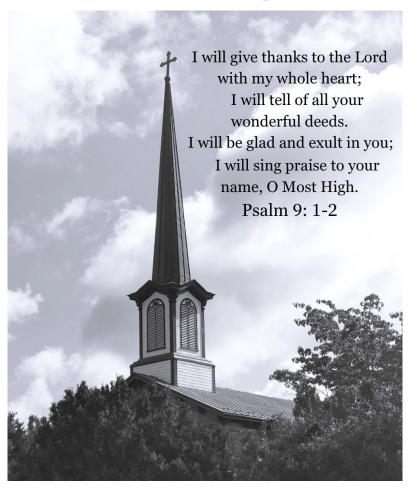
TST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcomes You!



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2025 8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Communion The Rev. Trent Moore

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Thank you for joining us!

Please fill out a visitor card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. We'll be in touch with you later in the week.

Receiving Holy Communion

When you approach the altar rail, the clergy will place a wafer in your open hand with the blessing. You can sip from the chalice or dip (intinct) the wafer, or not. Request gluten-free wafer if preferred. Or request a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

JOIN US THIS WEEK: AUGUST 24-30

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:00 AM Sacramental Preparation
9:00 AM Children's Sunday School
9:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice
10:30 AM Holy Communion | Facebook Live
11:45 AM Coffee Hour Fellowship

TUESDAY

5:30 PM Vestry Meeting

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew 11:00 AM Rector's Bible Study

THURSDAY

8:30 PM Compline

FOOD CLOSET OPEN

Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 12:00 Noon Thursday | 4 - 6 PM

SERVING TODAY

CLERGY:

The Rev. Trent Moore

READERS & CHALICE BEARERS:

8:00 AM Briarly Rogers, Troy Elliott 10:30 AM Peyton Cramer, Kim Helsel

USHERS:

Elizabeth O'Reilly, Kerri Bonfadini, Peyton Cramer, John Hallett

ALTAR GUILD:

Julie Hayes, Gilda Hay, Jamie Adams

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dr. Wonhee Kang

Chancel Choir

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Kathy Buschow in loving memory of her mother, Joan Clarken, born August 25th...

PRELUDE - "Bunessan"

arr. by Alec Wyton, b.1921

(please stand)

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

410, Hymnal 1982

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Celebrant:

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.*

THE GLORIA

S - 277, Hymnal 1982

Glory 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, 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.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant:

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - ISAIAH 58:9B-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE - PSALM 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

SECOND LESSON - HEBREWS 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

GRADUAL HYMN - "Rock of ages, cleft for me"

685, Hymnal 1982

The Rev. Trent Moore

THE GOSPEL - LUKE 13:10-17

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and

lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord **People:** Praise to you Lord Christ

(please be seated)

The Sermon The Rev. Trent Moore

(please stand)

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People:

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.

(please kneel or be seated)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Reader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader: For Culpeper and the surrounding community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader: For our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Diocesan Bishops Mark, Gayle, and Mark, and our

Priest Trent and for all bishops and other ministers.

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list.

Carol G	Rick B	Jack R	Bob B	
Catherine	Wayne S	Mary F	Jerry P	
Jeanette G	Bo C	Michelle F	Aaron F	
Kirsten B	Sarah T	Butch D	Thomas & Carol	
Martha T	Bob M	Norma G	Greg H	
Nadine	Brad H	Barbara H	Patricia H	
Robert D	Greg & Linda L	Jack S	Chloe, Jacob, & Eva D	
Sally J	John H	Chris T	Diane	
Marietta E	Ernest L	Harold B	Carolyn S	
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The congregation may add their petitions, followed by silence.

We pray for those in the military, law enforcement and first responders and their families, especially:

Caleb B	Peyton F	John F, Jr	Wes W
Jessica H	Samuel M	Ian M	Walter W
Carrington T	Braedon W	Allahvel F	Steven O
Matthew G	Christopher J	Matthew S	
Abigail B	Taylor Ĉ	Earl E	
Daniel V	Taylor G	Chris S	

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially:

Aug 25 Marshall & Nancy G	Aug 28 Harold B
Aug 26 Laural G	Aug 28 Kathi W
Aug 26 Isabella H	Aug 28 Ben W
Aug 27 Mary Ann C	Aug 29 Mollie H
Aug 28 Trent & Ashley M	Aug 29 Billy M

The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

In our Diocese we pray for the Diocesan Campus Ministries: The University Fellowship at University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Pace Center at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond; The House at University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg; Canterbury at James Madison University, Bridgewater College, and Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg; and Arise at George Mason University, Fairfax

In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

Reader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Silence

Reader: We will exalt you, O God our King; **People:** And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Reader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Silence

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

Silence

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant and People:

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 hearts;
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.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from 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.*

(please stand)

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Celebrant:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

At 8:00 AM

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord, **People:** and of Thine own have we given Thee.

(Please stand)

At 10:30 AM (At the Presentation of the gifts)

(Please be seated)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Be Still for the Presence of the Lord"

David J. Evans

(please stand)

THE DOXOLOGY

#380 (v. 3), Hymnal 1982

Celebrant and People sing:

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

<u>Sanctus</u> S - 124, Hymnal 1982

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory; And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Celebrant and People:

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AT 8:00 AM

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

<u>AT 10:30 AM</u> S-154, Hymnal 1982

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMNS (the congregation is invited to join in singing)

"Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray"

315, Hymnal 1982

"I come with joy to meet my Lord"

304, Hymnal 1982

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant:

May the grace of God uphold you, the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you and the strength of God protect and bring you safely through this day. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

(please stand)

CLOSING HYMN - "Praise the Lord, rise up, rejoicing"

334, Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thank's be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"Due Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ"

Peter Shohren, 1630?-1692?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strategic Planning Survey

Based on St. Stephen's recently shared Mission, Vision and Values document, focus on congregational engagement, and community outreach through initiatives like the Culpeper Food Closet, this survey is designed to gather valuable feedback for shaping the future direction of the church. You can complete the survey by scanning the QR code to the right or paper copies are available at Coffee Hour or the church office.



Teachers and Leaders Needed!

The children's Sunday School year starts today and we still need teachers. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Karyn. We are also looking for additional leaders to help with our growing youth program.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina will resume on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm on Zoom with reading and meditation on 1 Peter, beginning September 2. We welcome all ladies to join us as we share in the ancient monastic practice of Lectio Divina, or Divine Reading. Come, join us and deepen your walk with our King Jesus. Contact Kitty or the office for the link.

Parish Picnic

The Parish picnic has been rescheduled to September 14th after the 10:30 AM service. Hot dogs and burgers will be provided, please bring a side or dessert to share.

Thursday Night Compline

What gives you some respite from the concerns of life when you lay down your head at night? What restores your soul? Consider joining us Thursday evenings at 8:30 pm for the Service of Compline online (BCP, p.127). Each week this short service is led by various area clergy and LEMs, beginning with five minutes of Gregorian chant at 8:25 to allow time to calm and center yourself. Come and be blessed by this precious service at the close of the day. Contact Kitty or the office for the link.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

All men are welcomed to join the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Wednesdays at 7:00 AM for breakfast and study. This week they continue their study on the Book of Acts with the focus on Chapter 26.

Important Fall Dates

- High Tea Party September 13
- Parish Picnic September 14
- Ed Carrigan Funeral September 20
- Blessing of the Animals October 5
- Bishop visit October 19

Bishop Visit

Sunday, October 19th, Bishop Gulick will be visiting. On that day, we will have one service at 10:30 AM. If you are interested in confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation please contact the office. Fr. Trent will be offering a class during Adult Forum. The schedule is below:

August 24 - How Episcopalians Think
August 31 - No class (Holiday Weekend)
September 7 - Worship
September 14 - Book of Common Prayer
September 21 - Book of Common Prayer II

September 28 - The Sacraments
October 5 - Eucharist
October 12 - Function & Ministry
October 19 - Bishop Gulik will be here.

Children, Youth, Family

- First day of Sunday School August 24
- Youth Group Meeting August 24
- CCHS vs. EV Football game meet up September 5
- Family Hike at Grelen September 28

Food Closet Needs of the Week

Toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant



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