

Worship online at 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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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 7, 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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #858

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

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!



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.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder a new what the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

*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. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The vocal line has the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The piano accompaniment line has a simple harmonic accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line with 'le - i - son.' and the piano accompaniment line with a final chord.

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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

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.

*Closing Hymn

“Light Dawns on a Weary World” #726

**Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see all people’s dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.**

REFRAIN

**The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush
with springs;
The hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
As all the world in wonder echoes shalom.**

**Loves grows in a weary world
When hungry hearts find bread and children’s dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world”
The promised feast of plenty comes. REFRAIN**

**Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
The promised green of Eden comes. REFRAIN**

*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, 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 & Aaron₁₂ Johnson, Lorraine Chavez, Lora

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

Isaiah 40:21-31

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

Psalm

Psalm 147:1-11,20c

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Second Reading

1 Cor 9:16-23

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 1:29-39

Celebrate pg. 3

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

**In the question, in the answer,
in the moment of acceptance
In the heart's cry
In the healing, in the circle
Of your people**

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

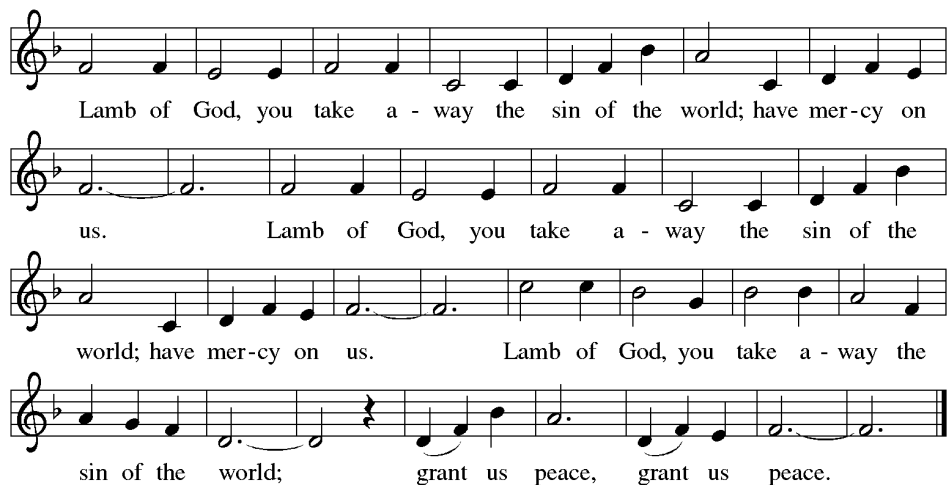
*Blessing

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**

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.

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn "In The Singing" Red #466

**In the singing, in the silence, in the hands
Expectant, open,
In the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence
At this table**

REFRAIN

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
Be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
Be the bread of peace.**

Sermon

Rev. James P. Lapp

*Hymn of the Day On Eagles Wings

Red #787

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord
"My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge
His faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you
Near you it shall not come.

Refrain

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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.

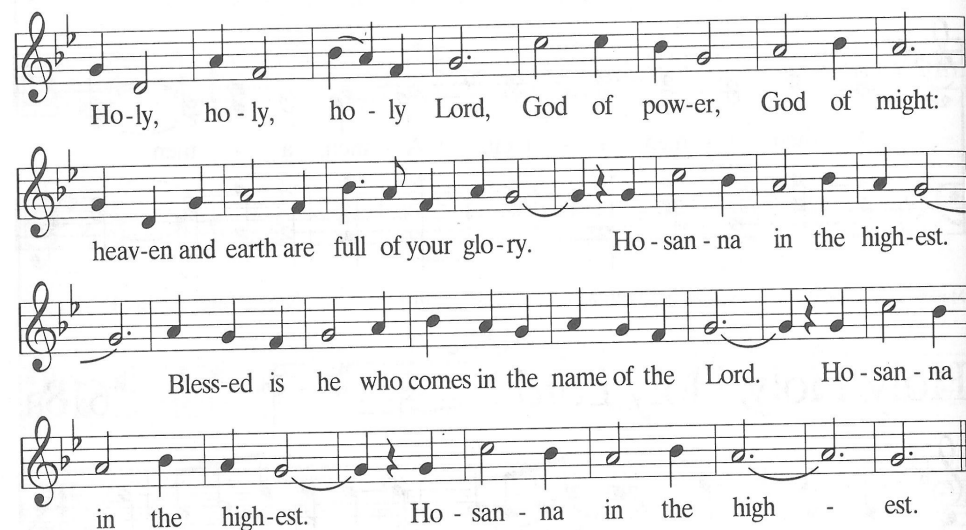
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

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

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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.