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St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Worship Service
Sunday, September 27, 2020 ■ 11:00 a.m.

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service



WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Reflection on "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

Ben Dyleuth

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 pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**
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, Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW #712 vs. 1, 4

Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

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* Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life,
you know our frailties and failings.
Give us your grace to overcome them,
keep us from those things that harm us,
and guide us in the way of salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

* Gospel Acclamation

“Ubi caritas et amor”

ELW #642

“Where True Charity and Love Abide”

**Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**

**Where true charity and love abide,
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.**

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

* Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"
24 Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 26 But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 28 "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he an-

swered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Sermon

Pastor John

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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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**Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.**

**With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

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*** Dismissal**

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

*** Postlude**

Celebration of "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Ben Dyleuth



Leaders in Today's Service

Pastor The Rev. Dr. John Snider
Lay Liturgist Debbie Pirkl
Director of Worship Arts Ben Dyleuth
Lectors Mark Rogosheske, Abby Vavra, Jenny Van Pelt
Children's Sermon John Anderson
Audio Visual Ministry Keith Gregory
Prayer Chain Rachel Circle, Mary Circle, Kathy Ericson, Abby Vavra

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: **Gregory and Bonnie Hawkins; Calvin Wachter; Cindy, Allen, Mario and Aurora Ricketts-Benjamin; Jon and Jerrilyn Mathisrud; Philip Dahl**

Each week different missions that St. Stephen's support through our Sunday offerings are included in our prayers. This week we offer prayers for **Lutheran Campus Ministry**. A ministry grounded in Christ, guided by the values of hospitality, service, justice, integrity and curiosity. Operating on university campuses throughout the country bringing together like minded individuals to share God's word.

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 Appenzeller, Nick Appenzeller, Jett DePalma; Jeremy Eittrheim, Matthew Eittrheim, Sam Gieser, Troy Hoban, Tricia Howe, Adam Kenny, Nick Lane, Peter D. J. McKenzie; Christopher Meyers, Gene Morton, Sam Paton, Andrew Reed.** (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 Georgia Adkins and family on the death of her son, John. John passed away on Monday, September 21.

Our condolences also to Norm and Paula Goetzke on the death of Paula's son, Jim Murphy. Jim passed away on Wednesday, September 23.

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



Today's Altar Flowers

In Honor of our 45th Wedding Anniversary

Given by: Sue and Kevin Clark



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