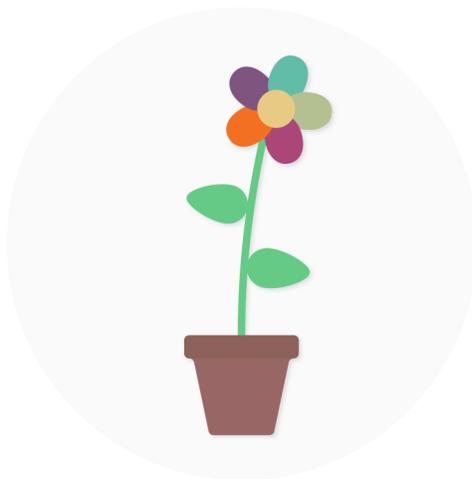


# Living a Life of Joy

the book of Philippians: July 18-August 8, 2021



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St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
Worship Service with Communion  
Worship August 8, 2021 ■ 9:30 a.m.

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship Service with Holy Communion

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WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Improvisation on "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Gerrit Lamain

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

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

ELW #400 vs. 1, 3

God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,  
there with Christ to bear the cross!

God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder,  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;  
make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!

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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 vs. 3, 4

**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

Gracious God,  
your blessed Son came down from heaven  
to be the true bread that gives life to the world.  
Give us this bread always,  
that he may live in us and we in him,  
and that, strengthened by this food,  
we may live as his body in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Reading

Philippians 4:1-23

1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. 10 I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. 11 Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. 12 I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me. 14 In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. 15 You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. 16 For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. 18 I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. 21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The friends who are with me greet you. 22 All the saints greet you, especially those of the emperor's household. 23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

### Sermon

Pastor Tim

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Hymn

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

ELW #449 vs. 1

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Hallelujah!

Baptism: Jack Lloyd Paton

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### Hymn

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

ELW#449 vs. 3, 4

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.  
Hallelujah!

**A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing:  
Hallelujah!**

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

**ELW #862 vs. 1, 2**

**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.**

**Praise, praise! You are my rock.  
My desert sand is dry.  
You break the rock, a river flows.  
You hear me when I cry, I cry.  
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.*

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**

#### **“Be Thou My Vision”**

**ELW #793 vs. 1, 2, 4**

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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#### **\* Dismissal**

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

#### **\* Postlude**

**Festive Improvisation on “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

**Gerrit Lamain**



**Jesus said ...**

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

Please include the following people in your prayers this week: **Laura, Leslie, Linda.**

**Each week** different families will be included in special prayers. Please hold in your prayers:  
**Gordon and Judy, Dolores, Carl and Oliver, Butch and Kathy, Steve and Jodi.**

**Each week** different missions that St. Stephen's support through our Sunday offerings. This week we offer prayers for **Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota** who expresses the love of Christ for all people through service that inspires hope, changes lives, and builds community.

**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., Donald, 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**

Flowers dedicated by **Dean and Shirley Eisfelder**  
in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary (8/7/71)



Today we welcome into the body of Christ  
through baptism

**Jack Lloyd Paton**  
son of **Ben and Abby Paton**  
grandson of **Dave and Sondra Paton**  
great-grandson of **Verna Pittman**

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

## Leaders in Today's Service

Presiding Pastor .....	The Rev. Dr. John Snider
Preaching Pastor .....	The Rev. Tim Thompson, Ph.D
Director of Worship.....	Bryon Dockter
Organist.....	Gerrit Lamain
Song Leaders .....	Hannah Ruikka, Philip Dahl, Debbie Pirkl
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Outdoor Street Sign .....	Jerry Thoreson



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