



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship Service

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WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Improvisation on "We All Are One in Mission"

arr. Ben D.

Welcome

Singing Bowl

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

\* 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,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Faithful God,  
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

**Amen.**

## WE GIVE OUR PRAISE

### \* Hymn

### “We All Are One in Mission”

ELW #808 vs. 1, 2

We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.

Now let us be united,  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.

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### \* Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord have mercy.**  
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
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 mercy.**  
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise.  
Let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen.**

### \* Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts.  
**Created by you, let us live in your image;**  
**created for you, let us act for your glory;**  
**redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Sermon

Pastor Tim

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \* Prayers of Intercession

*Petition response* Leader: ... Lord in your mercy,

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**  
**Lord, send your Spirit in this place;**  
**Lord, listen to your children praying**  
**send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

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\* **Lord's Prayer**

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.

**WE GO INTO THE WORLD**

\* **Blessing**

Mothering God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

**Hymn**

**"All Are Welcome"**

**#641 vs. 1, 3**

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*Refrain*

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

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\* **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\* **Postlude**

**Celebration of "Build Us Up, Lord"**

**Ben D.**



## Jesus said ...

*"My Father's House shall be a house of prayer."*

Please include the following people in your prayers this week: **Ann, Dorothy, Sara, Dorrie, Helen, Kay, Bernice, Betty, Steve, Ann, Becca.**

**Each week** different families will be included in special prayers. Please hold in your prayers: **Arnold and Gayle, Mark and Marsha, Richard and JoAnn, Tim and Barb, LaMoyne and Carole.**

**Each week** different missions that St. Stephen's support through our Sunday offerings are included in our prayers. This week we offer prayers for **Loaves & Fishes**, a nonprofit organization serving free, nutritious meals to those in need. They are guided by their vision that all people, regardless of socioeconomic, cultural or ethnic background, deserve to meet their basic needs for food, dignity and respect.

**We** also offer prayers for our **brothers and sisters in Christ in the villages of Iwonde and Ihimbo, Tanzania.**

**We** pray for **residents and staff of group homes and care facilities, and all healthcare workers.**

**We** pray also for those away from home serving in the military: **Ben, Nick, Jett, Jeremy, Matthew, Sam, Troy, Tricia, Adam, Nick, Peter D. J., Christopher, Gene, Sam, Andrew.** (Please help us keep our military member listing up to date. Thank you.)

*St. Stephen's invites you to add your prayer requests to our daily prayers. We hope that this list is placed inside everyone's Bible or devotional material. All prayer requests will be listed for three weeks. Please contact the church office if additional time is needed.*



## Today's Altar Flowers

*In memory of loved ones that have passed before us.*

Given by: Jim and Patrice Katzenmaier

## Leaders in Today's Service

Pastor ..... The Rev. Tim Thompson, Ph.D  
Director of Worship Arts ..... Ben D.  
Audio Visual Ministry ..... Keith Gregory



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