

The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

November 9, 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!**



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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: _____

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Sing Out, Earth and Skies!

Verses



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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Come, O God of all the earth: | Come to us, O |
| 2. Come, O God of wind and flame: | Fill the earth with |
| 3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: | Twin - kling star and |
| 4. Come, O God of snow and rain: | Show - er down up - |
| 5. Come, O Jus - tice, Come, O Peace: | Come and shape our |



Right - eous One;	Come, and bring our love to birth:
right - eous - ness;	Teach us all to sing your name:
burn - ing sun;	God of day and God of night:
on the earth;	Come, O God of joy and pain:
hearts a - new;	Come and make op - pres - sion cease:



In the glo - ry of your Son.
May our lives your love con - fess.
In your light we all are one.
God of sor - row, God of mirth.
Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who



loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!



Dance to the life a - round you!

The Liturgy of the Word

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.**

Song of Praise & Children's Procession

Children are invited to follow the procession of the cross from the Church to the Parish Hall for Sunday School. While the program is geared for children 10 & under, ALL children are welcome to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend. Children will return to the church in time for Eucharist (typically returning after the passing of the peace).

Worship Leaders November 9, 2025

Presider	The Rev. Nic Mather
Musician	Riki Davis
Acolyte	Esther Henricksen, Miles Henricksen
Altar Guild	Robin Swecker, Michele Waite
Reader	Mary Lyons, Mary Hoover
Greeter	Mary Lyons
Chalice Bearer	Rob Painter-Johnson
Usher	John Brugman
Verger	Lisa Sudar
Vestry Presence	Mary Lyons, Robin Swecker

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated for readings from Holy Scripture)

A Reading from **Job 19:23-27a**

Job said,

"O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

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

Psalm 17:1-9

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.**
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.**
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.**
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.**
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.**
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
- 9 From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies who surround me.**

A Reading from **2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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 20:27-38**
Glory to you, O Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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

Homily

The Rev. Nic Mather

Nicene Creed *(Please stand in body or spirit)*

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: How we long to share our deepest concerns with you Lord. Hear us now as we pray, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: God of Love, give your universal church the will to see all people as your beloved and the mission to lift up all whom we encounter. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of new beginnings, forgive each one of us for our apathy in the light of the injustice of the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Mercy, grant to those who serve the needy an endless stream of volunteers, resources, and hope, that all might be provided for and that we might find a place to serve in your name. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, give our leaders a sense of true vocation in service to the greater good and bless us with those who are willing to serve with compassion, wisdom and clarity. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, restore to fullness of health those who are ill, injured, or suffering from despair or anxiety. Bring peace to all who suffer, especially we pray for Ron & Harriet Byrnes, Reed Nunnelee, D. Rowley, Marg Ofstun, Jean Watson, Maren Lin, and those we now name either silently or aloud. *pause.* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our birthing, God of our dying, bless all those who depart this world in faith a place with you in your eternal kingdom. Especially those we now name either silently or aloud. *pause.* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: God who hears our prayers and uses us to answer the prayers of others, we ask that you answer these our heartfelt prayers in the way that best serves your purposes. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.. **Amen.**

Confession of Sins *(Please kneel in body or spirit)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *(Please stand in body or spirit)*

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

Offertory Sentence

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

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

Offertory




At the Table of Jesus

Refrain



At the ta - ble of Je - sus we are nour - ished and fed By the
 bless - ing cup and heav - en's liv - ing bread. At the
 ta - ble of Je - sus earth and heav - en are wed. To a
 hun - gry world, by our God we are led.

Verses



1. Where love and char - i - ty are found There God is a - mong us; God's
 2. Now, as we gath - er all as one, Di - vi - sion is end - ed, com -
 3. Joined with the an - gels and the saints, Be - hold - ing God's glo - ry and
 good - ness a - bounds. As Christ gath - ers man - y as one,
 mun - ion be - gun. Let fear, an - ger, ha - tred now end.
 tast - ing God's grace, We'll sing praise in God's ho - ly place,
 D.C.
 Let our hearts be glad and re - flect God's love.
 Let us dwell in love as our God in - tends.
 And with heav - en's hosts we'll come face to face.

Text: Based on *Ubi Caritas*; Tony E. Alonso, b.1980

Tune: SIMPLE GIFTS, Irregular with refrain; Joseph Brackett, Jr., 1797-1882; arr. by Marty Haugen, b.1950

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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.

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

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

8
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 come with joy to meet my Lord

The Hymnal 1982, #304

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for unison or harmony in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in five numbered parts (1-5) for each system. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final line and a concluding phrase. The music is simple and folk-like, with a steady rhythm and clear harmonic structure.

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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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)!

Ye holy angels bright

The Hymnal 1982, #625

Descant

4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862). Music: *Darwall's 148th*, melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

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, at Hop-N-Grape.
- **First Sunday of Advent, Sunday November 30:**
 - Advent Wreath Making @ Coffee Hour
 - Advent Potluck @ Coffee Hour
 - Last Name A-H: Main Dish
 - Last Name I-O: Side Dish
 - Last Name P-W: Dessert
- **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!
- **Children's Christmas Pageant, Sunday December 21, 10:30am**
 - All children welcome and encouraged to participate
 - Pageant Rehearsal and Festive Family Breakfast @ 9am
- **Christmas Eve, Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist, 12/24, 4pm**
- **Christmas Day, Family-Friendly Eucharist, 12/25, 10:30am**