

All Saints

November 2, 2025

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Longview, WA

We as people of faith who are called to care for this creation **want to respectfully acknowledge the Cowlitz and Chinook People**, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Cowlitz and Chinook People. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths.



St. Stephen's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. **We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we!**



Connect with St. Stephen's!

Please leave your name and email/phone number and Fr. Nic will connect with you this week with an invitation to enjoy a cup of coffee on us!

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Your Email: _____



For All the Saints



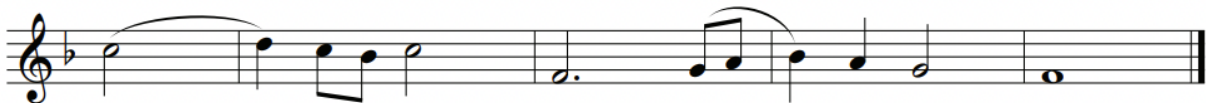
1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, All
2. You were their rock, their fortress and their might;
3. O may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
6. The golden evening brightens in the west;



who by faith before the world confessed, Your
 You, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
 Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, And
 We feeblely struggle, they in glory shine; Yet
 Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; †



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 You, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the victor's crown of gold.
 all are one within your great design.
 hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

7. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day;
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Baptism

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit:

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism:

One God and Father of all.

There is no children's ministry today as we celebrate the Baptisms of Jossalynn and Niko with our full community! The children's ministry will return next Sunday!

Worship Leaders November 2, 2025

Presider The Rev. Nic Mather

Musician Riki Davis

Acolyte Niko Hanberg

Altar Guild Gretchen Niemi, Heather Niemi

Reader Ladonna Stacey, Maddy Glaser

Greeter Wes and Lauren Henricksen

Chalice Bearer Mary Lyons

Usher Don Willows

Verger Mary Hoover

Vestry Presence Gretchen Niemi, Rob Painter-Johnson

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

(Please be seated for readings from Holy Scripture)

A Reading from **Daniel 7:1-3,15-18**

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

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

Psalm 149

- 1 Hallelujah!**
Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; ***
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; ***
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people ***
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; ***
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat ***
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations ***
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains ***
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; ***
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from **Ephesians 1:11-23**

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Gospel Processional (before reading) & Recessional (after reading)
(Please stand in body or spirit)



The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ According to **Luke 6:20-31**
Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice
in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in
heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their
ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate
you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone
strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes
away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who
begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them
again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Nic Mather

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor **I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidates **I do.**

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Candidates **I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidates **I do.**

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Candidates **I do.**

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Odin in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Let us join with Jossalynn and Niko who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Prayers For The Candidates

Let us now pray for Jossalynn and Niko who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
Lord, hear our prayer

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over The Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

A Baptismal Candle is presented.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbor, as the people are blessed by a sprinkling of holy water by the newly baptized.

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

If you are making a pledge today please place your pledge in the offertory basket.

Give to the virtual offering plate by scanning or online @ sslv.org/give

Virtual Offering Plate



FISH Sunday

Today is the First Sunday of the Month where we ask those who are able to make a special offering to support our FISH ministry, which is especially needed this month as SNAP benefits have been cut off and St. Stephen's will be distributing food (complete with the fixings for Thanksgiving!) November 18-21.

Offertory

Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal
Arr. Mark Schweizer
Choir

Eucharistic Prayer A

(Please stand in body or spirit)

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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

The Sanctus acclamation is sung to conclude the introduction to the eucharistic prayer.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen, © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Ann Marie Long

Al - le lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu

ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us, There-fore let us keep the

feast. Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are invited to come forward and receive Eucharist at this time. We will be sharing wine from a common chalice, so if you would prefer intinction please leave the bread in your hands and the chalice bearer will intinct for you. Gluten free communion is available and a non-alcoholic option in place of the wine is also available upon request.

For those joining via Live-Stream:

A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Prayer for Eucharistic Visitor

We offer a prayer from our community to those who are unable to join us as we send the sacrament to them carried by a minister of the church

As you go to the sick and homebound, take with you not only the sacrament that we have celebrated, but also the Word of God which we have heard, as well as the affection of this parish community. Ask for the prayers of those whom you visit in return. Go, now, with God's peace and blessing. AMEN.

Please stand in body or spirit during the singing of the final verse

I want to walk as a child of the light

The Hymnal 1982, #490

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life — is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Please stand in body or spirit during the singing of the final verse

Postcommunion Prayer

**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 Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The blessing of God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Closing Hymn

***Following the closing hymn you are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for
Coffee Hour! If you are new today, please take a welcome packet and coffee
mug (found at the front door)!***

I sing a song of the saints of God

The Hymnal 1982, #293



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
 his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
 Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And
 joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of
 by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too. □
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt. Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945). □

Save the Dates:

- **Wednesday Centering Prayer:**
 - Weekly on Wednesdays in All Saints Chapel, 9:30am

- **Fall Book Study:**
 - *How We Learn To Be Brave* by Bishop Mariann Budde, Wednesdays October 22-November 19 @ 6pm, please let Fr. Nic know if you plan to participate and/or need help ordering a book. Location TBD based on number of participants.

- **Sunday, November 2 @ 7pm, Service of Remembrance:**
 - Join us for our annual Service of Remembrance featuring music from local choirs and prayers for all those who have gone before us. All are invited and welcome to attend this community worship offering. If you would like names of loved ones included in the necrology please send those to Becky in the office.

- **First Sunday of Advent, Sunday November 30:**
 - Advent Wreath Making @ Coffee Hour

- **Feast of St. Nicholas, Thursday December 4, 5-7:30pm:**
 - Crafts & Food!
 - Joyful Noise Eucharist & Special Visitor at 6pm
 - ALL are welcome and invited!

- **Cocoa, Cookies, & Carols, Sunday December 14, 6-8pm**
 - ALL are welcome and invited!
 - YOU bring the cookies, WE provide the Cocoa & Carols!



**Tell Out
My Soul**

2026

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Following in the footsteps of Christ, I/we commit to St.
Stephen's in 2026 with an ANNUAL commitment of**

\$ _____

**I/we plan to fulfill this
annual pledge through:**

Weekly Payments []

Monthly Payments []

One-Time Annual Payment []

**I'm also interested in further conversations about
Legacy Giving []**