



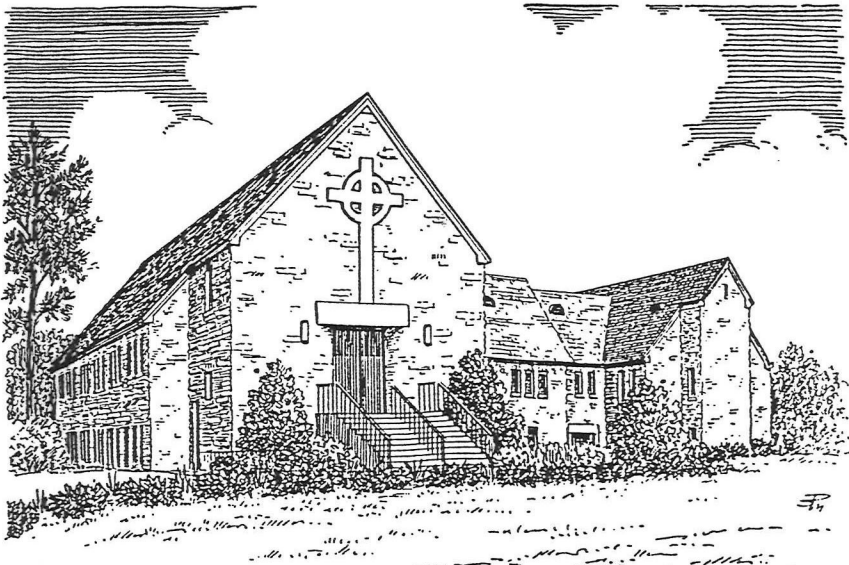
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 8:00 A.M.

WHERE GOD IS SEEN • LOVE IS FELT • LIVES ARE CHANGED.

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning.  
We are delighted that you are here!



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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## GLORIA

BCP 324

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.***

*The Collect of the Day, readings and psalm can be found in the insert.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ESTHER**

**ESTHER 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22**

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

**PSALM 124 (Said in unison)**

**INSERT OR BCP 781**

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES**

**JAMES 5:13-20**

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

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

*Gospeller*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*        Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**THE GOSPEL**

**MARK 9:38-50**

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**THE SERMON**

**PASTOR DAMOS**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**BCP 326**

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.

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**BCP 328**

*The Presider or other person appointed says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Brian, our Bishop, and Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; for Bailey and Steve, our clergy, and Adam, our seminarian, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, our President, and Bill, our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for St. Michael's, Kingsport. In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish. We also pray for All Saint's, Herrick SD ; St. Philip the Deacon, Lake Andes, SD; Woniya Wakan (Holy Spirit), Wager, SD; Grace, Huron, SD. We pray for the Diocese of Haiti and St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of Pakistan.

For those in assisted living and rehab: Jo Ann Baker, Dianne Davis, Roger Derby, Allan Reiss, Mary Rhoades.

We pray for our parish members: Chip & Amy Pennoyer, Louis, Jack; Bill & Mary Petersen, Britton; Phyllis Petersen; Carl & Hella Peterson; Bethany Peterson

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Thomas Bautz, Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Nick Corrigan, Reid Hartman, Seth Kosko, Alex Mol, Kyle Zirkel.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.  
*Amen.*

## CONFESSIO OF SIN

BCP 330

*Presider* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

**BCP 332**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS, WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

### **THE PEACE**

*All stand. The Presider says to the people*

*Presider*      The peace of the Lord be always with you  
*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II**

**BCP 340**

*The people remain standing. The priest then says*

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*        **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider*      Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People*        **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Then the Presider proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*The Proper Preface is said*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel or stand. Then the Presider continues,*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,



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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and maintains a moment of silence.*

<i>Presider</i>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
 O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
 O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

*Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation*

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.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,

**the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR**

*Presider:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People:* **Though we are many, we are one, because we share one bread and one cup.**

### **THE BLESSING**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

#### **8:00 A.M.**

CRUCIFER

ACOLYTES

LECTORS

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

USHERS

GREETERS

COUNTERS

EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

ALTAR GUILD

AV TECH

Jack Lee

Roni Boyd

Jack Lee

Jack and Mary Nell Campbell

Mary Nell Campbell

Betsy Ellis, Wes Delaney

Carol Gardner

Judith Delaney, Jo Kelley, Ruth Prince, Julie Webber

Matthew Doane

#### **10:30 A.M.**

Tyler Walker

Tate Cavender, Brennon Rosario

Peggy Volk

Roger Johnson, Deborah Clary

Craig Brent, Alan Liby

Michael Trank

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

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Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by Wednesday, October 2. Fully edited pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s) should be sent to editor@ststephensor.org. This email goes to both the Parish Office, and Rob Steele III, our E-News editor. Final content is at the discretion of clergy and staff.

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### **ANNUAL REPORTS AND VESTRY BIOS**

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9**

Committee reports are now due for the annual report. They should be submitted electronically to the office (secretary@ststephensor.org) no later than Wednesday October 9. Additionally, those seeking vestry nomination should submit their bios to the office by this date. Parish bylaws require that we publish vesty bios two weeks before the annual meeting.

**Early submissions are greatly appreciated, as this will allow time editing, proofing and publishing.**

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### **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION RETURNS**

**TODAY**

We will resume Coffee and Conversation today after the 10:30 a.m. service.

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### **BLESSING BOX IN ACTION!**

**ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK**

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Blessing Box! Please remember the Blessing Box when you shop. This week, we are requesting donations of laundry detergent, bar soap, canned/pouches meat. Items can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

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### **CAMINO PILGRIMS**

**THIS WEEK**

Please keep our pilgrims in your prayers this week as they walk the "Final Push" of the Camino. They will complete their pilgrimage (117K) on Saturday, October 5th and will attend the Pilgrim's Mass on October 6th. They return to Oak Ridge on October 7th.

## **OUTDOOR SERVICE / BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

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As we did last year, the 10:30 service on October 6 will be transformed into Pet Church that day! Bring your dogs, cats, and pets of whatever ilk (as long as they are leashed or crated) to church that day in the Grove! If it rains, we will be inside the Nave!

For those who wish to avoid the animal menagerie, our 8:00 o'clock will be humans-only that day. And for those who'd really love to get their animals blessed but have rather skittish or anti-social pets (the Normans' dog Hank qualifies under the latter!), you have two options. Bring them at 9 that morning in the grove and Fr. Bailey will bless them. You may also contact Fr. Bailey to arrange a time for him to come out and bless your animals at your home sometime afterwards! **Everyone is invited to consider donating a bag of dog or cat food that will be donated to a local animal shelter.**

We look forward to a fun morning of barks and meows adding to our joyful voices at church.

## **LOOSE PLATE OFFERING**

**THIS MONTH**

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The loose plate offering for the month of September goes toward Together Podemos. You can read more about this organization in the E-News. As next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, the offering will go to the Rector Discretionary Fund. The remainder of October's offering will go to Haiti

## **MINISTRY OF THE WEEK**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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One of our fastest growing areas at St. Stephen's is our Children and Youth ministries! You may have noticed an increasing number of kids in our services, more babies and infants, and Sunday school classes which regularly have a strong number of kids. Our brilliant Christian Education director, Sherry Burchfield, retired from the position after last school year. But our volunteer co-chairs, Ashley Hillis and Linda Twohig, haven't missed a beat in making sure we have healthy and vibrant programs for our kids.

The greatest strength and necessity of our Christian Ed program is having widespread support from all the adults of the congregation. It starts with encouraging and lifting up our kids in their life in the church. But we are ALWAYS looking for more adults who can help with Sunday school, nursery, and Children's Chapel. If you are a parent looking to learn more about our program or an adult who is interested in helping, please contact Ashley at [ashleyjones51319@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyjones51319@gmail.com) or Linda at [twohiglinda@gmail.com](mailto:twohiglinda@gmail.com).

## **LIGHT BULB CHALLENGE!**

Speaking of light bulbs, our Building team is working on repairing or replacing all of the drop ceiling lights in our building. The vast majority of them are not functioning properly and, even when they do, are consuming a lot of electricity. To do all the work that is required, it will cost us around \$4500.00. To help offset the cost to the repair and maintenance budget, we are asking individuals and families in St. Stephen's to consider contributing for one light. Each fixture (bulb and ballast) will cost \$60. We have 72 fixtures in the building. These upgraded bulbs and fixtures will both produce brighter light and help reduce electrical output. If you wish to make a donation, make sure to designate your gift as "Light bulbs" to St. Stephen's. Thank you for your consideration to help brighten up our spaces and make us a bit more energy conscious.

## **CALLING THOSE WILLING TO HELP SHAPE THE MISSION OF ST. STEPHEN'S**

Have you ever thought about sharing your gifts as a leader of the church? Do you want to be involved in shaping the future of our parish? Vestry is the "board" of any Episcopal parish that works with the Rector in managing the daily needs of the parish but also in shaping its long-term goals and vision.

At our Annual Parish Meeting on October 27, we will be electing four new Vestry members. We are looking for people who are interested in not only serving their parish but sharing and helping implement ideas for continued growth in our parish. We have a great group of people serving, and we want to continue to have a vibrant and energetic group.

In addition to being willing to act as a servant leader, you must be confirmed with membership at St. Stephen's and be a financial contributor to the church. If you are interested in learning more, please contact our Vestry representative Beth Reed or Fr. Bailey. Even if you are only thinking about serving, we would love to share more about what the Vestry does.

**ST. STEPHEN'S FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE**

**AS OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

These numbers reflect the change to track our actual giving vs budgeted expenses. Scan the QR code for online pledging!



Last Week's Offering	\$12,007
2024 YTD offering	\$443,223
2024 YTD budgeted expenses	\$419,004
over/(under)	\$24,219

As you know St Stephen's started the year with a budget that included a \$121,000 "Challenge" but through the efforts of many we are in the process of meeting this 'Challenge". Many Parishioners have responded with increased pledging and dedicated giving for specific projects and ministries. Additionally, we have been able to identify areas to become more efficient and cut our expenses, while at the same time increase our expected income through investments. However, as often happens during the summer months, our income has decreased to the point where year to date expenses are currently above our income. Although this has happened in the past, and is usually temporary, it creates a cash flow challenge which makes it hard for us to meet our day to day operational expenses as well as unexpected expenses such as the recent HVAC system repairs. We ask that everyone prayerfully consider their financial commitment to help ensure that St Stephen's has the resources we need to continue to support our work for the Lord.

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ADAM CAVENDER, TOM CLARY, EMILY DOANE, BETH REED (2024)  
CLEON HARTMAN, ASHLEY HILLIS (2025)  
CRAIG BRENT, BEN SHASSERE, TYLER WALKER (2026)

THE RT. REV. BRIAN COLE, BISHOP  
THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

