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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

September 22, 2019



Spirit of Reconciliation

As an outward expression of the Creator's love and in the spirit of reconciliation, St. Stephen's acknowledges that we gather on traditional indigenous territory: Treaty 7 region of Southern Albert Alberta and Métis Nation, Region 3. Through our worship and outreach St. Stephen's moves forward seeking a new, honourable, and respectful relationship with the Original Peoples of this land.

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8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist **10:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist

Excellent Adventure and Nursery available 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Anglican Church

Sunday Worship, September 22, 2019

8:00am service - Book of Common Prayer (starting page 67) 10:30am service - Bulletin

The Reverend Helen Belcher, *Presider & Preacher*
The Reverend Charmaine Evans, *Deacon*
Liz Tremblay, *Music Director*

Lectionary Readings

This week:

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Next week: Sept 29

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

The Prayers of the People

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda, The Most Reverend Stanley Ntagali - Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala; for Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury; Linda, our Primate; Greg our Metropolitan Archbishop & Diocesan Bishop, Sidney; Leopold, Bishop of the Windward Islands.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We pray for All Saints, Medicine Hat, The Reverend Guy Snell, The Reverend Deacon Gloria Schirok, St. Theodore, Taber, The Reverend Canon Erin Phillips; in our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for Grace Church, Riviere Doree with St. Paul and Christ-the-King, The Reverend Eleanor Glasgow, their clergy and the people of the parishes.

St. Stephen's Parish Cycle of Prayer

Clem Dumett · Catherine Eldridge · Greg and Lynn Evans · Janis Fenwick · Lindsay and Wayne Foo · Mary Lou Flood and her children Thomas and Claire.

For Those in Need

Evelyn and family · Matthias · Tisha · Phil · Anita · Sarah · Archer.

For the Departed

Sudhir Jain

Flowers

Flowers are dedicated today to the Glory of God
by Joan Buck in loving memory of loved ones.



On Duty Today:

Reader: *Ginny Binder*

Litaniest: *Doug McKibbon*

Communion Assistants: *Madeline King · Bob Taylor*

Greeters: *Barb Driftmier · Carolyn Donnan · Bill Tymchyshyn*

Chancel Guild: *Janet Powers · Jean Springer*

Sacramental Bread: *Kathy Deyell · David Roach*

Coffee: *Pat and Russ Kirby*

Excellent Adventure: *Maya McKirdy*

Nursery: *Beverley Senko · Leila Quinones*



Blue Envelopes this month goes to the Calgary Food Bank, the first line of emergence food support for the families and individuals facing crisis. The Food Bank's mission is to deal with food insecurity aligns with our mission to work with our community to fight hunger.



Volunteer Opportunity at St. Stephen's

Looking for ways to get involved, meet new people, have some fun? Come join the **Stewardship team**.

Please contact **Tim Crowe** (tcrowe@shsynfuels.com) or **Todd Hirsch** (thirsch@atb.com).

Look what we have done now (LWWDN)

In this past week we have assisted a retired elderly woman who lives primarily on her pension and supplements her income by delivering flyers in a few communities. With her meagre she income she supports a physically disabled brother and a son with a mood disorder. They were without funds for food or the gasoline needed for her supplementary work. Applications had been made or assisted living support through Alberta health services however it will be sometime before the applications will be processed. Alberta works was not willing to help them with emergency resources as the applications are in process. We were able to provide her with gifts of groceries and a card for gas so she can continue to care for her family and continue her work.



Ongoing at St. Stephen's

Bible study, Thursday mornings 10-11am - Canterbury Room

Choir Practice Thursday evenings 7:30-9:00pm - Sanctuary

Meditation, Tuesday Evenings 6-7pm - Sanctuary

Men's group 2nd Sat. mornings of the month, 8:30 -10am

Seniors Group Oct 10 Morning 10-12:30 - Sanctuary

Women's and Youth Group will be back, no dates yet.



BE REAL, BELONG, BELIEVE IT September 22, 2019

Welcome! *If you are searching for a place to belong, a warm welcome to you. So we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have please look for one of our **Wardens** who will be wearing a big "Ask Me" button.*

Search Committee News

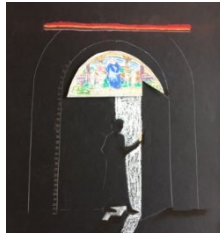
We're working on our new posting. This work includes preparation of a short video to capture the essence of St. Stephen's in a 21st century format!

We hope to be able to post the new ad by early October.

We welcome your thoughts and suggestions: do you have names of likely candidates; do you know of communities other than the ones we are already canvassing? Let us know.

The members of the Search Committee are: Anne J. Brown (Chair), Tim Crowe, Keith Moe, Cathi Nelson, Redmond, Gavin Stuart and Gord Tallman. Any one of us will be happy to answer questions you have, at any time. You are also welcome to email or 'phone with comments; if that is your preference, contact Anne at brown.annej@gmail.com or 403 852 7355.

*Whom will we welcome
as our new Rector?*



Flower Calendar on the bulletin board by the Canterbury Room

Dinner for Eight

If you would like to participate in informal gatherings to get to know other parishioners, join us for Dinners for Eight! For more information, please email **Lynda Greuel** at lynda.greuel@shaw.ca!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TEA PARTY

I am sending out this email to help publicize a tea that Tracie Zahavich is holding for the Kidney Foundation. Tracie is Chief Pastry Chef at Teatros and is my grandson, Ross Bowles' partner. Ross has returned from London and taken over as Head Chef at River Cafe.

The tea party is on Sunday, 6th October from 2 pm to 5 pm **at the Glenmore Sailing Club**. Details are given below in this website. All husbands and partners are welcome.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/tea-time-for-kidneys-tickets-71157232197>

Please bring friends and tell other people about the tea party. Hope you can make it. **Gillian Bowles**

Healing Conference

Archbishop Greg will be the keynote speaker and Celebrant at a full-day Healing Conference, to be held at **St. Luke, Calgary, on Saturday, October 19, beginning at 8:30 am**. Three workshops include Finding Healing through the Power of Prayer; The Healing Gift of Presence; and Forgiveness. Everyone is invited. Early Bird Price till Sept 30, \$30 after \$40. Married Couple \$50 after \$70 Students and teens free. See Bulletin board for more info.

Cursillo Movement Events

Upcoming Men's and Women's Cursillo Weekends

The Fall Cursillo Weekend for **Men** will be held **from Thurs., Oct. 24-Sun. 27th**
The Weekend for **Women** will be held **from Thursday, October 31 to Sunday, November 3**.

Light Up The World Gala (see poster for more info)

(LUTW rents space from us in the Memorial Hall)

Almost 1 billion people do not have access to electricity. Light Up The World (LUTW) brings solar electricity to families living off-the-grid.

The event will take place on Friday October 25th at the beautiful museum of Studio Bell with a nice dinner catered by hotel Arts and live music. Please use the alumni option as we are part of your community and we would love to celebrate this gala with you. **LUTW sent an email with links, if anyone is interested call the church office and we will forward them to you.**

READINGS

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalm 79:1-9

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God,

you call us into your service.

Make us wise and resourceful:

children of light who do your bidding in the world,

working tirelessly for equality and justice;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Ruler of the universe,

the sacrifice of Jesus Christ your Chosen One

restores justice and calls us to service in his name.

May we be faithful witnesses of your will for the world.

We ask it for his sake.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hear the cry of my poor people
from far away in a distant land:

“Is God not in Zion?

Is her Sovereign not with her?”

(To which God replies:

“Why have they provoked me to anger
with their images,

and with their foreign idols?”)

The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.

I hurt, for my people are hurting.

I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night

for the slain of my poor people!

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 79:1-9

O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple;
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

**They have given the bodies of your servants
to the birds of the air for food,
the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.**

They have poured out their blood like water
all around Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.

**We have become a taunt to our neighbours,
mocked and derided by those around us.**

How long, O God? Will you be angry for ever?
Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?

**Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you,
and on the peoples that do not call on your name.**

For they have devoured Jacob
and laid waste his habitation.

**Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;
but let your compassion come speedily to meet us.**

For we are brought very low.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;

**deliver us, and forgive our sins,
for your name's sake.**

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying: "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

God has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely, I will never forget any of their deeds."

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Thanks be to God.

PSALM 113

Praise be to our God!
Praise, O God's servants;
praise the name of our God.

**Blessed be the name of our God
from this time forth for evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of our God be praised.

**Our God is high above all nations,
and God's glory above the heavens.**

Who is like our God, who is seated on high,
looking down from afar on the heavens and the earth;
**who raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

who raises them up to sit with royalty,
with the leaders of God's people;
**who gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.**
Praise be to our God!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for rulers and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires that everyone be saved and come to the full knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as a ransom for all—which was manifested when the time was right. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 16:1-13

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel

of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News

of Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this steward was squandering his property. So he summoned the steward and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my steward any longer.'

"Then the steward said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I would be ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as steward people may welcome me into their homes.'

"So summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'

"And his master commended the dishonest steward because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

"So I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal places.

"Whoever is faithful in a little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?"

"No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and wealth."

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Gathering of the Community

We gather, greet one another, and prepare for worship.

Prelude: Adagio (J. Bennet)

Welcome and Opening Announcements

Greeting (*All standing*)

Blesséd be our God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

And blesséd be God's Realm, now and forever.

Come, let us worship God in sincerity and in truth.

Come, let us worship God in word and in deed.

Let us worship God with open hearts and open minds.

Let us worship God with praises and the sound of singing.

Blesséd be our God, the living God.

Come, let us worship.

Hymn: Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

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Opening Prayer (*the congregation remains standing*)

Merciful God,

you call us into your service.

Make us wise and resourceful:

children of light who do your bidding in the world,

*We prepare for
worship by taking a
few quiet moments
to reflect upon the
state of our life and
that of the world
this day.*

*The Opening
Prayer gathers the
individual prayers
of the people and
identifies a theme
or themes to be
heard in today's
service.*

working tirelessly for equality and justice;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word
*We hear again the Christian story
and respond with our prayers and intentions.*

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

read by Ginny Binder

*The First Reading
and the Psalm are
taken from the
Hebrew Scriptures,
the "Old
Testament".*

Following the reading:

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113

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Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

read by Ginny Binder

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Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading and the Gospel Reading are from the early Christian writings, the "New Testament".

Sequence Hymn: Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

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Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

Prior to the Reading:

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We stand for the Gospel Reading in special reverence for its account of the life and teachings of Jesus.

Following the Reading:

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith (*the congregation stands*)

Let us declare our faith in God, saying:

**We believe in God the Creator,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Redeemer,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
filling us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Sanctifier,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

We affirm the core beliefs of the Christian faith.

Prayers of the People

led by Doug McKibbin

As we pray together this morning, following the phrase "We offer our prayers of thanks and desires, "I invite you to respond, "That we may live peaceful and grounded lives."

The Prayers of the People place the concerns of our hearts before God: for the world, for the Church, and for those in need.

The Peace *(the congregation standing)*

Jesus said to his disciples,
"Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you."

The Passing of the Peace, practiced since biblical times, reminds us of Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us.

The Peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The People greet one another with a gesture of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

*We give thanks for God's saving acts throughout history
by which we are spiritually fed.*

Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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During this hymn symbols of our daily lives—bread and wine for use in communion, and money for the ongoing witness and ministry of the Church—are offered for God's blessing.

Prayer over the Gifts

O God, the giver of life,
receive all we offer you this day.
Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church
continue to work in the world
through the hearts of all who believe.
We ask this in the name of our risen Saviour.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to our God.

"Eucharist" is the Greek word for thanksgiving. The Eucharistic Prayer is also known as the "Great Thanksgiving". It calls to mind all our blessings, from

Let us give thanks to the God of our salvation.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*God's creation of
the world to
Christ's death on
the cross.*

It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things;
you formed us in your own image.
When we turned away from you
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the promised land;
through the prophets
you renewed your promise of salvation.

Accept our praises, O God, in our own time,
as we follow the example of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and obey his command:
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
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.

*At the heart of the
Christian story is
Jesus' death for our
sake, which is
recounted here.*

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to his disciples, saying:
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.
Do this, whenever you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our offering of thanks and praise.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living witness to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So now we join our voices
with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
who proclaim the glory of your name,
forever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Our praises join
with those of the
faithful who have
gone before us in
what is called the
"Communion of
Saints".*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

*The "Lord's Prayer"
is so called because
the Gospels record
Jesus teaching this
prayer to his
disciples.*

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Invitation

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

*All who love and
serve God are
welcome to come
forward to receive
communion, or to
receive a blessing
in God's name.*

Communion (*please do not dip the bread in the cup*)

Anthem during Communion: All are Welcome (M. Haugen)

Prayer after Communion

Ruler of the universe,
the sacrifice of Jesus Christ your Chosen One
restores justice and calls us to service in his name.
May we be faithful witnesses of your will for the world.
We ask it for his sake. **Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**
**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*A doxology is a
prayer of praise to
God, in this case a
final one, drawing
our worship to a
close.*

Announcements

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Thanks be to God!

Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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Postlude: Voluntary in E minor (J. Stanley)

*Having been fed by
Word and
Sacrament, we are
sent out into the
world to be
witnesses to God's
love*

*Thank you for sharing in our worship today.
Following the service you are invited to stay
and join us for refreshments.*

