

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service



WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Reflection on "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

arr. Bryon Dockter

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,
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

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

ELW #808 vs. 1, 2

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

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* Prayer of the Day

Beloved God,
from you come all things that are good.
Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit
to know those things that are right,
and by your merciful guidance,
help us to do them, 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.**

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” ELW 752
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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

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

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On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore. *Refrain*

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* Dismissal

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

* Postlude

Celebration of “On Our Way Rejoicing”

Bryon Dockter



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.**

Each week different families will be included in special prayers. Please hold in your prayers: **Troy, Nicole, Gabriella, Bennito and Samuel; Bryan, Christine and Chloe; Ed and Toni; Lori; Mike, Charlene, Trevor, Shae and Seringa.**

Each week different missions that St. Stephen's support through our Sunday offerings are included in our prayers. This week we offer prayers for **Feed My Starving Children**. Founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. FMSC's mission is feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.

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.

Our condolences to the Family and friends of Georgia Adkins.

Georgia passed away Monday, September 28. A celebration of Georgia's life will be held at St Stephen's on **Friday, October 16 at 11am.**

Our condolences to **Norm and Paula Goetzke on the death of Paula's son Jim Murphy.**

A celebration of Jim's life was held at St. Stephen's on Thursday, October 1.

A celebration of the life of **Mark Jensen**, who passed away on June 24, 2020, will be held at St. Stephen's on **Wednesday, October 7 at 11am.** COVID protocols will be followed—*mask wearing and social distancing. Attendance capacity limited.*

May God's promise of peace that passes all understanding
bring comfort to all.



Today's Altar Flowers

*In Honor of our 35th Wedding Anniversary
... to marriages everywhere!*

Given by: Tracy and Gary Westman

Leaders in Today's Service

Presiding Pastor The Rev. Dr. John Snider
Preaching Pastor..... The Rev. Tim Thompson, Ph.D
Organist/Pianist Bryon Dockter
Song Leader Deborah Ellis
Audio Visual Ministry..... Keith Gregory
Prayer ChainRachel Circle, Mary Circle, Kathy Ericson, Abby Vavra



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