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Please participate by having your worship bulletin and Celebrate ready

Zoom Bible Studies with Pastor Jim on Thursdays 11am & 7:30pm.

Check your email on Wednesday for the link to the Zoom meeting.

Our Mission Statement

*St. Stephen's is a welcoming, healing community who worship
God in Christ, nurture people growing in faith,
serve others with acceptance and love,
invite people to share the joy of the spirit.*

Reconciling in Christ

*"We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace.
We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race
or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity,
gender expression, or relationship status.*

*We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or
mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances,
or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ."*

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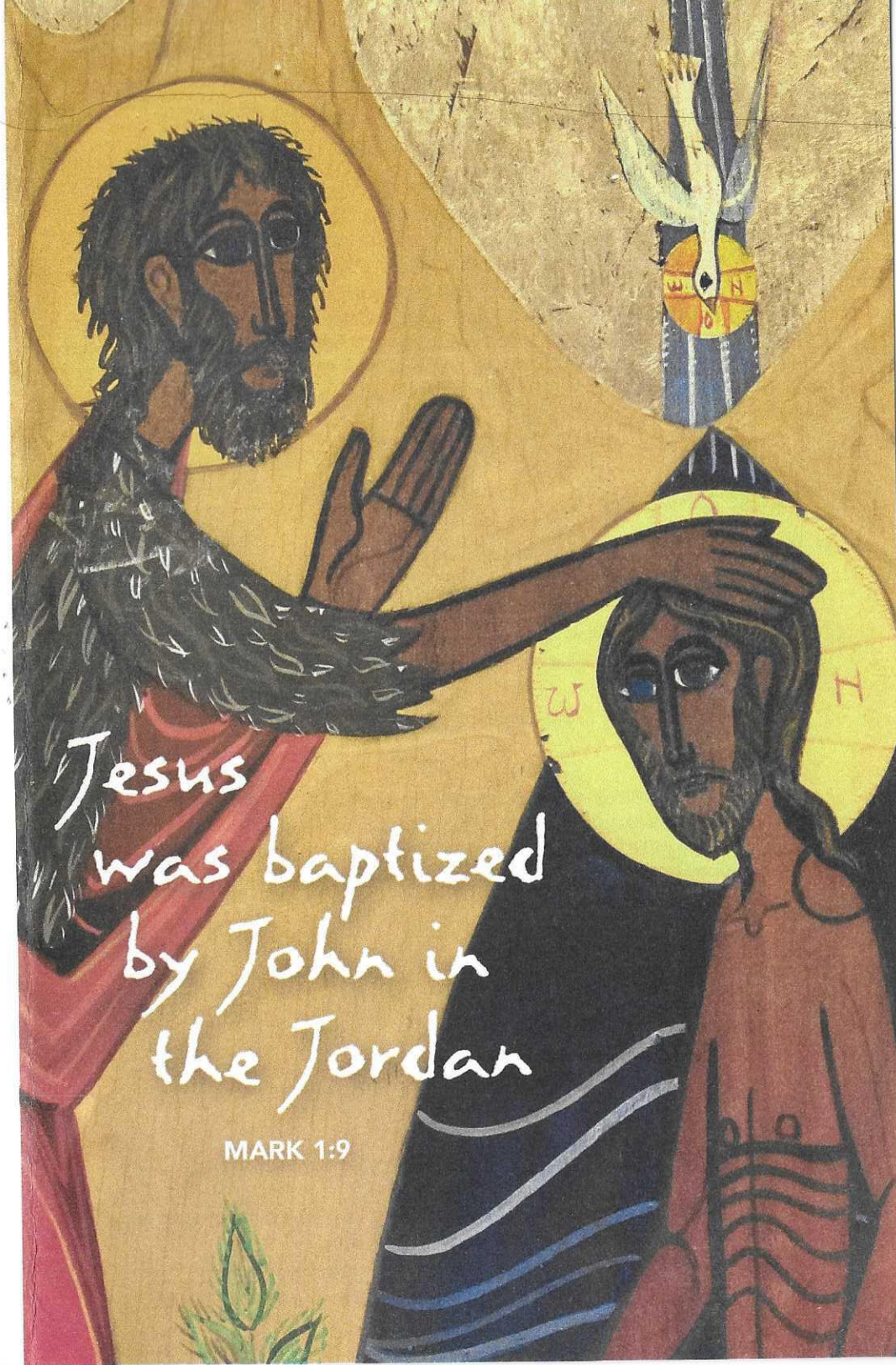
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Baptism of Our Lord January 10, 2021

WELCOME AND A NOTE TO VISITORS

Welcome to people new to this church or faith, long time Lutherans, and Christians from every tradition. Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation and marital status, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new. Welcome on this day.

The Gathering

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**



*Please dip your finger in the water and
make the sign of the cross on you or your loved ones forehead.*

Song "Song Over the Waters" W & P #127

REFRAIN

**God, you have moved up on the waters,
You have sung in the rush of wind and flame;
And in your love you have called us sons and daughters:
Make us people of the water and your name.**

**Give us a thirst for love,
Give us a hunger for justice,
Make us one with the mind of Christ. REFRAIN**

**You are the breath of life,
You are the hope of the hopeless,
Come and fill us with light and peace. REFRAIN**

*Opening Hymn "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" Red #310

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem in they birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

Provide Lunches for Volunteers Tuesday, January 26 (4th Tuesday of each month)



Contact church office if you can
provide Sandwiches, Fruit, Chips or Cookies

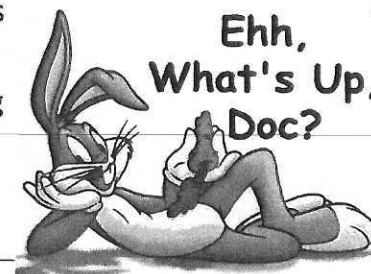
Thursday Bible Studies

Zoom with Pastor Jim
(check email on Weds. for link)
11am -12noon and 7:30 pm—8:30 pm

*We will be looking at the upcoming scripture readings for
Sunday, to enrich our worship experience and uncover some
of the deeper truths of our faith. As we grow in our faith, we
grow in community.*

Keep in touch!

Thank you to those of you who have been sending us notes and messages of encouragement and support. They help keep us hopeful and joyful! We always love to hear how things are going. We would like to share your experiences in the Newsletter each month. So, give some thought to what's been happening in your life - we ALL miss each other, and would be thrilled to hear what's up!



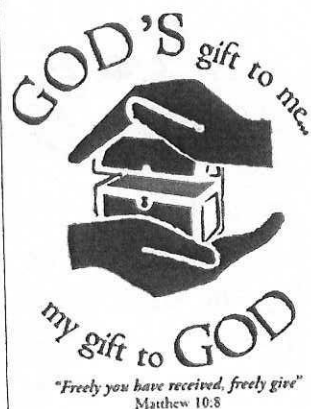
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JAN. 31 @ 11:00 AM

VIA ZOOM

(watch for email link)

We gather together to elect leadership to council, elect voting members for Synod Assembly, and approve a budget for 2021 that reflects our mission. Please plan on attending to support your church as we continue to seek God's will for our ministry together.



2021 Offering Envelopes

You may come pick them up in the office anytime between 8:30 am And 2:30 pm. If you'd like to come another time, call 476-4700 and we can leave them outside for you. Otherwise, they will be mailed out on Thursday, January 14.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest in thy God head manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine,
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to thee addressed, God I flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
Grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
That we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
And may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

*Greeting

*P: Grace and peace from God our Creator, from God who became one of us, Jesus Christ, and may the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*Kyrie

1. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
2. Christe eleison. Christe eleison.
3. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie 18



Included: Synagogue Psalter
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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —

and peace — to God's peo -

ple on earth! —

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y

God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. —

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, — and peace — to God's

peo - ple on earth! —

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther, — Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world: have mer - cy on

Prayer Concerns

Short Term: Healthcare workers, teachers, Marla Meek and family, Janet Keighley, Corinne, April, John, Susan, Mikaila, Jamie, The Wickham Family, Kent, Donna, Betsy, Tom, Anna, Krispa, Patsy, Zachary, Family of Al Mitchell, Jean Patterson, Frank Giammona, Heather, Kevin, Vanessa, Rose, Shelly Barker & family, Sam, George Webber & Family, Cox Family, Becky & Aaron Johnson, Lorraine Chavez, Lora Schraft Poulson, Nelleke, Hendrick, Kayla, Don, Lina, Sal, Katarina, Taiyo, Mateo, Stephanie Jager, Cabel, Miller, Kyle, Noah, Esdras, Jackson, Immigrant families, The Homeless, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, Pastor Jim and Our Church Family. **Long Term:** The Sanders Family, Linda Johnson, Bailey Ingalls, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, John B., Michelle, Josh, CJ, Jeff Tarantino, Susan Anderson, Rick, Bobbie Erickson, Edna Lindquist, Richard C., Eric VonSchell, Lauri Hollist, Ken Pahel, Pat M., Gary, Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Barry & Barbara, Chris & Lorie Juhl, Karin, Will, Chris, Pat Hubbard, Cathy, Pearl Runquist, Volpi & Robe Family, men and women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.

Colors in the Church

Purposeful observance of the Christian seasons and the use of color can become an important tool for education and spiritual growth & vitality. **White** is the color of light, gladness, purity and joy in Christ. White is thus the liturgical color appointed for the festivals of Christ—Christmas, the Epiphany the Baptism of our Lord, the Transfiguration, the fifty days of Easter and Christ the King. White is also used for the Holy Trinity, and is the alternate color for Maundy Thursday.



*Closing Hymn

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!" Red #314

Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty,
Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken hearted ones
And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sign up for Altar Flowers with the office

Dedicate to loved ones

Use our florist or bring your own.

us; ————— you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. —————

☐ Glo - ry to God in the high - est, ————— and peace —————

————— to God's peo - ple on earth! —————

☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, ————— ☐ you a - lone are the

Most — High, Je - sus Christ, ————— with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, ☐ in the glo - ry of God, the

Fa - ther. ————— A - men! ————— A - men! —————

☐ Glo - ry to God in the high - est, ————— and peace —————

————— to God's peo - ple on earth!

*Prayer of the Day

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P: May God be with you. **C: And also with you.**
P: Let us pray... **C: (following the prayer) Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

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L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 29

Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

Celebrate pg. 3

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

ALLELUIA



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st Chapter
C: Glory to you, O God.

*Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Communion Blessing

P: May this Holy Communion of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen us and keep us in God's grace now and forever.
C: Amen

Prayer after Communion

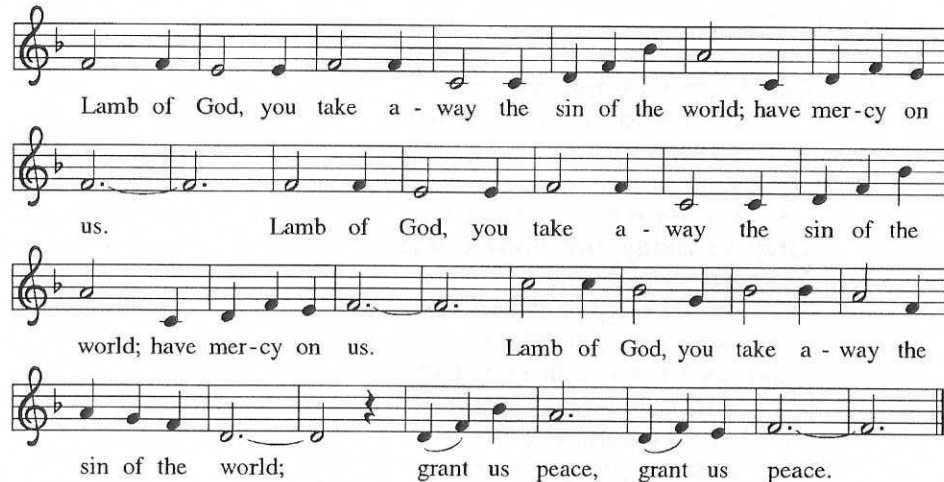
P: O Morning Star, fair and bright,
You have refreshed us again with heavenly food,
You are our dearest treasure,
Go with us now -
Today, tomorrow, every day -
That we tell the story of your never—ending love
And sing your praise both now and forever.
C: Amen.

The Sending

*Blessing

P: May the God of glory dwell in you richly,
Name you beloved,
And shine brightly on your path;
And the blessing of almighty God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
Be upon you and remain with you always.
C: Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" Blue #646

**We three kings of Orient are:
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

Refrain:

**O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light!**

**Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice;
Heav'n sings alleluia:
Alleluia the earth replies.**

REFRAIN

Sermon

Rev. James P. Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

"Waterlife" Red #457

**Before I can remember the covenant was sealed
With Father, Son, and Spirit, in water was revealed.
The cleansing was for certain, with water and the Word;
Gentle words were spoken, in heaven they were heard.**

REFRAIN

**They were singing waterlife, beginning life, waterlife
All my life, waterlife, Spirit life, waterlife.**

**A simple sweet beginning, a loving place to start:
Christ began the singing that swells within my heart.
His love became my calling, his life my ministry.
His name is my adoption into his family.**

REFRAIN

**My hope and expectation for true community
Begins with resurrection, his death and life in me.
His Spirit fills the Body: his church through water sees
Promise for tomorrow, his waterlife in me.**

REFRAIN

*The Prayers of the Church

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*Passing of the Peace

P: May the peace of God be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Communion Meal

Offering — We honor and worship God by returning some of
the gifts with which we have been blessed.

*Offering Prayer

P: Merciful God,
Receive the gifts we bring,
Our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body,
Shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
For the save of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to God.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....and join their
unending hymn:

619a Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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.

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

C: 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 forever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

P: We who are many are one body,
For we all partake of the one bread.
Come. Be filled with light and life.

Holy Communion

Visitors: You are welcome to come forward to receive Communion as part of this church family! Children are welcome to come and receive a special blessing if they have never communed. Communion is by intinction, we dip the bread into either the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Please follow the guidance of the ushers.