



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 27, 2021 • 9 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 makes us one.

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

We are not yet singing as a congregation, but you are welcome to hum and/or meditate on the text of the hymns.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome

**** 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....the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God:...you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

** Gathering Song

All Are Welcome

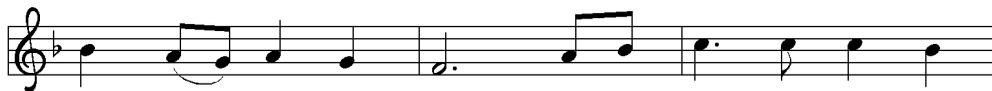
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

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



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

** 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.

** Song of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,

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we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



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high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



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



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



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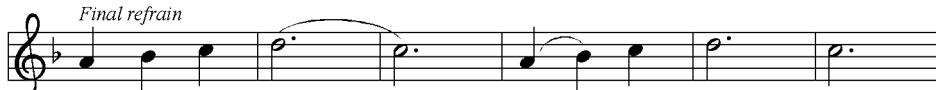
3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



Final refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

**** Prayer of the Day**

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

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading

Lamentations 3:22-33

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm

Psalm 30

The psalm is read responsively.

- ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- ²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**
- ³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- ⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**
- ⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- ⁶**While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**
- ⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- ⁸**I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**
- ⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- ¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."**
- ¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
- ¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

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Thanks be to God.

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**** 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.

**** Gospel**

Mark 5:21-43

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. Jason Churchill

Hymn of the Day

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

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1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

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Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

**** Apostles' Creed**

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

**** Prayers of the People**

Each portion of the prayer ends with either:

Responses: Bless we the Lord.
Hear us, O God.

Thanks be to 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**

The pastor will prepare the table for communion - if you did not leave your offering at the registration table - please signal an usher so they may take it with the offering plate to the chancel. If you are joining online - you are invited to visit our website to make an online gift to the mission of St. Stephen's.

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

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**** Offering Prayer**

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

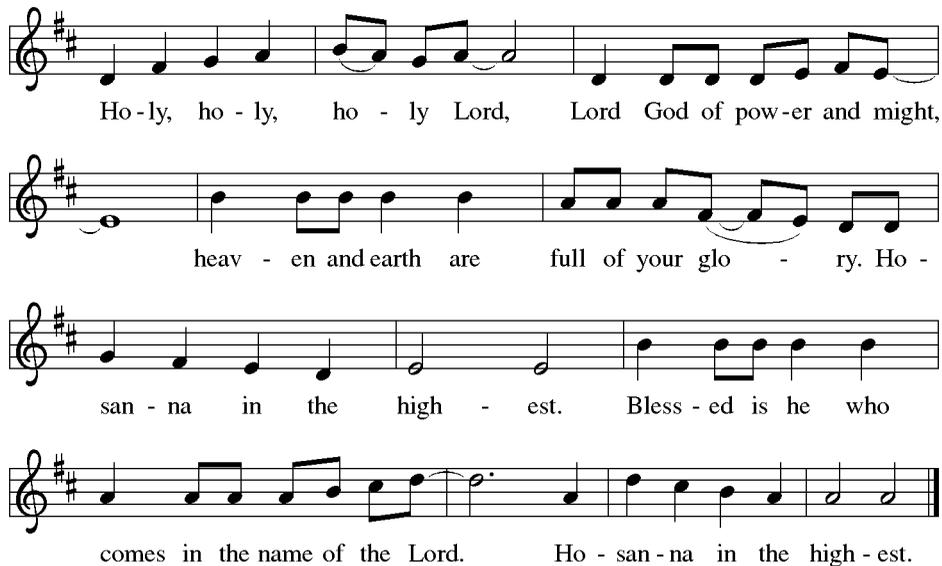
**** Dialogue**

Please see the slides for the responses.

**** Preface**

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**** Holy, Holy, Holy**



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

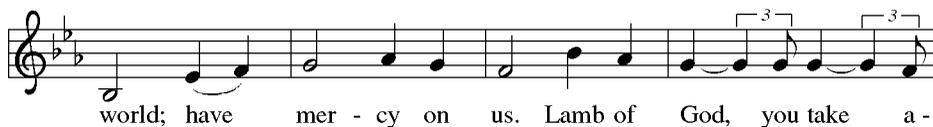
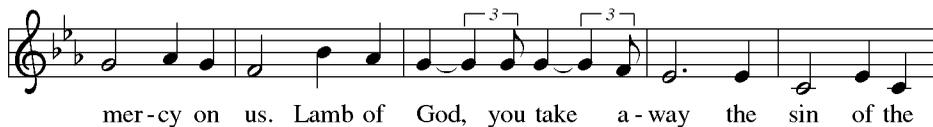
**** Thanksgiving at the Table**

**** Lord's Prayer**

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

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Lamb of God



Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn

The ushers will invite the assembly from the front row to the back row to come to the chancel to receive communion packets from the pastor via the central aisle. Once you receive your communion, please use the side aisles to return to your pew. We will all take communion together. Please be sure to discard your cups in the trash bin on your way out of church. Please do not leave used communion cups in the pews or pew racks.

Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

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

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Sending

We are sent into the world to serve.

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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

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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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