

***“People of Christ  
Making a  
Difference”***

**The Day of Pentecost**

**May 24, 2026**

**8:30 AM &  
11:00 AM**

## **WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S!**

A nursery is provided for children through age 4 for both worship services and for infants and toddlers during Sunday School. The nursery is located at the end of the hall on the right side.

Children's bags can be found in the "Kid's Corner" of the narthex.

Restroom facilities are located down the hall on the left side.

First Aid, Emergency Equipment, and a wheelchair are located down the hall on the right by the stairwell.

If for any reason you must leave the sanctuary, the service is live streamed in the Agape Sunday School classroom. Any usher will be glad to direct you.

Sunday school classes are provided for 2 year olds through adults.

Listening devices and larger print bulletins are located in the narthex. Ushers are also available to assist you.

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## **GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PEACE**

**PRELUDE**

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

Jason W. Krug

(We Stand)

## **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

By our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, God raises us up to new life. Let us confess to God our sins and all that waits for resurrection in our lives.

**Amen.**

God of grace and glory,

**You have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

ELW 400

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -  
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

## GREETING

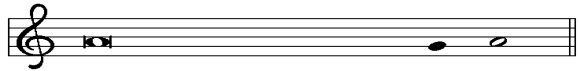
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

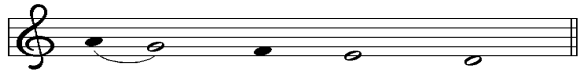
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



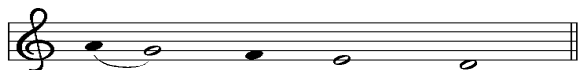
Lord, have mer - cy.



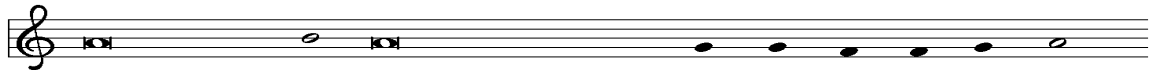
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

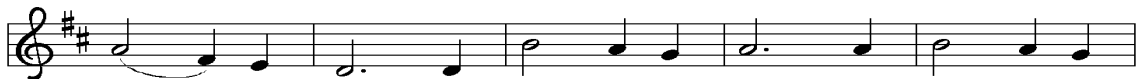


strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## THE SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

(We Sit)

## FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b



<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your | works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.  
<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,**  
**living things both | small and great.**  
<sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.  
<sup>27</sup>**All of them | look to you**  
**to give them their food | in due season. R**  
<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.  
<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;**  
**when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**  
<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.  
<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;**  
**O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R**  
<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.  
<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;**  
**I will praise my God while I | have my being.**  
<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God.  
I will rejoice | in the LORD.  
<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.**  
**Hal- | lelujah! R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. <sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

(We Stand)

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL** "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove" (Stzs. 1-2) LBW 475



1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and  
2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us  
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us  
4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian  
know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in  
from his pas - tures stray; lead us to ho - li -  
joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -



and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.  
ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.  
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.  
ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 20:19-23

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."<sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL** "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove" (Stzs. 3-4) LBW 475

(We Sit)

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Pastor Jason

**SERMON**

Pastor Jason

(We Stand)

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Loving Spirit"*

WOV 683

(Sung to the tune "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding")

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be--  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me,  
hold my life within your own,  
feed me with your very body,  
form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father you protect me,  
teach me the discerning eye,  
hoist me up upon your shoulder,  
let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness  
I am known and held and blessed:  
in your promise is my comfort,  
in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be--  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.

(We Sit)

**(8:30) LITURGY FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

**(11:00) LITURGY FOR THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

**PRESENTATION**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Confirmands, 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?

**C I renounce them.**

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

**C I renounce them.**

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

**C I renounce them.**

(We Stand)

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

(We Sit)

### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: 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 of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**C I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God at St. Stephen's, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

**Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**Those being Confirmed today:**

**Addison Kelly Adcock  
Thomas Jefferson Brunson, IV  
Madelyn Rose Burgess  
William Joseph Carrero  
Ellison Tate Crapps  
Gracen Makenzie Geary  
John Michael Jebaily  
Dylan Brent Kennedy**

**Craig Hollis Lunsford  
Dylan Jake McMurray  
Ariel Reese Rabern  
Catherine Lee Sadler  
Hampton Neal Smith  
Luke Scot Wenzel  
Shaun Eric Wessinger**

(We Sit)

**OFFERING**

God calls us to be generous stewards for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by putting your offering in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, giving online (sslc.org or use the QR Code) or through the Givelify app. If you would like more details on direct deposit giving please contact our Parish Administrator, Mrs. Tonya Reynolds, at (803) 359-6562.



Anthem

*"Pentecost Proclamation"*

John Behnke

I will put my Spirit within you, and you will live. Sons and daughters will prophesy  
and old men will dream dreams, and young men will see visions.  
The sun will turn to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord.  
I will put my Spirit within you, and you will live.

(We Stand)

OFFERTORY

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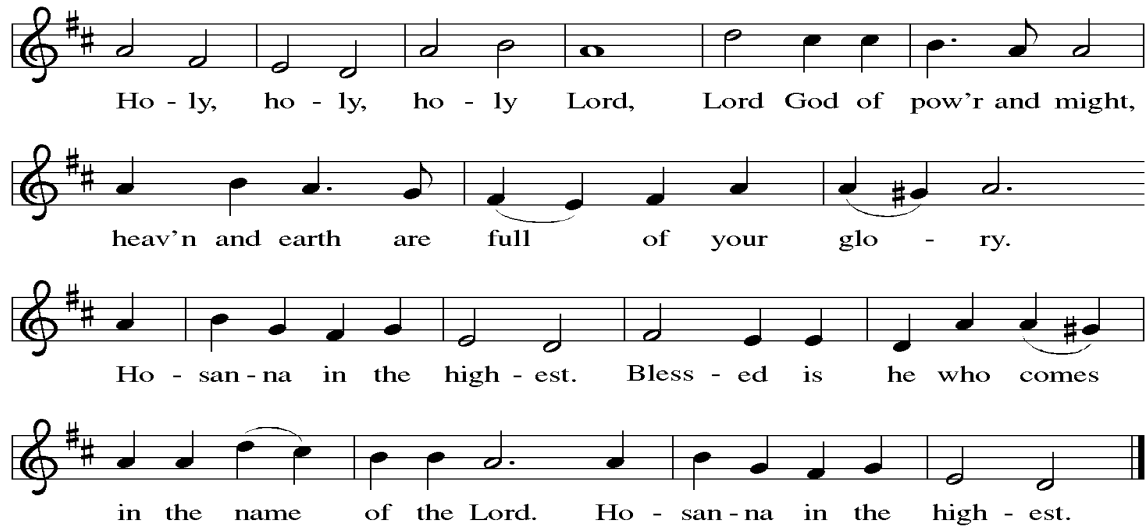
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## THE PREFACE

### THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

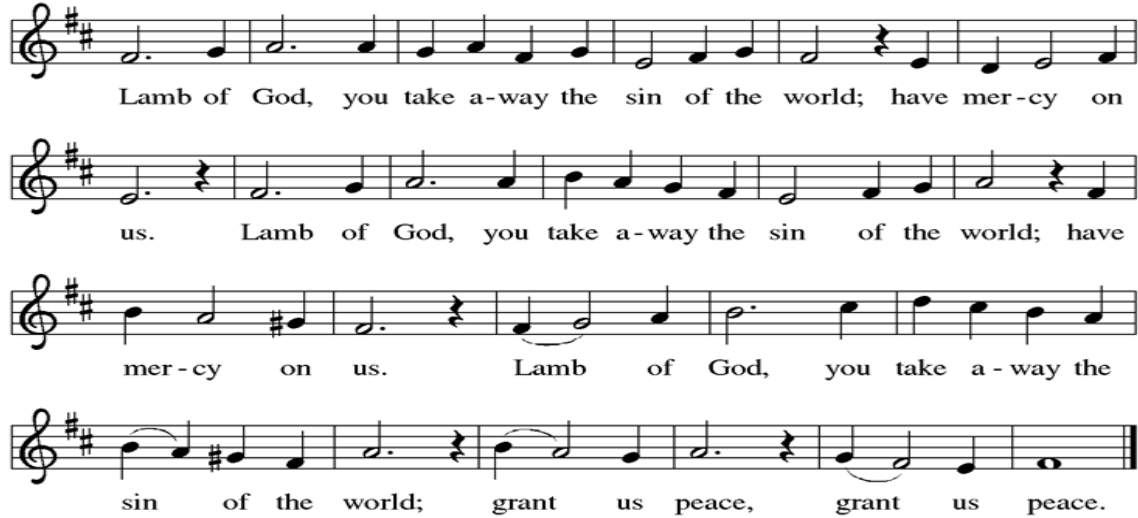
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

(We Sit)

## THE AGNUS DEI



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.

## RECEPTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**C**hrist welcomes you to this Holy Meal of the Baptized! We receive communion this morning at the center aisle. Communion will be brought to the front rows for those who wish to remain seated. Children who commune should be assisted by adults near them. Those unable to partake of wine or wheat bread are assured of our Lord's presence in, with, and under each element alone. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Music

*"The Gift of Love"*

Brenda Austin

*"Oh, Sing to the Lord"*

Harriet Ziegenhals

Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song. Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God!  
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders. Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God!  
For Jesus is Lord! Amen, Alleluia! Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God!

(We Stand)

## BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

May God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who has brought us from death to life, fill you with great joy and bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

ELW 582

1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;  
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;  
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;

Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;  
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;  
 quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;

Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;  
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ;  
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul

liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.  
 you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.  
 in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to share the good news that Christ is Risen!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

Peter Cutts

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of my wife, Renate Chappel, by Don Chappell.

**SERVING TODAY:**

**Ushers:** (8:30) Reuben Eargle, Sandy Shealy, Jim Nantz, Daryl Hooker, & Rick Logging;  
(11:00) Otis Rawl, G Kolb, Mike Burgess, Myra Strock, Roy Windham, & George Mathias

**Cantor:** Shawn Lackey

**Percussionist:** Matthew Jones

**Greeters:** (8:30) Bill and Jerrie Galardi (11:00) Myra Strock

**Readers:** (8:30) Janice Buff; (11:00) Gay Clark

**Communion Assistants:** (8:30) Bobby Martin; (11:00) Shannon Burnett

**Order of St. Stephen's:** (8:30) [A] Shannon Burnett [C] Katy Hooker [BB] Weston Hill  
[TB] Caroline Hooker [TB] Ethan Kean;  
(11:00) [A] Eli Maxheimer [C] Jackson Rawl [BB] Elizabeth Kolb  
[TB] Henry Jebaily [TB] Ben Brunson

**The Church Staff**

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**Sunday School Information:**

**Locations for Children's Classes**

**Locations for Adult Classes**

<b>Nursery</b> – Room #105	<b>Agape Adult Class</b> Room #102 (Closest to Narthex)
<b>2—4 year olds &amp; 5K</b> – Room #103	<b>Saints &amp; Sinners with PJ and PR</b> Room #203 (Large Upstairs Room)
<b>1<sup>st</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> – Room # 216	<b>Women Digging Deeper</b> Parlor
<b>6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> – Room #212	For those not attending a Sunday School class but waiting on a child to get out of one, feel free to sit in the Social Hall!
<b>9<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> – Room #217	If you are interested in beginning a new Sunday School class please contact Mrs. Shannon.

If you are not receiving the weekly announcements and monthly newsletter via email and would like to receive them, please email Shannon ([Shannon@sslc.org](mailto:Shannon@sslc.org)) so she can add you to the distribution list.

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