

*Welcome to Worship
at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 11, 2023*

Gathering

PRELUDE: *Eucharistia, Meditation on a Medieval Plainsong "Kyrie"* by G. Winston Cassler

WELCOME & LIFE TOGETHER

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy... whose promise is sure.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess... Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

L: God is a cup of cold... name of + Jesus Christ

C: Amen.



1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
 3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
 sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
 we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re-ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
 a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
 what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Onstehuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933
 Music: KOMT NI MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenccklanck*, 1626
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GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children are invited forward for a special message. Children will not be on camera or audio for safety concerns.

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15—6:6

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 50:7-15

Congregation sings refrain and bold verses. Cantor sings unbold verses.

Refrain



Call up - on me in the day of trou - ble, says your God.

Verses

⁷“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear wit-¹ness against you; for I am¹ God, your God.

⁸**I do not accuse you because¹ of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are al-¹ways before me.**

⁹I will not accept a calf¹ from your stalls, nor goats¹ from your pens;

¹⁰**for all the wild animals of the for-¹est are mine, the cattle on a¹ thousand hills. Refrain**

¹¹I know every bird¹ of the mountains, and the creatures of the¹ fields are mine.

¹²**If I were hungry, I¹ would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all¹ that is in it.**

¹³Do you think I eat the¹ flesh of bulls, or drink the¹ blood of goats?

¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice¹ of thanksgiving and make good your vows to¹ the Most High.**

¹⁵Call upon me in the¹ day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall¹ honor me. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 142
Repeat alleluia



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Our hearts burn within us as you open to us the scriptures.

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*

ELW Hymn #610



- 1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
- 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition of the prayers ends with:

L: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

PEACE

Meal

OFFERING SOLO: *The Heavens Sing Praises*

Beethoven Arr. K. Lee Scott

Please stand as able.

OFFERTORY: *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

ELW Hymn #691

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957
Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune
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- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Each petition ends with:

L: Your mercy endures forever.

C: Your mercy endures forever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray the Lord's prayer in whatever language you are comfortable.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All are welcome to the table to receive the Lord's Supper. Grape juice and gluten-free options are available for those who desire them. Ushers will help guide you to the table. Come. All is ready.

COMMUNION SONG: *Be Known to Us*

ACS p. 40



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



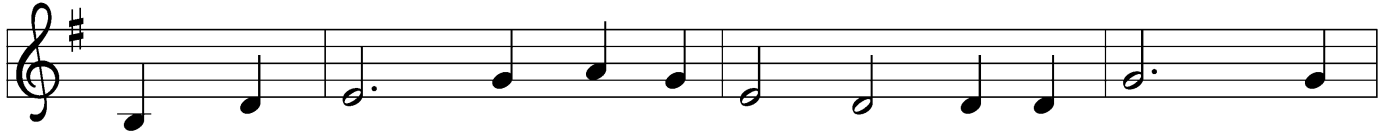
bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite

Music: O JESU, ÅN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569

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1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

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TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

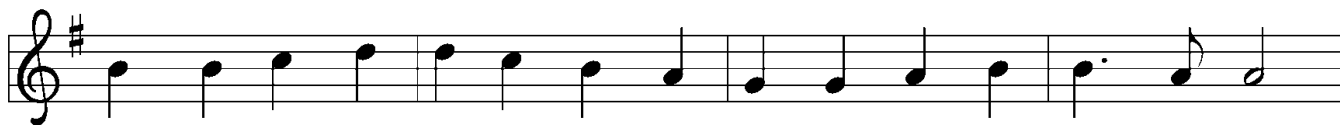
Sending

BLESSING

SENDING SONG:

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ACS Hymn #836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Cortège* by Gordon Young

Serving this morning:

Ushers: Cary Pierce, Bernie Knesting, Gary Pluff
Greeters: Sharon Eley, Lynn Celley
Deacons: Dale Scovill, Rolfe Nervig
Videographers: Stephen Redmann, Brent Ruffridge

Sacristan: Carla Schubert
Lector: Ken Koscik
Assisting Minister: Mary Nervig
Bread Baker: Carla Schubert

Preaching Today: Pastor Larry Henning

Organist: Terry Peterson

Terry is a retired ELCA pastor who began piano lessons at age 6 and organ at age 12. He taught 14 students during college years before attending seminary. During seminary years, Terry held two church organ positions and accompanied seminary chapel services and choir tours. Since retirement from parish ministry in 2007, he has been teaching private piano and has a studio of 30 students.

Altar Flowers given by Tom & Lynne Martin Erickson in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary.

Summer Fun Pontoon Ride

Saturday, June 24, 1-4 p.m.

The Worship and Arts Ministry Team is planning several fun summertime activities, and our first one is a Saturday afternoon boat ride on Madison lakes.

Take a pontoon ride with us on Saturday, June 24th, from 1-4. Cost is \$10 per person. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/pontoonride>. Trip is limited to 30 participants, and the "ticket fee" plus a liability waiver will be due June 18th. (Pontoon rides are facilitated by MSCR; for more information about the Madison Parks pontoon program visit <https://www.mschr.org/our-programs/outdoor/pontoon-programs>.)

Devotionals Available

The *Christ in our Homes* devotional for July, August, and September is available on the shelf below the Confirmation pictures. If you are unable to get to the church to pick one up, contact the office and we can mail one to you.



BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATION

"Birthdays are to be celebrated." So, we invite all members of St. Stephen's who had birthdays in April, May, and June to be our "special guests" during coffee fellowship on Sunday, June 25th. Everyone is welcome.

Building for Mission, the 2023 Capital Campaign

So far, our congregation has raised \$94,650 towards our goal of \$145,000! This brings us a long way toward caring for our building to grow our mission and care for our neighbors through a welcoming, properly maintained, multi-use building.

If you have already pledged, thank you for your support and generosity! If you haven't, please join us to help us reach this goal!

Ways to give: Pledge forms are available on the table outside the sanctuary, or call our office at 608-222-1241 or email office@ststephensmonona.org to receive more information. Or, you are welcome to scan the QR code found here that will direct you to a secure place to give online as a one-time gift or recurring, or go to our website and find the Building for Mission Campaign box at:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4NC/home>.



Together we can lean into God's hopeful future for us. Together we can be a church that our world urgently needs. Thank you for your help and generosity!