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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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## Second Sunday after Epiphany January 17, 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 "Christ, Be Our Light" *Red #715*

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.**

REFRAIN

**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.

## We have a pew just for you

It is easy to provide a safe (socially distanced) space for you here. If you would like to participate, we are open to a few people coming to worship when we record on Saturdays at 11:00 am. Please call in advance so we can keep our number at ten. 476-4700.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **REFRAIN**

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed. **REFRAIN**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone. **REFRAIN**

### \*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.**

### \*Kyrle

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

Kyrie 18

The musical score for Kyrie 18 is presented in two systems. The first system shows a vocal line (soprano/tenor) and a bass line. The vocal line has the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -'. The second system continues the vocal line with 'le - i - son.' and the bass line with 'son.' and 'son.'.

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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, Kathy Allen and Family, Margot Wilson, 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

"We Are Called" Red #720

**Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
To live in the freedom of the city of God.**

*REFRAIN:*

***We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another,  
To walk humbly with God.***

**Come! Open your heart!  
Show your...mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
So all hatred and blindness... will be...no more. *REFRAIN***

**Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign and we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers... united in love. *REFRAIN***

\*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 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Celebrate pg. 1

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

Psalm Psalm 139:1-18 Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading 1 Cor. 6:12-20 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. John the 1st Chapter  
**C: Glory to you, O God.**

\*Gospel Reading John 1:43-51 Celebrate pg. 3

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

**2. Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**4. Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I with-hold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

**6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.**

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

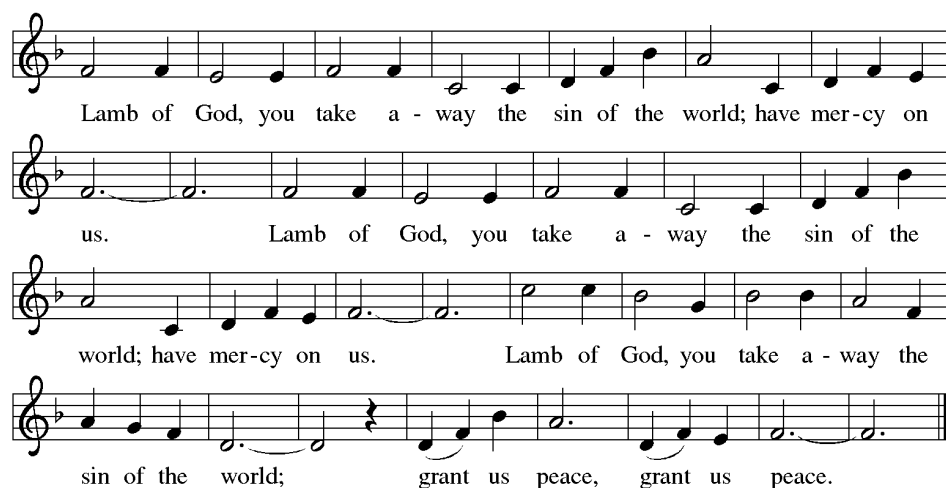
P: May the God of glory dwell in you richly,  
Name you beloved,  
And shine brightly on your path;  
And the blessing of almighty God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Be upon you and remain with you always. **C: Amen**

## 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.*

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### Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn

*"Take My Life, That I May Be" Red #583 vs. 1,2,4 & 6*

**1. Take my life, that I may be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

## Sermon

Rev. James P. Lapp

### \*Hymn of the Day

*"Borning Cry" Red #732*

**"I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."**

**"When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."**

**"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."**

**"I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."**

### \*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 sake 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.

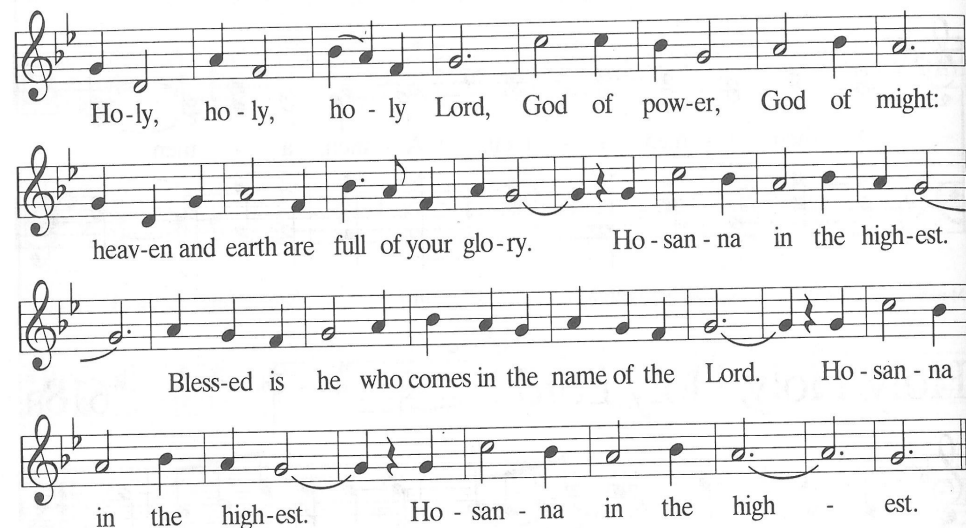
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Eucharistic Prayer

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

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## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



### \*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.