



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Worship Service
Sunday, September 6, 2020 ■ 11:00 a.m.

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service



WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Reflection on "The Church's One Foundation"

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 pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**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

"The Church's One Foundation"

ELW 654 vs. 1, 5

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

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* Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son,
who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.
Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience,
and give us strength to follow your commands,
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

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

ELW #656 vs. 1, 3, 4

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**

**We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.**

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*** Dismissal**

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

*** Postlude**

Celebration of “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

arr. Bryon Dockter



Leaders in Today’s Service

Pastor.....The Rev. Tim Thompson, Ph.D
Organist/Pianist.....Bryon Dockter
Song LeaderDeborah Ellis
Audio Visual MinistryKeith Gregory
Prayer ChainRachel 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, Lucille, Dorrie, Helen, Kay, Debbie, Bernice, Taylor and Ben, Schweitzer Family.

Each week different families will be included in special prayers. Please hold in your prayers:

Dottie, Craig, Joan, Steve, Blake and Corbin, Marjorie.

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: **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.



Today's Altar Flowers

In Loving Memory of Mary Kay Nelson

Given by: Ron Nelson

Our condolences to the Family and friends of Ruth Ann Stai who passed away Saturday, August 29. Due to COVID 19, her funeral service and burial will be immediate family only. Ruth Ann's Funeral service will be streamed live on our St Stephen's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/sslcwsp/live/> at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.** May God's promise of peace that passes all understanding bring hope and comfort to all.



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