

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2021

## *The Gathering*

Prelude

Gary Roberts

Welcome

\*Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: For self-centered living,  
and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness;

**C: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: For longing to have what is not ours,  
and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves;

**C: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: For misuse of human relationships,  
and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others;

**C: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God,  
and for carelessness with the fruits of creation;

**C: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: For not living like a child of God,  
and squandering the gifts of love and grace;

**C: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
Through the Holy Spirit, God gives life,  
freedom from the power of sin,  
and resurrection from the dead.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Live in newness of life.

**C: Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

*"As We Gather at Your Table" Red #522*

**As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
Help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
May we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
Where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
As we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.**

**\*Greeting**

\*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

Service music #151

Kyrie



1,3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.  
1,3 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
2 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.



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\*The Salutation

P: May God be with you.  
**C: And also with you.**

\*Prayer of the Day

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P: Let us pray...  
**C: Amen**

**The Word of God**

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Celebrate insert pg. 1

R: Word of God, word of life.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Celebrate insert pg. 3

R: Word of God, word of life  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

\*Holy Gospel Mark 1:9-15

Celebrate insert pg. 3

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

Sermon

Pastor Jim Lapp

\*Hymn of the Day

*A Mighty Fortress is our God* Red #504

**A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**

No strength of ours can match his might!  
 We would be lost, rejected.  
 But now a champion comes to fight,  
 Whom God himself elected.  
 You ask who this may be?  
 The Lord of hosts is he!  
 Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
 God's only Son, adored.  
 He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land  
 All threat'ning to devour us,  
 We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
 They cannot overpower us.  
 Let this world's tyrant rage;  
 In battle we'll engage!  
 His might is doomed to fail;  
 God's judgment must prevail!  
 One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide,  
 No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
 For God himself fights by our side  
 With weapons of the Spirit.  
 Were they to take our house,  
 Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
 Though life be wrenched away,  
 They cannot win the day.  
 The Kingdom's ours forever!

\*Prayers of the Church

Celebrate insert pg. 4

\*Passing of the Peace

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

Offering & Offering Music

\*Offertory Hymn "Give Me a Clean Heart" Margaret Douroux

*Refrain*

Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee. For I'm not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart, Lord, and I'll follow thee.

1 I'm not asking for the  
 2 Some-times I am up, and

\*Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: **God of all creation, all you have made is good,  
and your love endures forever.  
You bring forth bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.  
Nourish us with these gifts,  
that we might be for the world  
signs of your gracious presence  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

\*The 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 God our Creator

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

P: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who bids us turn to you and prepare for the Paschal feast.

\*Words of Institution

\*Lord's Prayer (sung)

C: **Our Fa-ther in hea-ven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
For--give 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: God's love is poured out in Christ for you.  
Open yourselves to receive it.

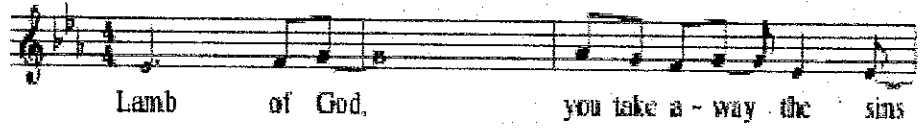
Holy Communion

*Please have some bread & fruit of the vine (wine or grape juice) ready to commune either yourself or a loved one with you.  
Please use the words: "The Body of Christ given." for the bread,  
and "The Blood of Christ shed." for the cup.*

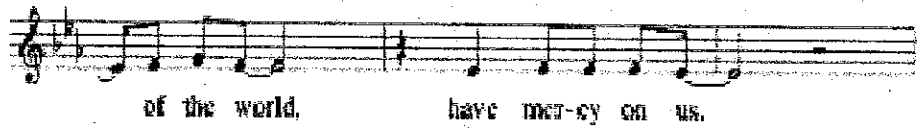
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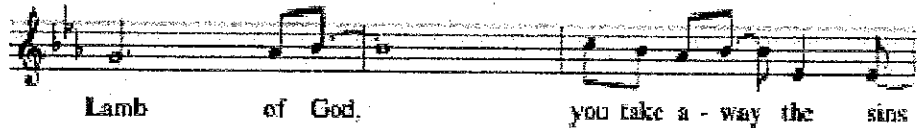
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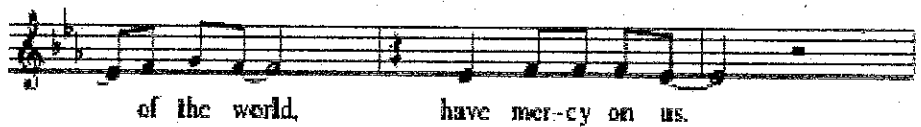
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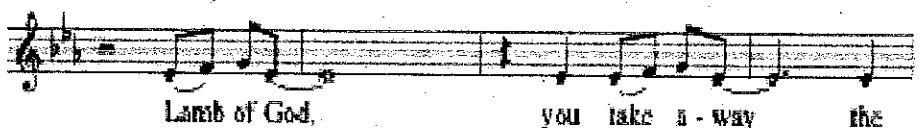
of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins



of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Communion Hymn

"Here is Bread" Red #483

Here is bread, here is wine  
Christ is with us, he is with us  
Break the bread, taste the wine  
Christ is with us here

**REFRAIN** In this bread there is healing!  
In this cup is life forever!  
In this moment, by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here

Here is grace, here is peace  
Christ is with us, He is with us  
Know his grace, find his peace  
Feast on Jesus here **REFRAIN**

\*Communion Blessing and Prayer

P: May this Holy Communion of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen,  
keep and unite us now and forever.  
C: Amen.

\*Post Communion Hymn

Service music #200

Now, Lord

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in  
peace: your word has been ful - filled. My  
own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of all peo-ple: a light to re -  
veal you to the na-tions and the glo-ry of your  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa-ther,  
and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and  
will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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\*Blessing

P: Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation.  
Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring,  
+ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and peace.  
C: Amen.

\*Closing Hymn

*"Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer" Red #618*

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
Hold me with your pow'ful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Where the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
Shield me with your might arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises  
I will raise for-ever-more,  
I will raise for- ever-more.

\*Dismissal

\*P: Go in peace. Share the good news.  
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Gary Roberts



Altar Flowers offered  
by Barbara Rice  
to the Glory of God.

Prayer Concerns

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

February Special Offering

**St. Stephen's Scholarship Fund**

**Provide Lunches for  
Volunteers  
Tuesday, March 25**  
(4th Tuesday of each month)

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

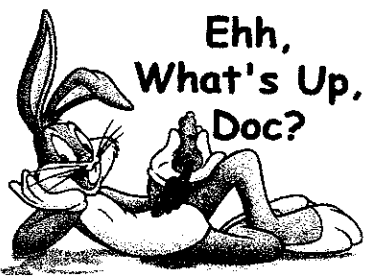


### We have a pew just for you

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.

### Let's 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!



## Upcoming Events

Wednesdays in Lent  
Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24  
Holden Evening Prayer  
Recorded Service on our Website  
[www.ststephenslutheran.org](http://www.ststephenslutheran.org)

### Thursday Bible Studies

Pastor Jim Zoom with  
(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 together in spirit and community.*

## Outdoor Worship Dates

(Inclement weather cancels)  
**Sunday, March 7th at 10am.**  
**Palm Sunday, March 28th at 10am.**  
**Easter Sunday, April 4th at 10am.**

Please remember to wear a mask or two, bring your own chair, or remain in your car. Holy Communion will be offered with pre-sealed cups and wafer.