

Worship Assistants

This Week

Assisting Minister Kathy Robinson
Coffee Hour
Communion Asst. Jeanette Wiskow
Gail Wolfe
Lector Kathy Robinson
Organist/Pianist Delores Kessel
Preaching/Presiding Pastor Karoline Schwantes
Projection Shauna Robinson
Video Jeff Blomquist

Next Week

Mary Beth Tolley

Ron & Dawn Felch

Mary Beth Tolley
Carmen Zuelsdorff
Pastor Karoline Schwantes
Shauna Robinson
Jeff Blomquist

Staff

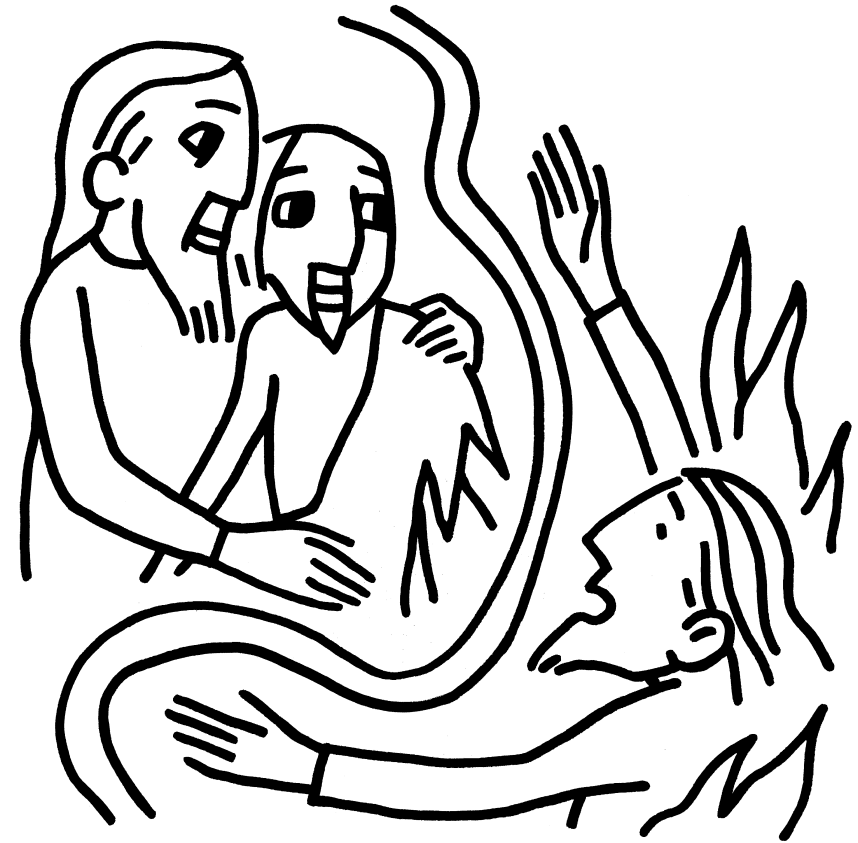
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Administrative Assistant Nancy Henke
Assistant Treasurer Bill Dunker
Worship Service Custodian Dave Skola
Worship Service Custodian Mary Beth Tolley
Cleaning Custodian Michelle Pregont
Maintenance Custodian Cecil Wold

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25th, 2022

Welcome to worship in Jesus's name! We hope that you will hear a word of encouragement during this service which will convey the fullness of God's love for you.

The Prelude

RINGING of the BELLS

Please **STAND** for the **HYMN**

Processional Hymn: *Gather Us In*

#532

Announcement of **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (*stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable*)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE/Glory to God in the Highest

Hymnal pg. 121

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation is **SEATED**

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible pg. 747*)

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

PSALM (*read responsively*) (*Pew Bible pg. 507*)

Psalms 146

SECOND LESSON (*Pew Bible pg. 965*)

1 Timothy 6:6-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand*)

Hymnal pg. 124

GOSPEL LESSON (*Pew Bible pg. 851*)

Luke 16:19-31

CHILDRENS' SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Karoline Schwantes

Please **STAND** for the **HYMN of the DAY**

Hymn of the Day: *Christ, Be Our Light*

#715

Karley Wehrman, a UW-Stevens Point audiology graduate student is currently working on a research project to determine if access to training materials on hearing loops affects the perceived use and satisfaction of hearing loops in adult hearing aid(s) and/or cochlear implant (s) users. This survey will be placed at St. Stephen Lutheran Church if you are interested in participating. To participate you have to be 18 years or older and use (a) hearing aid(s) or (a) cochlear implant(s). This survey is completely anonymous and will not contain any personal information such as your name, actual age, etc. This survey should only be completed once per person and can be completed either on paper or online. The online link to this survey is: https://uwsp.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1zVIZlu5RFhTNPg. The paper surveys will be placed on the Usher stands in the back of the church. The results of this survey may benefit audiologists in the future from a greater knowledge about the effect of training materials on hearing loops. Thank you for your consideration in participating in the survey!

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

Sunday, September 25th	9:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship/Blessing of the Quilts Worship Telecast on Channel 980 AA
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Monday, September 26th	3:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Telecast on Channel 980 Bell Choir Dartball
Tuesday, September 27th	10:00 am 10:30 pm	Worship Telecast on Channel 980 Worship Telecast on Channel 980
Wednesday, September 28th	7:00 pm	Combined Choir Practice
Thursday, September 29th	8:30 am 6:00 pm	Quilting AI-Anon
Saturday, October 1st	8:00 am 9:00 am	LWR Ingathering Stephen's Angels
Sunday, October 2nd	9:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Worship Telecast on Channel 980 AA

St. Stephen Weekly

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On Sunday, September 18th, 51 people attended the 9:00 am Worship Service and 66 people attended the 2:00 pm Installation Service.

A warm WELCOME to Delores Kessel, our new Director of Music at St. Stephen. Delores currently accompanies the adult vocal choir and shares her keyboard talents at worship services here and at Pilgrim Lutheran Church. We are excited to have her join our worship and music team!

If you are interested in hosting Coffee Hour (or just bringing in treats) there is a sign-up sheet is on the table in the lounge.

Step up for St. Stephen! As we enter a new chapter in our church's history, please prayerfully consider becoming a part of our family's leadership team. The 2023 Council is looking for candidates for the following positions: Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, Good Stewards Elder, Property Elder, Members-at-large, and 2 Trust Fund Committee members. Speaking from my experience, serving on Council has been very rewarding. Having a good group of engaged team members made all the difference. Collectively, we share in the tasks at hand, as well as the decisions that need to be made. Be a part of keeping the missions that have been our past moving forward, while adding new ones as we go. Help keep our church seen as a welcoming place where the community wants to come through the doors and celebrate the good news of Christ. If you have any questions about the positions, how the process works, the time commitment involved, or wish to become part of the leadership team, contact Lloyd Zimmel or any Council member. Thank you for your consideration.

Soli Deo Gloria, a Worship and Arts Festival, will be held on Saturday, October 8th from 9am until 5pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1410 Rogers Street, Stevens Point, WI. Specialists will share their knowledge on: *The Art of Worship, Crafting Words for Worship, The Artful Sanctuary, Online Worship Strategies, and Choral Reading of Anthems.* This event is open to choir directors, choir members, musicians, tech team people, and anyone involved with online worship services. St. Stephen Lutheran Church is a sponsoring church, so there is **NO REGISTRATION FEE**. However, you need to sign up if you wish to attend as a box lunch will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the reception area. The deadline to register is Monday, October 3rd. There is also a **FREE Choir Concert** at 7pm featuring Marty Haugen at Holy Spirit Parish, 2151 Stanley Street, Stevens Point, WI. This concert is open to the public. No registration is required.

APOSTLES' CREED

We have been made God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

PRAYERS

The Assisting Minister ends each petition with, "God of grace," the congregational response is, "**hear our prayer.**"

PEACE is shared

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

#182

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal pg. 129

The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

SANCTUS

Hymnal pg. 130

COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD

Hymnal pg. 135

Hymn during Communion: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

#712

(Eucharistic Ministers may come forward for a communion kit at this time.)

BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING of the QUILTS

BENEDICTION

Please **STAND** for the **HYMN**

Hymn: *Canticle of the Turning*

#723

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

SEPTEMBER 2022 MEMORIALS

Current Expenses

In honor of Pastor Karoline's Installation –
Pat Erdman

In loving memory of Shirley Gleason and Brian Gleason –
Deb Gleason

In loving memory of Ginny L. Seymour –
Dale Seymour

Quilting Fund

In loving memory of Rudy & Emily Schleif –
Ruth Grell

Technology Fund

In loving memory of my Sister, Shirley Gleason and Nephews, Brian Gleason & Kevin Prieve,
all celebrating heavenly birthdays in September –
Mary Beth Tolley