



**WELCOME TO 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.*

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ANTE COMMUNION**

**Saturday 13 Sep, 5pm & Sunday, 14 Sep, 10am 2025**



**Prelude: "Give Thanks To God", German melody Arr by Kevin Keil**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Dcn. Dottie Gutwein**

**Gathering Hymn: “Immortal, invisible, God only wise” #423**

**The Word of God**

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity:**

*Presider:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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:** *(Please sing together)*

**Gloria 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,**

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**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.  
Amen.**

**The Collect:**

*Presider:* The lord be with you

*People:* **And also with you**

*Presider:* Let us pray

**All O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Ministry of The Word**—(please be seated for the lessons)

### **1st Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28**

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish,  
they do not know me;  
they are stupid children,  
they have no understanding.  
They are skilled in doing evil,  
but do not know how to do good."  
I looked on the earth, and lo, it was  
waste and void;  
and to the heavens, and they had no  
light.  
I looked on the mountains, and lo, they  
were quaking,  
and all the hills moved to and fro.  
I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,

and all the birds of the air had fled.  
I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a  
desert,  
and all its cities were laid in ruins  
before the Lord, before his fierce  
anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land  
shall be a desolation; yet I will not  
make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,  
and the heavens above grow black;  
for I have spoken, I have purposed;  
I have not relented nor will I turn  
back.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

### **The Psalm Psalm 14**

**1 The fool has said in his heart,  
"There is no God." \*  
All are corrupt and commit  
abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.**

**2 The Lord looks down from  
heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.**

**3 Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*  
there is none who does good; no,  
not one.**

**4 Have they no knowledge, all those  
evildoers \***

**People: Thanks be to God**

**who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?  
5 See how they tremble with fear, \*  
because God is in the company  
of the righteous.**

**6 Their aim is to confound the plans  
of the afflicted, \*  
but the Lord is their refuge.**

**7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance  
would come out of Zion! \*  
when the Lord restores the  
fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be  
glad.**

## **2nd Lesson: A Reading from First Timothy (1:12-17):**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God**

## **The Gospel Lesson: Luke (15: 1-10):**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People:* **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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: (Form II revised)**

Leader: We pray for God's people throughout the world: For Sean and Jennifer our Bishops, For this gathering of St. Stephen's, and:

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer for **St. Paul's, in Payson.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer for **The Anglican Church of Southern America.**

For the first peoples of the this land, the Apache and Tahono O'odom who call this area their home. And for all ministers and people

**People: We pray for the Church and God's people.**

*(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)*

Leader: We pray for peace, for good will among nations and for the well being of all people.

**People: We pray for Justice and Peace.**

*(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)*

Leader: We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

**People: We pray for all who are in any need or trouble.**

*(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)*

Leader: We pray for all who seek God or a deeper knowledge of him.

**People: We pray that they may find and be found by God.**

*(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)*

Leader: We pray for the departed.

**People: We pray for those who have died.**

*(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)*

Leader: We praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

**People: We pray that we may have the grace to glorify Christ in our own day.**

*(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)*

Presider: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Prayer for St. Stephen's:**

Presider: Almighty God, giver of every good gift; look graciously on your church, and so guide the minds of our search committee, wardens, and vestry, who are in discernment for St. Stephen's church, Sierra Vista, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor:

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace:**

*Presider:* May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn: “Living for Jesus”,** {see Announcement back #595 }

**Doxology (Hymn #380 v. 3)**

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

**Lord's Prayer: (Traditional)**

*Presider:* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Birthday's, Prayers of Healing, Blessings and gratitude.....**

*Presider:* May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen**

**Closing Hymn: “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”,** {see song insert JS#758}

**Dismissal**

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

**People: We are called to Love and Serve**

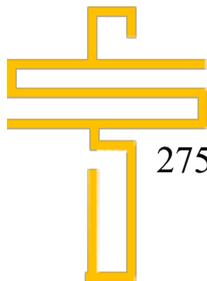
Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit. *Alleluia!*

*Alleluia!*

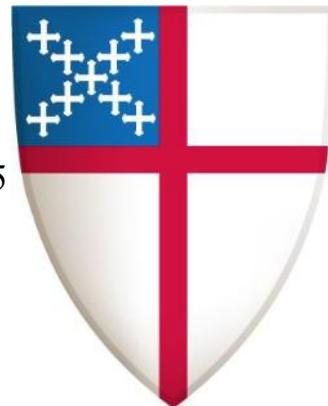
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

Postlude: **“Round of Alleluia”,** by Doreen J Oberg

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