

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

5pm Saturday, 30 July & 10 am Sunday, 21 July 2024



Entrance Rites *The people stand as they are able.*

Opening Song: “*Gather Us In*”

G#743

Opening Acclamation:

Presider: Blessed be the Holy Trinity (+) One God, who forgives all our sins,

All: And whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Presider: Let us together pray the Collect for Purity

All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria—

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:**

**receive our prayer. For you alone
are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

The Collect of the Day:

Presider: The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Presider: Let us pray the Collect of the day *together*

All: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons: (Please be seated)

Lesson 1: A reading from Jeremiah (23:1-6):

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23:

**1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.**

**2 He makes me lie down in green
pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

**3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right
pathways for his Name's sake.**

**4 Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they
comfort me.**

**5 You spread a table before me in
the presence of those who
trouble me; *
you have anointed my head
with oil,
and my cup is running over.**

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my
life, *
and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord for ever.**

Lesson 2: A Reading from Ephesians (2:11-22):

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

The Gospel Lesson: *(Please stand as you are able)*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark (6:30-34, 53-56)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored

the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed: *(ELCA Version)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Leader: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray: O God, the creator and preserver of all, we pray for people in every kind of need; make your ways known on earth

People: your saving health among all nations.

Leader: We pray for the good state of the universal Church, praying especially today for:

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai in the Anglican cycle of prayer and for *Church of the Apostles, of Oro Valley* in the Diocesan cycle of prayer; and for the first peoples of this land, especially the Tohono O'odom and Apache peoples who call this area home. Guide and govern us by your good Spirit:

People: that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life.

Leader: We commend to your heavenly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or spirit; remembering _____ (pause as *people add their petitions aloud or silently*).

Comfort and relieve them in their need,

People: give them patience and endurance in their sufferings, and bring good out of all their afflictions.

Leader: We remember those who have gone before us in the peace of Christ, remembering _____ (*pause as people add names of those who have died*), and we give you praise for all your faithful ones,

People: with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints.

Leader: All this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

All Amen.

The Confession:

Deacon: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another:

All: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and have offended you in thought, word, and deed. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us and our hearts again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

Presider: By God's Grace you have been saved. In the name of Christ (+) your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may continue to live in your hearts through faith in his love. **Amen.**

The Peace:

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you always

All: and also with you.

Offertory

Presider: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory Song: "The king of Love my Shepherd is" #645

Doxology #380 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (vs. 3)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Holy Communion

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), prayer IX

Presider: The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

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

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider continues:

It is indeed right, and our worship and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

In fulfillment of your true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples to teach them and to lead them into all truth: uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of faith in Christ and giving to your church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing/saying:

Sanctus:

Journey Songs #189 Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the seas; within each cell; with every breath:

People: We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future:

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now:

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave you thanks in prayer saying: *“Blessed are You, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received this bread we offer you: fruit of the earth, and work of human hands, it will become for us the Bread of Life.”*

Blessed be God forever.

Then Jesus broke the bread and gave it to his followers saying: *“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you saying: *“Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received this wine that we offer You: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.”*

Blessed be God forever.

Then he gave the cup for all to drink saying: *“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit (+): in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, Holy God, through Jesus Christ, by your Spirit, in your church, world without end. Amen.

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray: *(Contemporary Version)*

**All: 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread *(The priest breaks the consecrated bread in silence)*
Fraction Anthem: Journey Songs #194 Lamb of God (insert below)



*Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, with a repeat sign at the beginning. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, with a first ending bracket labeled '1...' and a final ending bracket labeled 'Final'.

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in the one bread.

[All are invited to come forward to receive the bread (gluten free) and wine, or if you are not ready to receive the bread and wine, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead.]

Communion Music: *"There is a balm in Gilead"* #676

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers & Gratitudes

Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Let us pray

All: God of abundance, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through the gift of faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Benediction:

Presider: May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
 wherever He may send you.
 May He guide you through the wilderness,
 and protect you through the storm.
 May He bring you home rejoicing
 at the wonders He has shown you.
 And may He bring you home rejoicing
 once again into our doors.
 + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen

Recessional Hymn: *“Praise the Lord rise up rejoicing”* **#334**

Dismissal

Deacon: People of St. Stephen’s, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve!

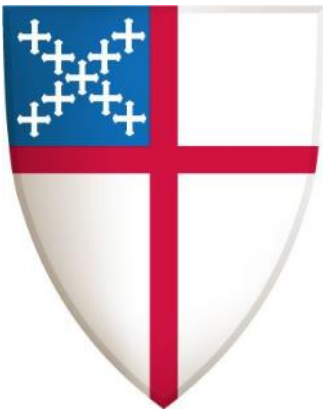
Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Please join us for refreshments after the Sunday worship service.



*Jesus includes all.
Do you?*



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