

Worship online at [www.ststephenslutheran.org](http://www.ststephenslutheran.org)

Recorded for you to view anytime.

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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# Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 14, 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

### Prelude

#### \*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      **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**      **#365**

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

## Provide Lunches for Volunteers

**Tuesday, February 23**

(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.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### \*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

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

le - i - son.

Maker: Jacques Boffroy  
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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

## Ash Wednesday—Feb. 17th

Recorded Service on our Website

[www.ststephenslutheran.org](http://www.ststephenslutheran.org)

Please gather some ashes to be able to participate in the beginning of the 40 days of Lent.

Please have your Holy Communion elements ready as well.

## Wednesdays in Lent

Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24

## Holden Evening Prayer

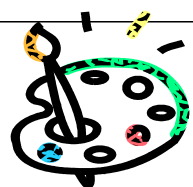
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## Prayer Concerns

**Short Term:** Leslie Lapp and Family, Healthcare workers, teachers, Marla Meek and family, Kathy Allen and Family, Beth Stiles, Nancy, Marisa, 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:** Leslie Lapp, 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.

us; you are seated 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      2 Kings 2:1-12      Celebrate pg. 1

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

Psalms      Psalm 50:1-6      Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading      2 Corinthians 4:3-6      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 1st Chapter  
**C: Glory to you, O God.**

\*Gospel Reading      Mark 9:2-9      Celebrate pg. 3

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

**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**

\*Closing Hymn      "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Red #671

**REFRAIN**

**Shine, Jesus, shine**  
**Fill this land with the Father's glory**  
**Blaze Spirit, blaze**  
**Set our hearts on fire**  
**Flow, river, flow**  
**Flood the nations with grace & mercy**  
**Send forth your Word**  
**Lord, and let there be light!**

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me...    **REFRAIN**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me...    **REFRAIN**

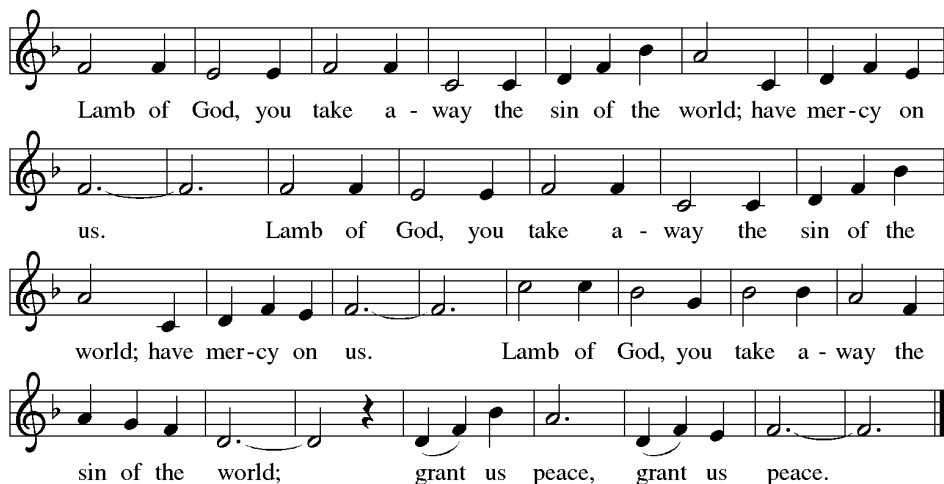
\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Grant forgiveness in the feast—Jesus, feed us-  
For the greatest and the least; feed us with your love.**

**Thank you for this gift we share, Jesus, feed us.  
Save God's children ev'rywhere; feed us with your love.**

### Lamb of God



### 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.**

### Sermon

Rev. James P. Lapp

\*Hymn of the Day      Beautiful Savior      #838

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!**

### \*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

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**

### 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.*

### Communion Hymn Bread of Life #464

**Bread of life, our host and meal, Jesus, feed us.  
Christ by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.**

**Bread now break and wine now pour, Jesus, feed us.  
Make us one, our hope restore; feed us with your love.**