



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.*

\* Children's Sermon

Pastor John

\* Baptism

ELW Pages 227-231

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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\* Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.  
And also with you.

## \* Kyrie

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.

## \* Hymn of Praise

## "This is the Feast"

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## \* 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

Hymn

## "Build Us Up, Lord"

ELW #670

(Theme Hymn - Pastor Tim's Sermon Series)

**Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in us a strong foundation.  
Lead us to do your holy will; form and shape your new creation.  
Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we guide and teach each other,  
help us to share your love with the world: ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.**

*Refrain*

**Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;  
we follow in faith what's begun!  
Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word  
to spread the news of your Son!**

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**\* 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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**\* Sharing the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
*We invite you to share the peace with those with you  
and with us with "thumbs up" or comments on our Facebook page.  
Text someone you care about.*

**Offering** [Invitation to support ongoing ministries of St. Stephen's]

**\* Offertory Response**

**"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**

**ELW #184**

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

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**\* Words of Institution**

**\* 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.**

**\* Invitation to Communion**

Come to the banquet table  
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

**Communion is Received**

**ELW Page 112**

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

\* **Prayer after Communion**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**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

Presiding Pastor..... The Rev. Dr. John Snider  
Preaching Pastor..... The Rev. Tim Thompson, Ph.D  
Director of Worship Arts ..... Ben D.  
Children's Sermon ..... Pastor John  
Audio Visual Ministry .....Keith Gregory, Norm Goetzke, Jan Perkins  
Prayer Chain..... Rachel Circle, Mary Circle, Kathy Ericson, Abby Vavra



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