



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
Worship Service with Holy Communion  
Sunday, June 20, 2021 ■ 9:30 a.m.

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
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WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Improvisation on "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

## WE GIVE OUR PRAISE

### Hymn

### “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

ELW #756 vs. 1, 2

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep,  
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

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### Greeting

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

### Kyrie

ELW Page 184

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord  
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord  
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord  
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord  
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

### Hymn of Praise

### “This is the Feast”

ELW Page 187

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. 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 vict'ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

O God of creation, eternal majesty,  
you preside over land and sea,  
sunshine and storm.  
By your strength pilot us,  
by your power preserve us,  
by your wisdom instruct us,  
and by your hand protect us,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

#### **First Reading**

#### **2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!  
<sup>3</sup> We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup> truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.  
<sup>11</sup> We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup> There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup> In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

#### **Reading from the Psalms**

#### **Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32**

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.  
Some went down to the sea in ships,  
doing business on the mighty waters;  
they saw the deeds of the LORD,  
his wondrous works in the deep.  
For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,  
which lifted up the waves of the sea.  
They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;  
their courage melted away in their calamity;  
they reeled and staggered like drunkards,  
and were at their wits' end.  
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he brought them out from their distress;  
he made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Then they were glad because they had quiet,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.  
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.  
Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God**

**\* Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW Page 188**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark,  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

**\* Gospel**

**Mark 4:35-41**

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." 36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. 37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" 39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. 40 He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" 41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Tim**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn**

**"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"**

**ELW #755 vs. 1, 3**

**Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
over life's tempestuous sea;  
unknown waves before me roll,  
hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;  
chart and compass come from thee.  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

**When at last I near the shore,  
and the fearful breakers roar  
twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
then, while leaning on thy breast,  
may I hear thee say to me:  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."**

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**Baptism: Maverick Steven Delfiaco [Video: May 28, 2021]**

**\* Prayers of Intercession**

*Petition response* Leader: ... Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**\* Sharing the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

## Discerning God's Call—Vision Reflection

Jesus gave up his whole life for God's vision. What could St. Stephen's be called to give up for the sake of God's vision among us?

### Offertory Response

**"Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock"**

**ELW #862 vs. 1 (twice)**

Praise, praise! You are my rock.  
The wind, the waves are high.  
You hold me when the waves are strong.  
You hold me lest I die, I die.  
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

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### Offertory Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.  
Amen.

### 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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

#### Communion is Received

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

Amen.

#### Communion Hymn

**"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

**ELW #773 vs. 1, 3**

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
Strengthens you and keeps you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

**WE GO INTO THE WORLD**

**Blessing**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us,  
and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn**

**“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”**

**ELW #763 vs. 1, 2**

**My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.**

*Refrain*

**No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain***

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**\* Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\* Postlude**

**Improvisation on “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”**

**Ben D.**



<b>Leaders in Today's Service</b>	
Pastor .....	The Rev. Tim Thompson, Ph.D
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Director of Worship .....	Bryon Dockter
Choir and Music Leader .....	Ben D.
Lectors .....	Jessica Donahue, Jim Packer
Communications and Media Coordinator .....	Garrett Masters
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Prayer Chain .....	Rachel Circle, Mary Circle, Kathy Ericson, Abby Vavra
Altar Guild .....	Mary Jo Martinek, Lori Ritt
Outdoor Street Sign.....	Jerry Thoreson

## Jesus said ...

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

Please include the following people in your prayers this week: **Barbara, Susan, Laura, Marlene, Florence and Family.**

*Each week* different families will be included in special prayers. Please hold in your prayers: **Donna, Gerald, Shirley, Gerald and Rebecca, Jamie, Jane and Betsy.**

*Each week* different missions that St. Stephen's support through our Sunday offerings this week we offer prayers for the **Union Gospel Mission of the Twin Cities**, a Christian ministry dedicated to serving people who are struggling with homelessness, poverty, and addiction in our community. The Gospel Mission is helping men, women, and children rebuild their lives—physically, emotionally, spiritually and educationally.

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

*We* pray also for those away from home serving in the military: **Tim, Ben, Nick, Jeremy, Matthew, Zachary, Sam, Troy, Tricia, Adam, Nick, Peter D. J., Christopher, Gene, Sam, Andrew, Lindsey.** (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 Gratitude to God, for All Our Blessings!  
Given by Alan and Karen Sipinen

Today we welcome into the body of Christ through baptism  
**Maverick Steven Delfiaccio**, son of **Alex and Abbigial Delfiaccio**

May we all be reminded of God's grace in our own baptism.  
Thanks be to God!

**We offer our deepest and most sincere condolences** to the **Family and friends of Steve Morganson** who passed away Thursday, June 17. As of the printing of this bulletin, funeral arrangements are pending.

**In the midst of their sorrow may all find comfort in  
God's promise of life everlasting.**



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