



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021 • 10 am

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

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

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**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

ELW 580



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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

**** 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

Isaiah 53:4-12

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 91:9-16

The psalm is read responsively.

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

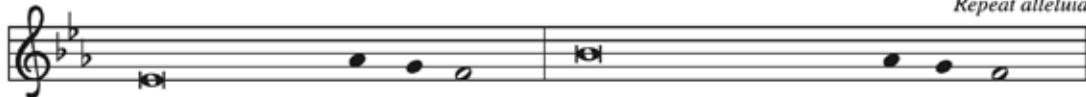
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**** Gospel Acclamation**



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

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**** Gospel**

Mark 10:35-45

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

**** Gospel Acclamation**

Please see above.

Sermon

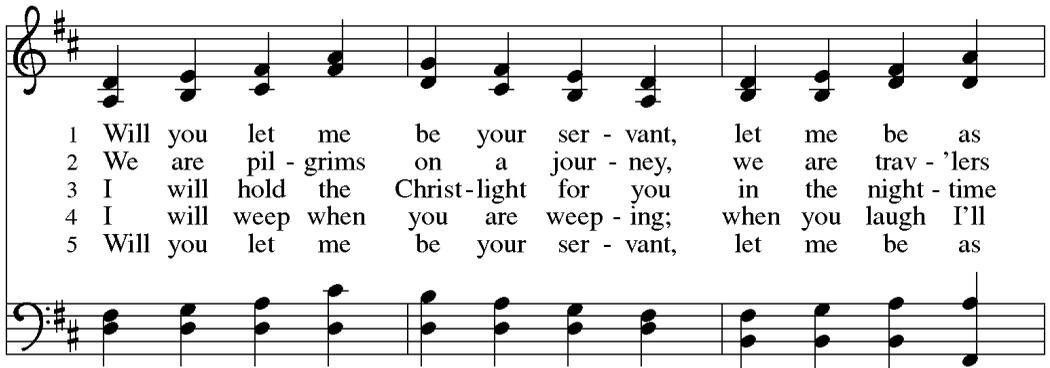
The Rev. Melissa Lemons

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Hymn of the Day

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW 659



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

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**** Apostles' Creed**

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

**** Prayers of the People**

Each portion of the prayer ends with:

Response: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Meal

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

Offering Song

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.

**** Offering Prayer**

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

**** 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**

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** 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.

** Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore his salutary command...now and forever.

Amen.

** Lord's Prayer

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

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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

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 Lemons 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

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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.**

Announcements

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Sending

We are sent into the world to serve.

** Blessing

Sending Hymn

To Be Your Presence

ELW 551



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

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*Chancel flowers are given by Bob & Sue Linderman
in loving memory of Bob's mother, Martha Adams*

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

Pastor:

The Rev. Melissa Lemons

Cantor:

Dr. Oksana Glouchko

Soloist:

Thomas Austin

Assisting Minister/Lector:

Michael Farthing

Ushers:

Bob Linderman and John Gordon

Altar Guild:

Sally Dudderar

Camera:

John Rodammer

PowerPoint:

Mike Lehm

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GOOD BOOKS, GOOD TIMES, AND GOOD COMPANY

ST. STEPHEN'S

BOOK CLUB

Thursday | 2 PM
October 21

Via Zoom and In-Person
in the Chapel

THE EXILE
BY CHRISTA BAKER KLINE



