## St Stephen

Evangelical Lutheran Church



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

July 31, 2016

11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 & 10:15am

Rev. Pedro Suarez

#### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### —WE GATHER—

#### INTRODUCTION

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

#### **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: Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God:

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



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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.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### Children's Message

#### —WE HEAR GOD'S WORD—

#### FIRST READING:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

- <sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.
- <sup>18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 49:1-12

- <sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
- <sup>2</sup> both low and high, rich and poor together.
- <sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
- <sup>4</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.
- <sup>5</sup> Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
- <sup>6</sup> those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?
- <sup>7</sup> Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it.
- <sup>8</sup> For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice,
- <sup>9</sup> that one should live on forever and never see the grave.

- <sup>10</sup> When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.
- <sup>11</sup> Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.
- <sup>12</sup> Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

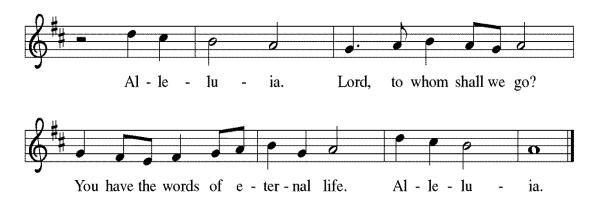
<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

#### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia"



P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

P: You may be seated.

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#### —WE RESPOND—

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

SERMON SONG: We Give Thee but Thine Own ELW #686



- 2 May we thy boun ties thus as stew ards true re ceive,
- 3 The cap-tive to re-lease, to God the lost to bring,
- 4 And we be lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850

#### APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

A: Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus 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.

#### ~WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE~

#### **OFFERING**

#### **MUSICAL OFFERING:**

#### Son of God, Eternal Savior

**ELW #655** 

(verses 1 and 2 only)



- God, e ter nal Sav ior, source of life and Son truth and grace,
- you, Lord, have lived for oth ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
- Come, O Christ, and reign a mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
- God, e ter nal Sav ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race, have your gifts been grant-ed; free-ly may your ser - vants give. hush the storm of strife and pas-sion, bid its cru-el dis - cords cease. Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



our head, who, throned in glo-ry, for your own will ev - er plead: you the gold and yours the sil-ver, yours the wealth of land sea; your pa-tient years of toil-ing, by your si-lent hours of pain, your will-ing that your peo-ple should be bv your pray-ing, by one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need. your boun-ty held in but stew-ards of sol - emn trust will be. quench our fe-vered thirst of plea-sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain. oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

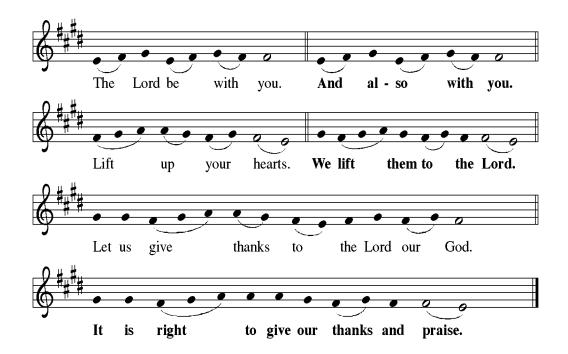
#### OFFERING PRAYER

A: 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.

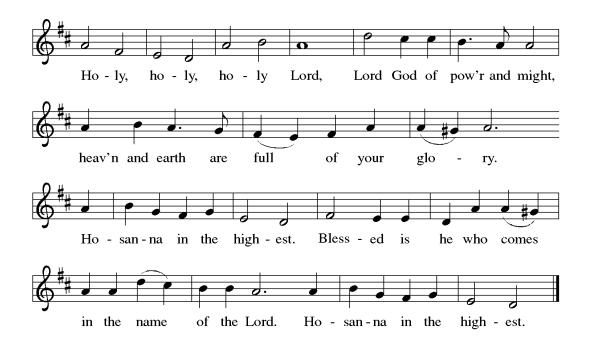
Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### Dialogue (Sung)



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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

#### Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.** 

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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**

P: Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.

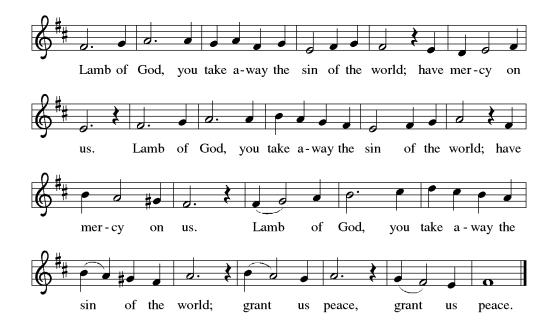
We believe Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine by his Word of Promise. All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of God's forgiving love, strengthening faith, and grace-filled hope. Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a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

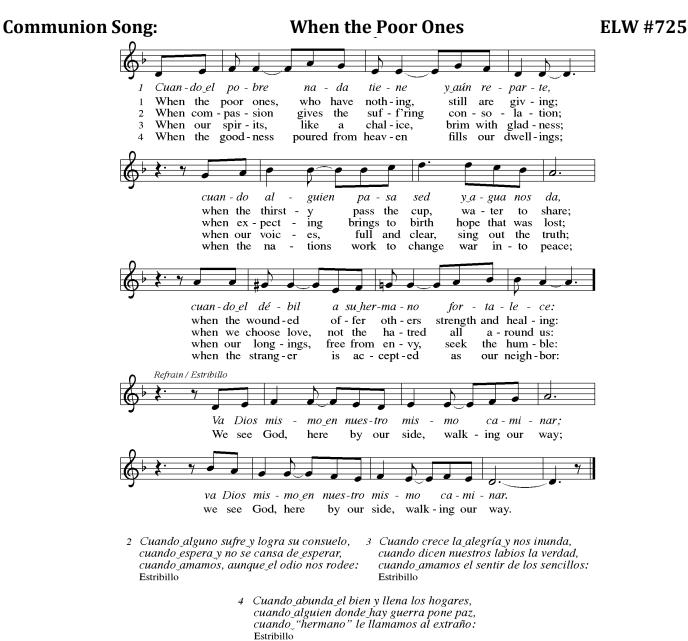
#### **Reception of Communion**

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. Please indicate if you need gluten-free elements.

#### "LAMB OF GOD"





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Music: EL CAMINO, Miguel Manzano, b. 1934
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#### **Instrumental Music**

Cesar Vidaud

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### ~WE ARE SENT FORTH~

#### **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's faces shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ⊕ give you peace. **Amen.** 



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#### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

#### 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. We also need to pray for, Mildred Grady, Kathy Runk, Marie Koach, Roy Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, Larry and Beverly Sheehan, Chico E., Paul Hanzlik, and C.C.

**Prayers for Friends of the Church**: Eli, Julian, Teo, Elia, Joyce Brelsford, Dennis VanCour, Lucille Capece, Marty Shram, Lexie Sachlis, George F., David Spall, Joan Coletti, Isolina Quintana, Adam Rubino, Berna, Braemen Weiner, Chandler Weiner, Debbie Seckel, Elaine Brustad, Elizabeth Kraus, Hazel Quire, Juan Tavarez, Kenneth Smith, Mary Taylor, Norma Duckworth, Cynthia, Tim Tyler, Richard H., Laurie Engelhardt, and Lemmuel Knowles Sr.

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

### **Announcements**

**BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT:** On Saturday, August 13 from 2:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. at the Fellowship Hall with blessing of the backpacks, games, food, music and more! Also, the Socializing Team will have the popular "**ICE CREAM SOCIAL"** combined with this event ©!! This is a great chance for parents to come with their children and have family fun. School supplies donations needed to fill backpacks.

**IF YOU NEED PASTORAL CARE:** Perhaps you get ill and have missed worship, then please let someone contact our church office so that we know. We would be more than happy to visit you if you wish. Either the pastor or someone would go as soon as possible. Holy Communion is available for those special circumstances. With so many snowbirds in our congregation it is easy to lose track. Perhaps you would like to be part of a caring team, if so let us know as well!

**FAMILY & FRIENDS NIGHT:** This is a chance for faith formation on THURSDAYS at 5:30 p.m.! We have light food & fellowship, followed by different faith learning opportunities for all ages. This is followed by a time of singing and prayer, all in the Fellowship Hall. Join us!

**JOIN THE "SUMMER CHOIR!** A small group will be forming a "summer choir" to sing once a month--the first Sunday of each month: now July 3 and August 7. There will be a rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. on the Thursday evening before each of these dates. Do you like to sing? Come join us. Got questions? See our Music Director, Cesar Vidaud.

**9:00 A.M. LITURGICAL WORSHIP**: Our 9:00 am service during summer is also a regular liturgical service, since our Faith Formation is on Thursdays. **The 10:15 a.m. worship remains the same**.

Service Assistants for today and next week

10:15 AM	<u>July 31</u>	<u>August 7</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Aura Suarez	Pat Belanger
ACOLYTE	Pat Belanger	Katie Paff
LECTOR	Sera Butz	Carol Jacobson
USHERS -Need 4 to Serve	Jim Fennelli Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Rosie Fennelli	Suzanne Loggins Barbara Kaptain Lisa Castaneda
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Ruth Wagle Caroline Smith	Caroline Smith Barbara Kaptain
SOUND	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz
PROJECTION	Eric Castaneda	Dennis Magarrell



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#### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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