

Worship Assistants

This Week

Assisting Minister	Mary Beth Tolley
Coffee Hour	Jim & Bonnie Von Rueden
Communion Asst.	Gail Wolfe
Lector	Pat Lonsdorf
Organist/Pianist	Sharon Hopp
Preaching/Presiding	Pastor Karoline Schwantes
Projection	Lydia Lenoble
Usher	Verlyn Oelke
Video	Elizabeth Lenoble

Next Week

Kathy Robinson
Sarah Lonsdorf, Crystal Nielsen, Rhonda Will
Ron & Dawn Felch
Verlyn Oelke
Phil Giese
Pastor Karoline Schwantes
Lydia Lenoble
Darrin Koehler
Elizabeth Lenoble

Staff

Pastor	Karoline Schwantes
Administrative Assistant	Nancy Henke
Assistant Treasurer	Mary Beth Tolley
Worship Service Custodian	Dave Skola
Worship Service Custodian	Gail Wolfe
Maintenance Custodian	Cecil Wold

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 6, 2024

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.

Hearing assistance (via our Loop system) is available for those with hearing aids. Headphones are located in the back of the church.

At St. Stephen, all are welcome at the Lord's Table! Ushers will lead you forward for communion at the rail. Grape juice is offered in the center ring of the tray at the rail, and gluten free wafers are also available at the rail if you desire that option.

The Prelude

RINGING of the BELLS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

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

Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth* #879

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/This Is the Feast Hymnal pg. 101

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation is **SEATED**

FIRST LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 2) Genesis 2:18-24

PSALM (read responsively) (Pew Bible pg. 427) Psalm 8

SECOND LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 970) Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand) Hymnal pg. 102

GOSPEL LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 822) Mark 10:2-16

Good Shepherd Lutheran is celebrating their annual Neighborhood Trunk or Treat and Reformation Fest on Friday, October 25th. The church will be serving dinner from 4-7pm in their fellowship hall and at the same time showcasing some fun facts on the Lutheran Reformation. All are welcome to come, eat, or contribute, and dress in Reformation costume! If you are interested in this event, please contact Sarah Lonsdorf at 715-212-2292 by Sunday, October 13th so Good Shepherd can have adequate food prepared.

Pilgrim Lutheran will be doing a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26th from 4-7pm. We will be taking donations of candy, fruit snacks, and individual bags of chips for this event. A bin is located in the hallway across from the office. For more information, see Shauna Robinson.

The Community Dinner date has changed. Instead on Sunday, October 27th, we will be hosting the dinner now on Sunday, November 24th.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

Sunday, October 6th	9:00 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on TDS Channel 14 AA
Monday, October 7th	11:00 am 3:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Staff Mtg. Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Bell Choir Dartball
Tuesday, October 8th	10:00 am 5:30 pm 10:30 pm	Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Congregation Council Mtg. Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980
Wednesday, October 9th	1:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study Confirmation Combined Choir
Thursday, October 10th	8:30 am 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Quilting Worship Committee Mtg. Al-Anon
Saturday, October 12th	9:00 am—4:00 pm	Saturday Crafterday
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On Sunday, September 29th, 56 people attended the 9am Worship Service.

The quilters are in need of flat sheets, any size or color (preferably not white), clean, free of stains, and no holes, for Lutheran World Relief quilting. If you have sheets that you would like to donate, you may place them in the Nursery (at the end of the hall; last door on the left).

The Angels are collecting Can Pop Up Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House provides a place for families with sick children to rest, prepare meals, and share their concerns and experiences with other families. It keeps families close to their child and the care that child needs, and provides the comfort and support needed during that difficult time. Place your tabs in the container in the hallway across from the office.

Fleece Blanket Project—The Angels have begun constructing fleece blankets that will be given to the children that go to the Child Advocacy Center. The CAC is a safe place for children and adolescents who may have been abused. Professionals at the CAC evaluate and investigate cases of abuse and help the child and families feel safe. If you are interested in donating to this project, JoAnn Fabrics has the kits available or you can donate money which will go towards buying these kits. If you would like help constructing the blanket, feel free to contact an angel or drop the kit off at the front desk with a note explaining what is needed. We will be presenting the finished blankets the first Sunday of December so the kits must be brought to us before November 2nd and the finished blankets by December 2nd.

Coats for Kids—We will be collecting the same items as last year: coats, snow pants, sweatshirts, sweatpants, NEW socks and underwear, hats, gloves, mittens, boots, etc. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, October 27th.

The Women of St. Stephen will have a Bible Study on Wednesday, October 9th at 1pm in the Conference Room. All women of the church are welcome to attend!

Saturday Crafterday on Saturday, October 12th from 9am until 4pm. Bring your favorite craft and join us upstairs in the choir room. Come for the morning or the afternoon, or both! We'll have fun and we'll have snacks and coffee. Pack a lunch or there are many restaurants downtown.

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.

Our 2 family restrooms are located in the hallway by the church office.

SERMON

Pastor Karoline Schwantes

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

Hymn of the Day: *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken*

#603

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

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY HYMN

#885

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal pg. 107

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. 108

COMMUNION (*If you would prefer communion in the pew, please let an usher know.*)

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. 112

Hymn during Communion: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

#656

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

BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Announcement of **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

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

Hymn: *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!*

#835

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

OCTOBER 2024 MEMORIALS

Capital Campaign

In loving memory of Gary Zumann –

Kelly Brown

These are memorials received through Monday, September 30th. If you would like a memorial placed in the October bulletins and November newsletter, it needs to be to the office by Monday, October 14th. Thank you!