

# St Stephen

Evangelical Lutheran Church



Encouraging and  
strengthening faith in Jesus,  
and sharing the joy of God's love.

August 16th, 2015

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

Pastor Pedro Suarez

# WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## —WE GATHER—

### INTRODUCTION

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you are able*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



P: God and Father of all,

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.**

**We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, + you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

**C: Amen.**



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

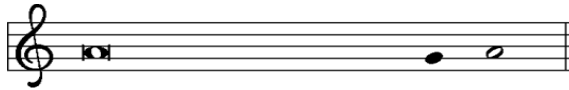
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**THE GREETING**

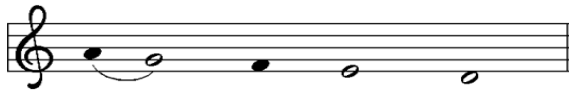
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

# KYRIE (Sung)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



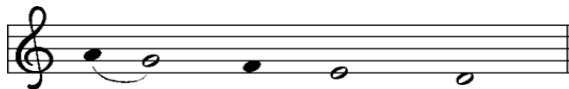
Lord, have mer - cy.



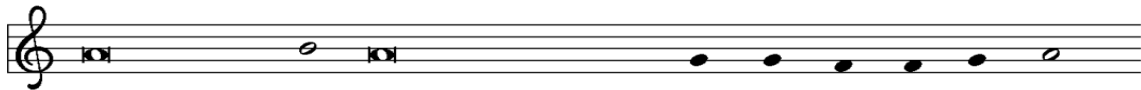
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

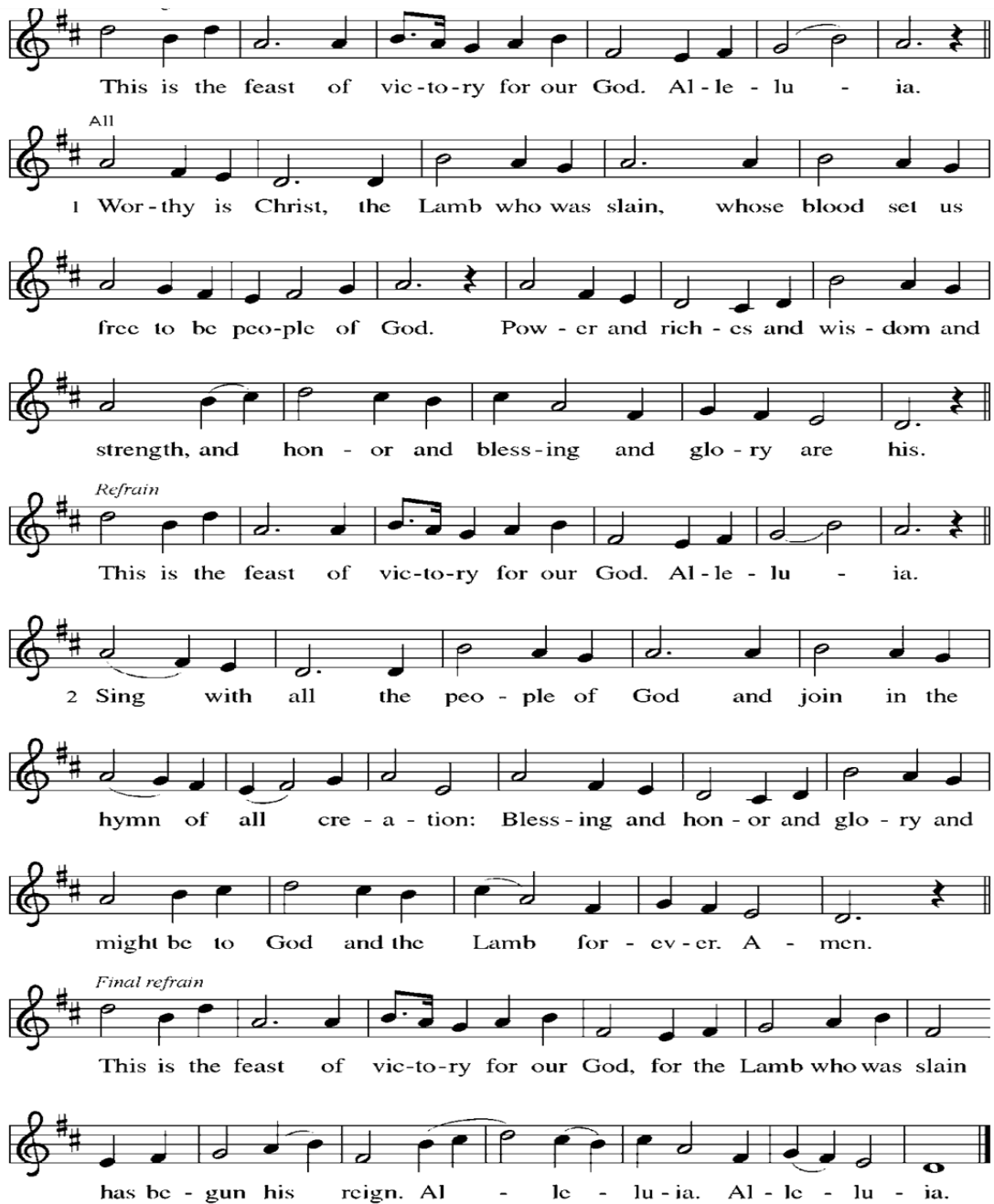
Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast..."



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

*All*  
1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and  
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

**C: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN**

## Children's Message

—WE HEAR GOD’S WORD—

**FIRST READING:**

**Proverbs 9:1-6**

*Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom’s food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom’s banquet is the way to life.*

<sup>9</sup>Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. <sup>2</sup> She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup> She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, <sup>4</sup> “You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says, <sup>5</sup> “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup> Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM (ELW) 34:9-14**

Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. (*Ps. 34:10*)

<sup>9</sup> Fear the LORD, you saints of the Lord,  
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup> **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

<sup>11</sup> Come, children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> **Who among you takes pleasure in life  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

<sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil,  
and your lips from lying words.

<sup>14</sup> **Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.**

**SECOND READING:**

**Ephesians 5:15-20**

*True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Please Rise for the Gospel Acclamation.

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia ”

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

### **GOSPEL:**

**John 6:51-58**

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of Holy Communion.*

[Jesus said,]<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"<sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.<sup>54</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;<sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.<sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.<sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.<sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

You may be seated.

### **SERMON**

—WE RESPOND—

P: Please stand as you are able for the Sermon Song

*Refrain - All*

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*Leader or All*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . me.  
 3 Wor - ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
 To - geth - er let us all . . . . praise God's name.  
 You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;  
 I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;  
 Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

*Refrain*

for God has been so good to me.  
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.  
 in God we need put all our trust.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*After each petition of the prayer is said:*

**A:** Lord, in your mercy,                      **C: Hear our prayer.**

**P:** Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us share with one another the peace of the Lord.



# ~WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE~

## OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW # 712

(First verse only)



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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## OFFERING PRAYER

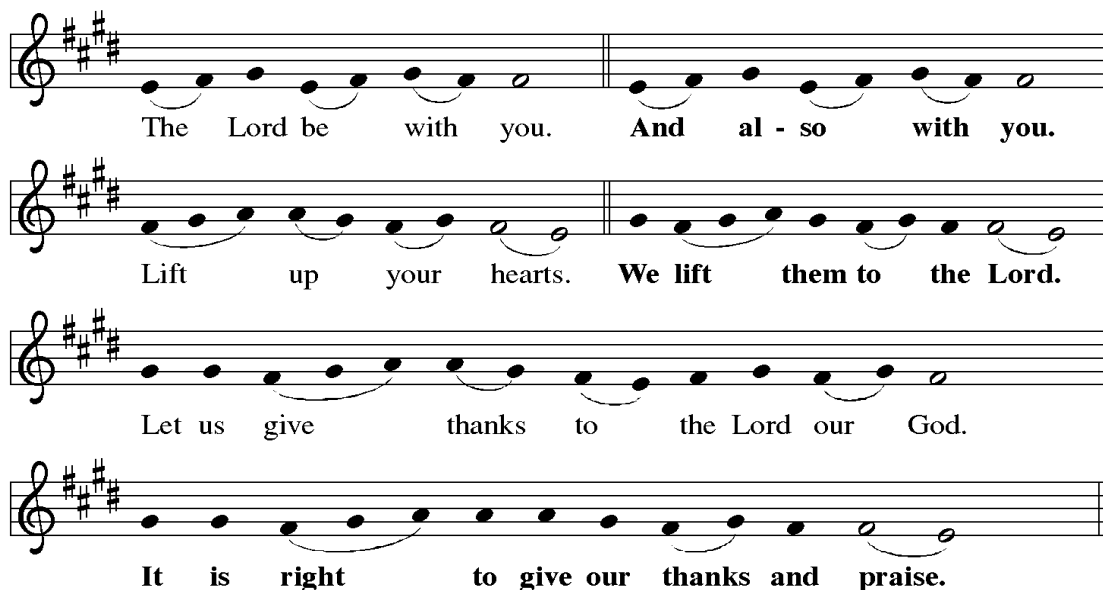
A: Let us pray,

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**Amen.**

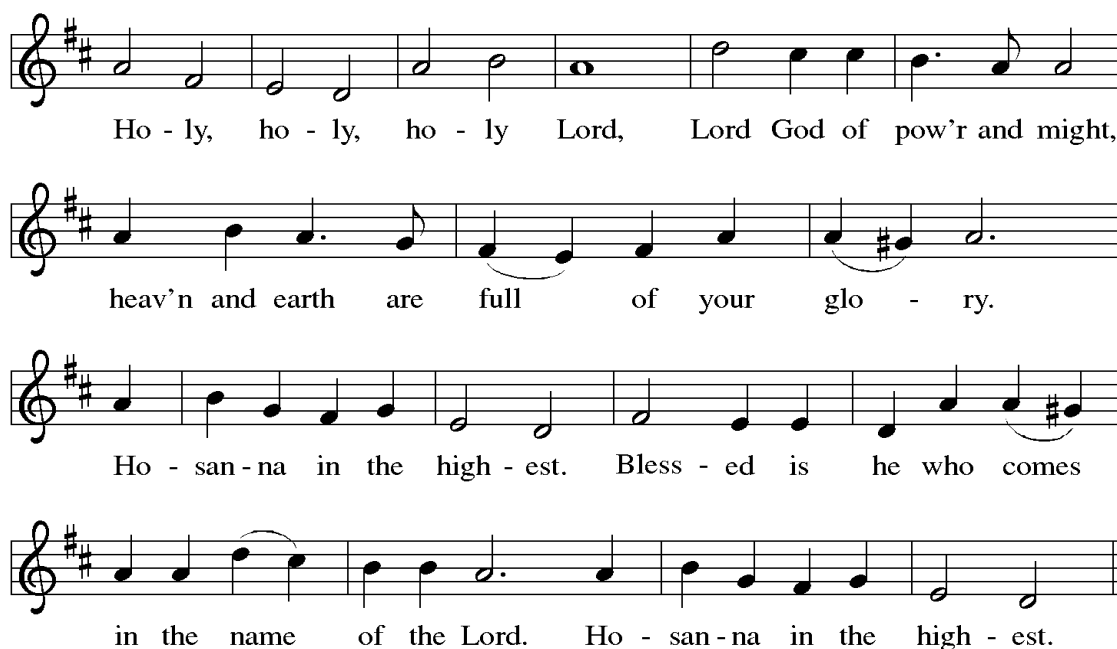
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Dialogue (Sung)



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

P: And now, we come to You in prayer, as our Savior Jesus has taught us:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Invitation of Communion**

Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Abide in me as I abide in you."

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*We believe Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine by his Word of Promise. All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of God's forgiving love, strengthening faith, and grace-filled hope. Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a blessing (please cross your arms on your chest if you desire a blessing).*

## **Reception of Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*Communion distribution is continuous. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the bread in your hands as you hear the words "The body of Christ, given for you" to which you may respond, "Amen." You may then dip the bread into the cup as you hear the words "The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond, "Amen." Please note that the communion wine is alcohol-free.*



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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### *Instrumental Music*

*Cesar Vidaud*

P: Please stand as you are able.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray,

Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**~WE ARE SENT FORTH~**

### Benediction

P: Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,  
 2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found  
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,  
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night  
 5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise;



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,  
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,  
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,  
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?  
 let all re - joice who have a voice to raise;



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found  
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue:  
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:  
 and may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## DISMISSAL

**A:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**In our prayers** today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Cynthia Langbauer. Also, prayers for: Mary S. Bailey, Roy Kaptain, Wayne Lauterberg, Jimmy Fennelli, Bob & Jane Reinhold and Larry and Beverly Sheehan, friends of family, Barbara W., Peggy S. and Chico E., Denise I., George F.

**Prayers for Friends of the Church:** Adam Rubino, Berna, Braemen Weiner, Chandler Weiner, Debbie Fiore, Debbie Seckel, Elaine Brustad, Elizabeth Kraus, Harry Danforth, Hazel Quire, Juan Tavarez, Lee Rassis, Kenneth Smith, Mary Taylor, Norma Duckworth, Cynthia, Jimmy Bright, Tim Tyler, Linda Mendelson, Richard H. Antonio Celis, the family of John Baker and the families of his other four teenage friends.

*We are always updating our prayer list. If you would like your name added or removed, please notify Pat Belanger or the office.*

**Flowers sponsored this week by:** Kelly Jacobson in memory of her father Dr. Milton Jacobson.

# Announcements

**MID-WEEK RECHARGE WITH PRAISE AND PRAYER:** Join us for mid-week recharge of Praise and Prayer every Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. We have the same praise and prayer in Spanish on Wednesdays at 7pm. Please invite your Spanish speaking friends.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** We need more people to donate in order to have enough flowers each Sunday at the altar for our worship. Please check with Rosie Fennelli, or Pastor Suarez.

**CHANGE FOR CHANGE:** You will notice as you exit that there is a large box with the words *Change for Change*. This is an effort to collect funds for our local benevolence. Please give freely.

**CHRISTMAS FIGURINES:** We ask you, our community, to please adopt one of the Christmas figurines we used to decorate the street side of the church on Christmas time. The figurines (4 feet approx.) colors within the time have faded, they need repaint. If you would like to help please let us know. Your generosity will make a real difference for St. Stephen this year. Thank you!

**LATINO WORSHIP TO BEGIN:** We are targeting for September 6, 2015 to be the start date of a Latino Worship here at St. Stephen. We are contemplating to go back to 2 services as usual in English in the Fall, one at 9:00 and another one at 10:15 in the morning, then adding the Latino Worship at 12:30 pm. This gives us a chance for some kind of Christian Education in between the three services as needed. If you have any comments about these plans, please do not hesitate contacting Rosie Fennelli or Pastor Pedro.

**FUNERAL SERVICE:** Next Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 10 am here at church, we will be celebrating the life of **Wayne Lauterberg**, a faithful and longtime member of St. Stephen. We pray for comfort for the Lauterberg family and especially to his dear wife Dolores.

## Service Assistants for August

<b>Time Change 9:30 AM</b>	<u>August 16</u>	<u>August 23</u>	<u>August 30</u>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Carol Jacobson	Aura Suarez	Pat Belanger
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Pat Belanger	Pat Belanger	Maddie Kibler
<b>LECTOR</b>	Kevin Otterson	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson
<b>USHERS –Need 4 to Serve</b>	Barbara Nilles Lynda & Zac Smith TBA	Rick & Joanne Brustad Carol & Kelly Jacobson	Lynda & Zac Smith Lisa Castaneda
<b>Head Usher – Rosie Fennelli</b>	<b>Head Usher – Rosie Fenelli</b>	<b>Head Usher – Rosie Fennelli</b>	<b>Head Usher- Rosie Fennelli</b>
<b>GREETERS – Need 2 to serve</b>	Caroline Smith Kelly Jacobson	Edith Reichenbach Barbara Kaptain	Caroline Smith Rose Jones
<b>SOUND</b>	Sera Butz	Sera Butz	Eric Castaneda
<b>PROJECTION</b>	Eric Castaneda	Eric Castaneda	Larry Jones



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### Sunday Worship Schedule

Traditional Blend Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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