



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, June 6, 2021 ■ 9:30 a.m.

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Second Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service with Holy Communion



WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Reflection on "Lead Me, Guide Me"

Bryon Dockter

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

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

ELW #768 vs. 1, 2

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow’r
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O lord, lead me. *Refrain*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

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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**

All-powerful God,
**in Jesus Christ you turned death into life
and defeat into victory.
Increase our faith and trust in him,
that we may triumph over all evil
in the strength of the same Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Genesis 3:8-15

8 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." 14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

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

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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**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 3:19b-35

Then he went home; 20 and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. 21 When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." 22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." 23 And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. 27 But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 28 "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— 30 for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." 31 Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32 A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." 33 And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34 And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

Sermon

Pastor John

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn

"Build Us Up, Lord"

ELW #670 vs. 1

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!

Baptism: Jackson Ronald Dodes
Carter Mitchell Dodes

Hymn

"Build Us Up, Lord"

ELW #670 vs. 2

Build us up, Lord, build us up;
let our lives reflect your glory.
Cast away all our doubts and fears;
help us tell the world your story.
Build us up, Lord, build us up;
help us bear good fruit for you,
Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.
Grant us faith that's steadfast and true.

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!

*** 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]

Offertory Response

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

ELW #689 vs. 1, 2

**Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

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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** “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

ELW #617 vs. 1, 3

We come to you for healing, Lord,
of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch
we may again be whole.

You touch us through physicians' skills,
through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends
who lift our lives in prayer.

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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

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

ELW #860 vs. 1-3, 1

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

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* **Dismissal**

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



Leaders in Today's Service

Pastor.....	The Rev. Dr. John Snider
Lay Liturgist.....	Debbie Pirkl
Director of Worship.....	Bryon Dockter
Song Leaders.....	Deborah Ellis
Lectors.....	Sara Ruff, Abby Vavra
Communications and Media Coordinator.....	Garrett Masters
Audio Visual Ministry.....	Norm Goetzke, Jan Perkins
Prayer Chain.....	Rachel Circle, Mary Circle, Kathy Ericson, Abby Vavra
Altar Guild.....	Mary Jo Martinek, Lori Ritt
Outdoor Street Sign.....	Jerry Thoreson



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Stop by the church and add your name to the flower chart outside Fellowship Hall
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 Cost for two bouquets is \$29.50
 Thank you!

Jesus said ...

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

Please include the following people in your prayers this week: **Barbara, Delores, Laura, Marlene.**

Each week different families will be included in special prayers. Please hold in your prayers: **Bruce and Linda, Betty, Merwin, Edward and Sally, Steve, Paula and Kala.**

Each week different missions that St. Stephen's support through our Sunday offerings this week we offer prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ sharing the Good News in our community and beyond through the ministries of **Luther Seminary.**

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: **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.

We offer our deepest and most sincere condolences to:

Jim Katzenmaier and Family on the recent death of his brother, Bill.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held here at St. Stephen's on Friday, June 11 at 11am with visitation one hour prior to the service.

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



Today we welcome into the body of Christ through baptism
Jackson Ronald Dodes and Carter Mitchell Dodes
sons of **Jason Dodes and Genelle Kirk.**

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



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