



Sunday July 19th

9th Sunday after Pentecost

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within

us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

WELCOME! We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Here are a few notes to help you feel more at home participating in our worship.

Worshipping. Today's service is printed in this bulletin. Parts in **bold** indicate responses by everyone in which you are invited to participate.

Communion. *Lutheran Christians believe that the Lord Jesus Christ feeds us with his true body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. All baptized Christians who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please note that the darker wine is non-alcoholic and is available from the Lector. Communion will be distributed continuously, in procession. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.*

Coffee Hour. We hope that you will join us for cold drinks, treats and conversation in the lobby following the worship service.

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✠ GATHERING ✠

As the prelude begins we invite you to conclude your conversations and join us in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship together.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

C **Amen.**

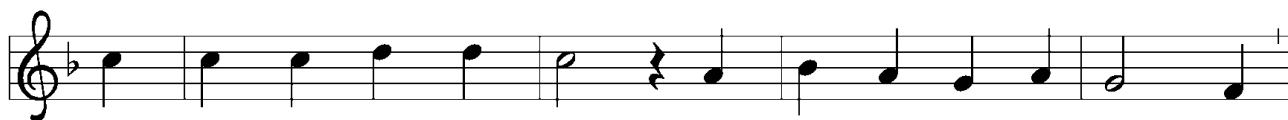
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pause for silent reflection.

P Have mercy, O God, C **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

P As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for us. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is from west, so far God removes our sin from us, renewing our life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love. C **Blessed be God forever.**

GATHERING SONG: *NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD* (ELW 840)



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

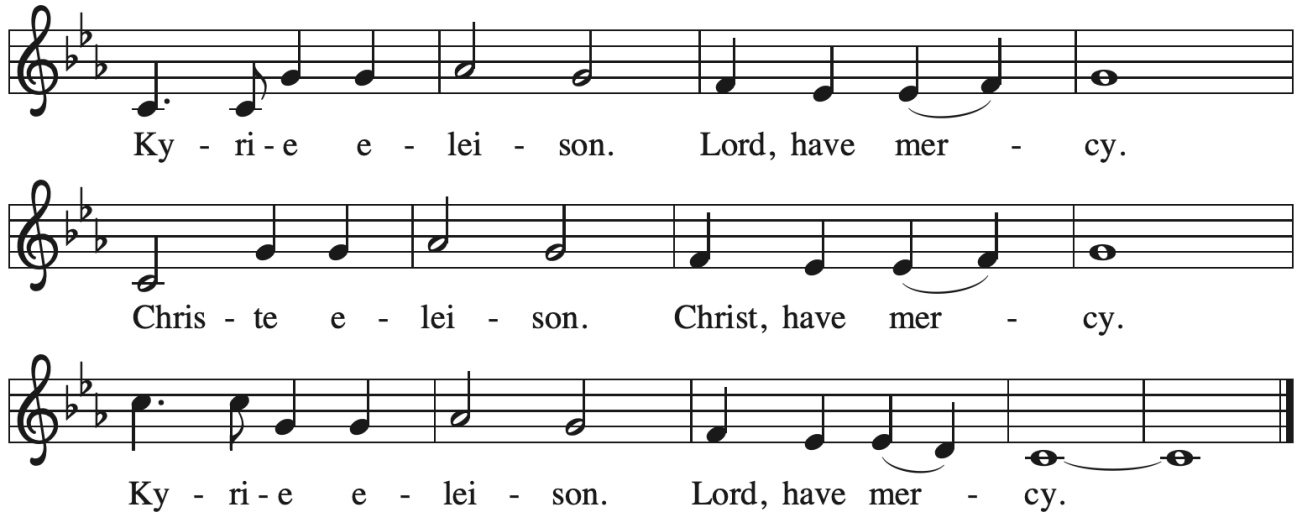
Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 44:6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

...The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 86:11-17



Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth; give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart, and glorify your name for- | evermore. R**

¹³ For great is your | love toward me; you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people | seeks my life; they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your handmaid.**

¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be | put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and com- | fortified me. R**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:12-25

A reading from Romans.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

...The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CELTIC ALLELUIA (ELW 174)



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

...The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

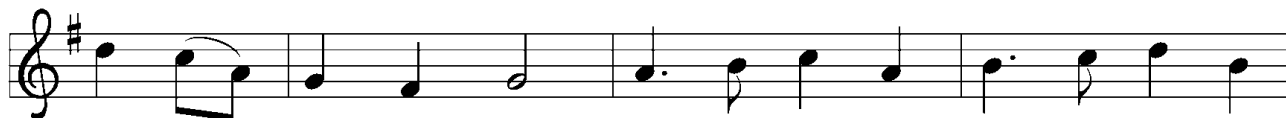
HYMN OF THE DAY: *GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER* (ELW 618)



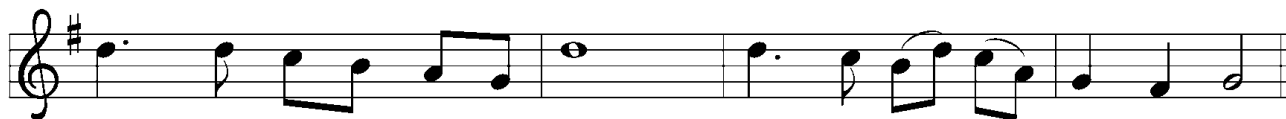
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM ✠

KIMBERLY SNOW MCCARTHY

PRESENTATION

Please be seated. Candidate for baptism and family gather with the minister at the font.

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Pastor addresses candidate:

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, Kimberly do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Candidate: I do.

P As you come to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the Good News through word and deed,
to care for others and the world God made,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Do you promise to grow in the Christian faith and life?

Candidate: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor addresses the family of the candidate:

P Do you promise walk with Kimberly in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to live with her in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Family: We do.

Pastor addresses the assembly:

P People of God, do you promise to support Kimberly and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
C **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Please stand.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: We renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: We renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: We renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Assisting Minister pours water into the font during the thanksgiving.

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your children, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

BAPTISM

P Kimberly, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P Let us pray. **C We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.**

Pastor lays hands on and prays for Kimberly.

P Sustain Kimberly with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **C Amen.**

Pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of Kimberly.

P Kimberly, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **C** **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF CANDLE

Presenter: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P Let us welcome Kimberly Snow McCarthy to the St. Stephen's community.

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Join in applause!

SONG AFTER BAPTISM: I'M GOING ON A JOURNEY

The musical score is written for a single voice on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of two verses. The first verse begins with a tempo and mood marking: $\text{♩} = \text{♩}^3$. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff. The second verse follows the same melody. The lyrics are as follows:

1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My
head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;
it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It
real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's



been there, too. God's love has touched me and will carry me through.

3 There are other saints who have said amen. They'll

keep me faithful to my journey's end. A - long the way

I want to be the kind of person that God set free.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

A God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

A God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

A God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

A God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

A Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **C Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING SONG: *BAPTIZED IN WATER* (ELW 456)



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

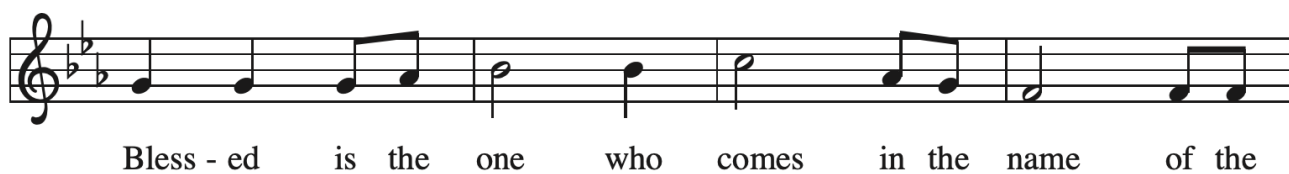
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying: Your mercy endures forever. **C Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness. Your mercy endures forever.

C Your mercy endures forever.

P By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations. Your mercy endures forever. **C Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it 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 sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love. With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever. **C Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD

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

SONG DURING COMMUNION: *MY SISTERS AND BROTHERS* - SUNG BY THE CHOIR

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

P God, the Source of glory, God, the Word of life, God, the Spirit of truth ✠ bless you all, now and forever. **C** Amen.

SENDING SONG: *IN CHRIST CALLED TO BAPTIZE* (ELW 575)



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Upcoming Commemorations

Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

James, Apostle

Saturday, July 25, 2026

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2026

*Altar Flowers for today are given to the glory of God and
In honor of Kimberly Snow-McCarthy on this her day of Baptism.*



Today we welcome the newest child of God to our St. Stephen's family: **Kimberly Snow McCarthy!** In water and word, we recognize the gifts of grace and the Holy Spirit that God has poured out on Kimberly. Welcome to Kimberly's family, friends and visitors with us today.

Offering Statements

Statements for the 6 months ending June 30th are available in the Narthex.
Please pick them up as you exit and save us a stamp. Thank you!



St. Stephen's Needs YOU!

Ushers



Our usher team needs additional volunteers. Serving as an usher is an important ministry of hospitality, and the responsibility should be shared among the congregation rather than carried by the same few individuals. If you are able to help, please speak with Barbara. Your willingness to serve would be greatly appreciated.

Counting Blessings (& Offerings!)

We are in need of additional volunteers to serve on our counting team. This important ministry of stewardship ensures that the congregation's weekly offerings are counted and recorded accurately. The work is done as part of a team, typically on Monday mornings. If you are able to serve, please speak with Janet Muller for more information.



Altar Guild



The Altar Guild is in need of additional volunteers. This important ministry helps prepare the sanctuary for Holy Communion and special services throughout the year. The responsibilities are shared among team members and should not rest on the same few individuals. If you are able to serve or would like more information, please speak with Jane.

See the Story. Share the Conversation.

“The Chosen” takes an intimate look at the real and authentic lives of Jesus and all those around him through this historical drama. “The Chosen” brings the Bible to life. At each meeting we’ll present one episode followed by a discussion about the scripture that inspired that episode.

Next Meeting: Wednesday July 29th @ 2pm.



School Supply Collection

As The New LIFE Center prepares for their annual school supply distribution for the 2026–2027 school year, they have asked for support of local students in need. Donations of new school supplies and backpacks are greatly appreciated, especially as costs continue to rise. Please bring donations to the church by the week of July 27, as backpacks will be distributed beginning August 3. The list of items is below. Thank you for helping make a difference for local families!

K-Kindergarten | E-Elementary | M-Middle | H-High

- Sturdy Backpacks must be able to fit a laptop-All Ages
- 2 inch 3 Ring Binders & Subject Dividers-M,H
- Loose Leaf Paper-College Ruled-M,H
- Composition Notebooks-College Ruled & Wide ruled-K,E,M
- Spiral Notebooks-E,H
- Plastic 2 Pocket Folders-K,E,M
- Colored Pencils-K,E,M
- Washable Box of Colored Markers-K,E,M
- Black & Blue Pens-E,M,H
- Elmers Glue-E,H
- Pencil Sharpeners-K,E,M
- Pencil Pouches/Pencil Boxes-K,E,M,H
- Erasers-K,E,M
- Glue Sticks-Small & Jumbo size-K,E,M
- Ruler-E,M,H
- Scissors-Child Safety Size-K,E
- Index Cards-M,H
- Post It Notes-3”x3” & 1 ½”x1 ½”-E,M,H
- Highlighters-K,E,M,H
- Fine Tip Dry Erase Markers-K,E
- Basic Calculator-H
- Stylus-H
- Geometry Set-H
- Plug in Earbuds-M,H
- Headphones-K,E



Serving at Worship Today - Sunday, 9:00 AM

Assisting Minister.....	Laureen Aiello	Greeter.....	Maureen O'Brien
Lector.....	Brianna Feeney	Musical Director.....	Mason Griffin
Acolyte.....	Natalie Mangiaracina	Audio/Visual.....	Livestream Team
Ushers.....	Rick Mosebach & Mark Hammaren	Altar Guild.....	Allison Barone

Parish Calendar This Week (July 19th - July 26th)

Day	Event	Time
Sunday, July 19th	8th Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Communion 9:00 am
	HSS Yoga	10:00 am
Tuesday, July 21st	Back to Basics	7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 22nd	NA	7:00 pm
Thursday, July 23rd	Newsletter items due	All day
Sunday, July 26th	9th Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Communion 9:00 am

Parish Prayer List

If you would like to have your name or your friend or family member's name added to the Prayer List, please call the office. Please remember to keep the office updated.

Pray For Our Congregation

Bill Artus
Gail Bodnar
Dottie Eberhardt
Richard Engert
Joan Hagner
John Langbehn
Jan Mosebach
Ilona Riggers
Ilse Zeeck

Pray For Our Families

Alexandra (*Stepdaughter of Vincente Batsford*)
Janet and Fred Barrell (*Sister and Brother-in-law of Paul and Susan Portz*)
Scott Berman (*Cousin of Laureen Aiello*)
Lynn Cawley (*Cousin of Muller/Shurman Family*)
Family and Friends of Mary College (*Mother-in-law of Mason Griffin*)
Peter Denning (*Son-in-law of Lois Angstadt*)
James Ebersberger (*Brother of Jane Ebersberger*)
Helen Feeney (*Mother of John Feeney*)
Jim Fritz (*Cousin of Lauren Artus and John Langbehn*)
Gina (*Sister of Vincente Batsford*)
Arleen Grimm (*Cousin of Maureen O'Brien*)
Bernd Pfeiffer (*Brother of Christel LaVorgna*)
Laura Panaro (*Mother of Laureen Aiello*)
Family of Neal Pizzavella (*Uncle of Kate Ahlers*)
Jean Riolo (*Mother of Christine Carlson*)
Cecelia and Bruce Rudd (*Cousins of Bob Maurer*)
Steve Scala (*Cousin of Laureen Aiello*)
Lynn Sicilia (*Sister of Bill Artus*)
Joann Tingwall (*Mother and Mother-in-law of Neil and Tanya Tingwall*)

For Our Friends

Jennifer Amiruddin (*Friend of Maureen O'Brien*)
Alice Brahs (*Friend of Maureen O'Brien*)
Bebe Chacko (*Friend of Laureen Aiello*)
Ellen Grace (*High school friend of Joan Hagner*)
Kathleen Hagen (*Friend of the Panaro and Aiello families*)
John Judge (*Friend of Jane Ebersberger*)
Jenn Logan and her Mother (*Friends of Janet Muller*)
Rich McDermott (*Friend of the Mosebachs*)
Ellen Motoi (*Friend of Maureen O'Brien*)
Bruce Muhlenbruck (*Friend of The LaVorgna Family*)
Betty, John and Mary Beth Ott (*Friends of Jane Ebersberger*)
MaryAnn Schwartz (*Friend of Dorothy Eberhardt*)