

## 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,  
And invite people to share the joy of the Spirit.

## Reconciling in Christ Statement

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 circumstan-  
ces, or anything that too often divides us.

Our unity is in Christ.

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# 2nd Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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.**

# Upcoming Events

Wednesdays in Lent

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.

**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!



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

"Step By Step"

W&P #132

(Sing three times)

**Oh God, you are my God  
And I will ever praise you!  
Oh God, you are my God  
And I will ever praise you!**

**I will seek you in the morning  
And I will learn to walk in your ways  
And step by step you'll lead me  
And I will follow you all of my days  
And I will follow you all of my days  
And I will follow you all of my days**

**And step by step you'll lead me  
And I will follow you all of my days**

\*Greeting

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

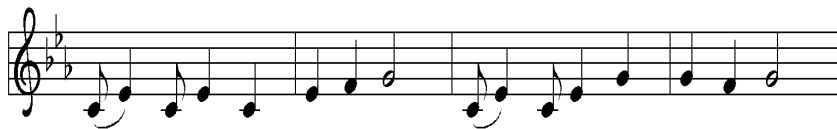
**C: And also with you.**



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

Kyrie—We bring our burdens and cares to God ELW #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.



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

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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 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

\*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

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name**

- 1) Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God (Refrain)**
- 2) All newborn servants of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died (Refrain)**
- 3) O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree  
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee (Refrain)**
- 4) So shall our song of triumph ever be: (Refrain)  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!**

\*Dismissal

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

Postlude

Gary Roberts

\*The Salutation

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

\*Prayer of the Day

Celebrate insert pg. 1

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

***The Word of God***

First Reading: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Celebrate insert pg. 1

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

Second Reading: Romans 4: 13-25 Celebrate insert pg. 3

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 8th Chapter  
**C: Glory to you, O God.**

\*Holy Gospel

Mark 8: 31-38

Celebrate insert pg. 3

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

Sermon

Pastor Jim Lapp

\*Hymn of the Day

“Be Thou My Vision” Red #793

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
Thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord,  
Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tow’r,  
Raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. (Cont. next pg.)**

**Light of my soul, after victory won,  
May I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

\*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

*“We give thanks to God for the gifts of life, for grace and forgiveness for each day, and for everlasting life.”*

\*Post Communion Hymn

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

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.

\*Communion Blessing and Prayer

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray...

Generous God,  
 You have fed us and renewed us in your holy meal.  
 Send us into the world you love.  
 Through our fasting and devotion  
 Draw us to you and to our neighbors,  
 That we may break bonds of injustice,  
 Feed the hungry,  
 And set the oppressed free.  
 In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a 6/8 time signature and a key signature of two flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). The score is divided into several systems, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains measures 1-4. The second system contains measures 5-8. The third system contains measures 9-12. The fourth system contains measures 13-15 and ends with a 'Fine' marking. The lyrics are: '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'. The score includes various chord symbols such as Fm7(b5)/Eb, Eb6, Fm7(b5), Ab6, Gm7, F9, Bb7sus, Bb7, Cm7, A07, Eb/G, Ab, Abmaj7/Bb, and Bb7.

\*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.

Lamb of God

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LAMB OF GOD

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, 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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