental abilities, outward appearance, or religious affiliation. We seek to live the truth written in Ephesians that Christ breaks down the dividing walls between us and

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

Please remember to properly wear your face covering for the duration of today's service. You may lower it to receive communion.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Joys & Concerns

**** Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,...and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short...the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

**** Gathering Song**

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW 618



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

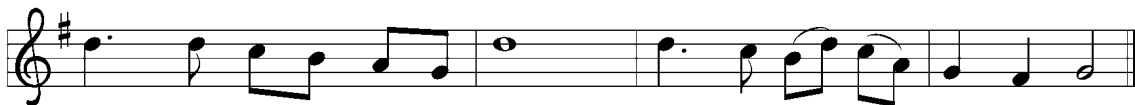


bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

**** Please stand as you are able. Items in bold are to be spoken by the assembly.**



feed me now and ev - er - more,
shield me with your might-y arm,
I will raise for - ev - er - more,

feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might-y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more.

**** Greeting**

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

And also with you.

**** Kyrie**



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

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**** Song of Praise**

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

**** Prayer of the Day**

Assisting Minister leads the prayer of the day and the assembly responds: Amen.

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Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 90:12-17

The psalm is read responsively.

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?**
Be gracious to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us**
and as many years as we suffered adversity.

¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;**
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:12-16

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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** Gospel Acclamation

Christ Be Our Light (vs. 1 & 2)

ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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**** Gospel**

Mark 10:17-31

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

**** Gospel Acclamation**

Christ Be Our Light (vs. 3-5) Please see hymn on page 6.

Sermon

The Rev. Jason Churchill

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Hymn of the Day

Take My Life That I May Be

ELW 583

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, *oh* Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas *Last time*



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 *Que* mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;

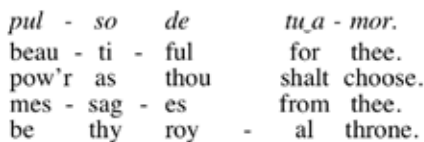


con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

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3 *Que mis labios al hablar
hablen sólo de tu amor;
que mis bienes dedicar
yo los quiera a ti, Señor.* Estribillo

4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté
consagrado a tu loor;
que mi mente y su poder
sean usados en tu honor.* Estribillo

Please see pew card for words to the Apostles' Creed.

Each portion of the prayer ends with:

Your mercy is great.

Jesus calls all people to sit at the table with him. All are invited, none is excluded.

Each week we give thanks to God for things that God has given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions. A financial donation to the church is never a requirement, but is freely given to support the work of the congregation in the community.

For your convenience, St. Stephen's offers the opportunity to give on-line through text message. Type "Funds" to 302-257-6155 to make any donations.

Assisting Minister leads the offering prayer and the assembly responds: Amen.

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**** Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**** Preface**

**** Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**** Thanksgiving at the Table**

We praise you, all-holy God,...we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray, O God, for your spirit...today, tomorrow and forever.

Amen.

**** Lord's Prayer**

Please see pew card for words to the Lord's Prayer.

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.

Invitation to Communion

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Communion Hymn

After the singing of the Lamb of God, please come forward at the direction of the ushers starting from the front row. Be sure to take an empty earth-friendly communion cup and move as far down the rail as possible. Floor is marked for social distancing purposes. After receiving the bread and wine, please return to your seats by way of the side aisles. You should dispose of communion cups in the waste baskets. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten free bread is also available – please let Pastor Churchill know if you wish this alternative. You may lower your face covering once you receive the bread. Wine is received in individual earth-friendly cups. If you prefer juice please let the assisting minister know. All are welcome to this table without exception.

Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Together, let us pray.

Lord of life,

in the gift of your body and blood

you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.

Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,

bearing witness to the abundance of your love

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending

We are sent into the world to serve.

Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call

The person whose call is concluding and the president of the congregation come before the assembly.

People of God, members of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, do you release Jason from service as your pastor?

We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Announcements

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Sending Hymn

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

ELW 313



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

During the postlude the ushers will dismiss the assembly from the back to the front.

*Chancel flowers are given by Sonia Brode
in honor of my mother, Judy Brennan's birthday*

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Enjoy today's service? Visit our Facebook page and invite a friend, comment, or leave a review. Please text the word "welcome" to 855-965-5200 to be added to our email list. May God go with you today and everyday.

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Participants in Today's Service

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Soloist:

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Assisting Minister/Lector:

Ann Wagner

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YOU ARE INVITED

Farewell Celebration

Please join us after worship!

Sunday, October 10, 2021

**Please stay after the service to thank
Pastor Jason and Craig for their many contributions
and wish them well on their journey.**



