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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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Third Sunday after Epiphany January 24, 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

Affirmation of Baptism & Reception of New Members

Shelly & Liz Barker

*Opening Hymn

“Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult” Red #696

**Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding, saying,
“Christian, follow me”:
As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus’ sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world’s golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying,
“Christian, love me more.”**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
“Christian, love me more than these.”**

**Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.**

**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 (masked & 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 Fridays at 11:00 am (new day). Please call in advance so we can keep our number at ten. 476-4700.

*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

The musical score is for a Kyrie in 3/4 time, marked 'Kyrie 18'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first phrase: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -'. The second system shows the continuation of the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second phrase: 'le - i - son.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

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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

*(Tu, Pescador de otros, mares,
Ansia eternal de almas que esperan.
Amigo bueno, que asi me llamas.)*

*Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Concerns

Short Term: Healthcare workers, teachers, Marla Meek and family, Kathy Allen and Family, Beth Stiles, Marissa, Margot Wilson, Corinne, 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.

*Closing Hymn

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”
Red #817 (Tu has benido a la orilla)

**You have come down to the lakeshore
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.**

*(Tu has venido a la orilla,
no has buscado ni a sabios ni a ricos;
tan solo quieres que yo te siga.)*

REFRAIN

Senor, me has mirado a los ojos;
Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;

Son riendo, has dicho mi nombre.
Kindly smiling, you have called out my name...

En la arena he dejado mi barca;
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;

Junto a ti, buscare otro mar.
Now with you, I will seek other seas.

**You know full well what I have, Lord:
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working.**

*(Tu sabes bien lo que tengo:
En mi barca no hay oro no espadas;
Tan solo redes y mi trabajo.)*

**You need my hands, my exhaustion,
Working love for the rest of the weary
A love that's willing to go on loving.**

*(Tu necesitas mis manos,
Mi cansancio que a otros descansa,
Amor que quiera seguir amando.)*

**You who have fished other waters;
You, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.**

REFRAIN

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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.
P: Let us pray...

C: And also with you.
C: (following the prayer) Amen.

The Word of God

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-10

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

Psalm

Psalm 62:5-12

Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading

1 Cor. 7:29-31

Celebrate pg. 3

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

*Gospel Acclamation

ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

*Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

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

**I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

REFRAIN

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *REFRAIN***

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**

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.

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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

"I Love to Tell the Story" Red #661 vs 1 & 3

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.**

Sermon

Rev. James P. Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

Red #763

**My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.**

REFRAIN

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?**

**What though my joys and comforts die?
The lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.**

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?**

*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:

619a

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 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**