



ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcomes You!



DAY OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY

May 24, 2026

8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Communion

The Very 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: MAY 24- MAY 30

SERVING TODAY

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice
10:30 AM Holy Communion | Facebook Live
11:45 AM Coffee Hour Fellowship

MONDAY

CHURCH OFFICE & FOOD CLOSET CLOSED

TUESDAY

5:30 PM Vestry Meeting
7:30 PM Lectio Divina on Zoom

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew
11:00 AM Rector's Bible Study
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY

8:30 PM Compline

ST. DUNSTAN'S HANDBELL CHOIR

Bob Brotzman, Rusty Booth, Mollie Hess,
Annabelle Hess, Nora Rice, Jamie Adams,
Kim Helsel, Aurora Helsel, Karyn Sizemore,
Janet Adams, director

CLERGY:

The Very Rev. Trent Moore

READERS & CHALICE BEARERS:

8:00 AM Troy Elliott
10:30 AM Marianne Ridgeway,
Elizabeth O'Reilly,

USHERS:

Kim Helsel, Rusty Booth,
John Hallett, Julie Yowell

ACOLYTES

Jack Warner, Abram Harmon,
Emaline Harmon

ALTAR GUILD:

Julie Hayes, Bob Brotzman, Carol Kelsey

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dr. Wonhee Kang

FLUTE

Annabelle Hess

CHANCEL CHOIR

*The altar flowers are given in
loving memory of Barbara Ellen Balthis,
the mother of Ray Walker*

Mission

Sharing what God has given with glad and generous hearts.

Vision

We will be a welcoming and inclusive family of faith rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ, informed by our history and tradition, hopeful for the future, and committed to living out our mission through connection to community.

PRELUDE - "Mighty Rushing Wind"

Tammy Waldrop

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Hail Thee Festival Day"

225, Hymnal 1982

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 - 278, 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.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant:

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

(Please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - NUMBERS 11:24-30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

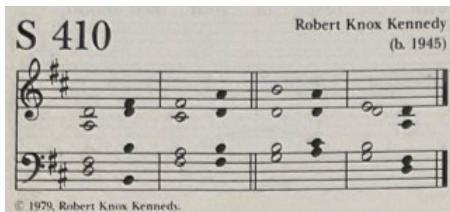
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE RESPONSE - PSALM 104:25-35, 37

At 8:00 AM: *spoken antiphonally, breaking at the asterisk*

At 10:30 AM: *sung in unison*



O Lord, how manifold are your *works!* *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to *number,* *
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that *Leviathan,* *
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to *you* *
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather *it;* *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are *terrified;* *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are *created;* *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for *ever;* *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it *trembles;* *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I *live;* *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please *him;* *
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my *soul.* *
Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON ACTS 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews

and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

GRADUAL HYMN - "Breathe on me, Breath of God"

508, Hymnal 1982

THE GOSPEL - JOHN 20:19-23

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ**

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON

The Very 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 as able)

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	Wayne S	Butch D	Isabella S
Catherine	Bo C	Norma G	Billy D
Jeanette G	Sarah T	Barbara H	Sofia P
Kirsten B	Brad H	Jack S	Minni P
Martha T	Greg & Linda L	Chris T	Andrew P
Nadine	John H	Aaron F	Sharon O
Robert D	Ernest L	Thomas & Carol	Jim M
Sally J	Jack R	Jens T	Joseph G
Marietta E	Mary F	Joe K	Tom H
Rick B	Michelle F	Charlie C	Brian S

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	Samuel M	Allahvel F	Rhys H
Jessica H	Braedon W	Matthew S	Ian A
Carrington T	Christopher J	Earl E	Julian M
Matthew G	Taylor C	Chris S	Steven F (and his
Abigail B	Taylor G	Wes W	troop)
Daniel V	John F, Jr	Walter W	Collin L
Peyton F	Ian M	Steven O	

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

May 24 Jackson P

May 25 Jack & Wendy G

May 28 Katherine R

May 30 David P

The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Reader: In our Diocese, we pray for St. Mary's Whitechapel, Trinity Lancaster, and all Christian Formation leaders and seekers. In the Anglican Communion we pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

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.***

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

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.*

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

“The Lone, Wild Bird”

The Rev. Henry Mcfadyen

(Please Stand)

THE DOXOLOGY

11, Hymnal 1982
(4th Verse)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

SANCTUS

S - 129, Hymnal 1982

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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 say,

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!*

AT 10:30 AM

S-155, 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)*

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

516, Hymnal 1982

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

518, 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. ***Amen.***

(Please stand)

CLOSING HYMN

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”

114, LEVAS

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!

Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Tis Sweet to Sing the Matchless Love”

Frank W. Asper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Closure

The church office and the Food Closet are closed tomorrow, May 25th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Both will reopen Tuesday at 9:00 AM.

Parish Picnic

June 7th is our Parish Picnic! Come and have a wonderful potluck lunch with grilled meats and beverages provided. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair if you'd like to have fun after the 10:30 service.

Summer Choir

June 7th marks the first day of the summer season for the choir. If you'd like to sing in the choir, come early at 9:15 AM for practice and sing with us at the 10:30 AM service.

Shrine Mont

July 10-12th will be the Region Retreat at Shrine Mont. The cost is \$200/person for double occupancy, \$260/person for single occupancy, and children ages 4-13 is \$140/child. Children 3 and under are free. The cost includes all meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch and activities. If you would like to attend Saturday only, the cost is \$90/person which includes three meals and activities. Let the office know if you would like to attend.

Music and Arts Camp Volunteers

Our music and art camp is almost full and to make this week another success we need volunteers! We need group leaders, station leaders, floaters, and lunch helpers. Contact Karyn if you are available to help.

Nursery Attendant

We have hired a one new nursery attendant but still need one more for the fall. If you or someone you know has a passion for childcare, send them our way! We are also putting a list of volunteers together to help cover when needed. Contact Karyn if you would like to help out.

Lectio Divina

This Tuesday, at 7:00 PM Lectio Divina continues their study of Esther with Esther 8:1-6. Contact Kitty or Briarly for more information or the Zoom link.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

All men are welcomed to join the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM in the Parish Hall. They are currently doing a study on the book "The Year of Living Biblically." Contact Trice for more details.

Online Giving & Pledge

Scan this QR code to donate to St. Stephen's using your credit card, debit card or PayPal account or to make your 2026 Pledge.



Food Closet Needs of the Week

Pantry staples: Sugar, flour, cornmeal, condiments (mustard, mayonnaise, catsup), vegetable oil, rice side dishes, spam

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