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# Second Sunday after Epiphany January 14, 2024

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.

Music "Come and See the Glory . . . Glory of the Lord" by, Richard Anderson

# The Gathering

#### \*Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is market at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Creator of darkness and light, Word of truth, Wind sweeping over the waters. **C: Amen.** 

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our rock and refuge,

C: We pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another

And sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit

Dwelling in each of us.

Remember you covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

That we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ,

Your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

\*Opening Hymn "Arise, Your Light Has Come!" Red #314

Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey; Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door; Proclaim the captive's liberty, Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born, Bind up the broken hearted ones And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

# \*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.



Glory to God WOV #607





#### \*Prayer of the Day

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

P: Let us pray... C: (following the prayer) Amen.

# The Word of God

First Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) Celebrate pg. 1

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

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Celebrate pg. 3

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

#### \*Gospel Acclamation



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

\*Gospel Reading John 1:43-51 Celebrate pg. 3

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

<u>Sermon</u> Rev. James Lapp

\*Hymn of the Day "Making Their Way" ACS #979

Making their way down through the ages, Sinners and saints have heard God's call: Wealthy and poor, powerful, lowly, Jesus' disciples, one and all. Gathered for worship, offering thanks, The greatest with the least have come to share this feast.

Making their way all the world over, Christians assemble on this day, Hearing the Word, sharing the Banquet, Learning to walk in Jesus' way. Members of Christ, united in love, They seek our God to know, and so together grow.

Making our way season by season,
Pilgrims, we journey till life's end,
Traveling light, sharing the riches,
Caring for stranger as for friend,
Till in the joy of longing fulfilled,
Together we will come to our eternal home.

\*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.

Music "He is born the Holy Child" Unknown

#### \*Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Holy One,
For all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
That we receive what we seek
And follow your Son, Jesus,
In whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

#### \*Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

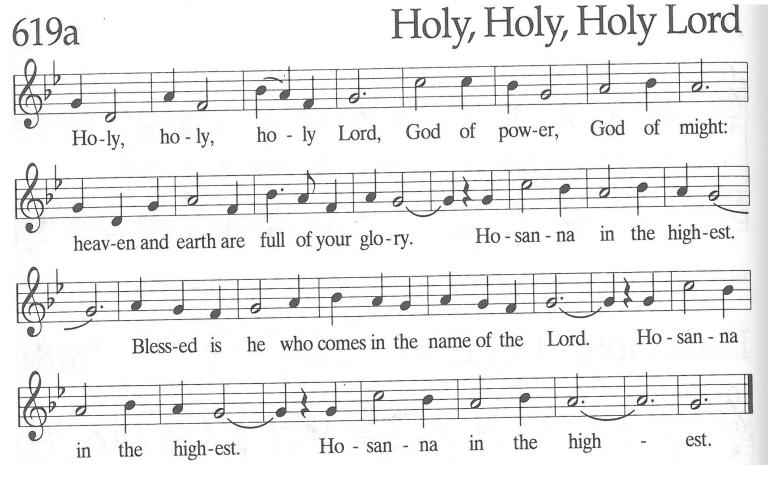
C: We lift them up to God.

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:



#### \*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

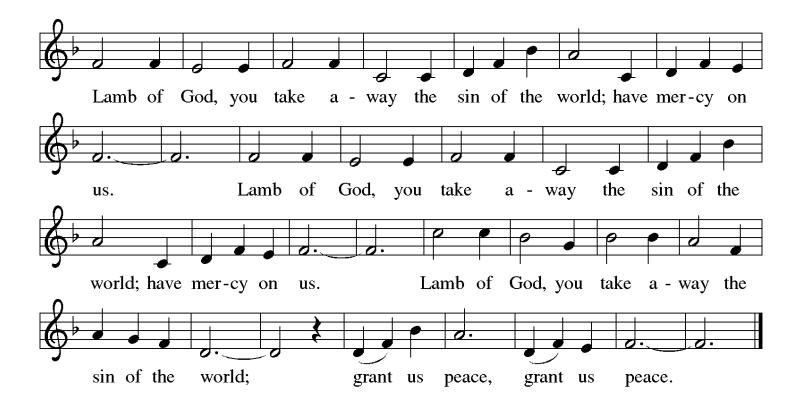
#### <u>Invitation to Communion</u>

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

# **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 "Take My Life, That I May Be" #685

Take my life, that I may be Consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold; Take my intellect, and use Every pow'r as thou shalt choose.

(hymn continued)

Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

P: Giver of every gift,
Christ's life is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
For the benefit of all and to your glory,
Now and forever.

C: Amen.

# The Sending

# \*Blessing

P: God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
And the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
† Bless and remain with you always.

C: Amen

\*Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" Red #574

"I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

#### **REFRAIN**

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" REFRAIN

"I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" REFRAIN

# \*<u>Dismissal</u>

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

Music "Come and Follow Me" unknown composer



SHORT TERM: Julie R., James, Anne Rice, Cheryl Davis, Rosie, The Webber Family, Janet, Sue, Lindsay Rosenberg, Middle East Peace, Maria, Cody Turner, Jan, Jacque N. Diane Strong, Family of Jean Patterson, San Diego families of Nancy & Sam, Renee, Brandon, Tom Dawson, Rena Brown, James, Tina, Lurline Moore, Keith, Taiyo, Marissa, Isaac, James

Boudreau, Alvarado family, Dustin, Eric Utto-Galarneau, Father Jack Davis, Corcoran family, Keith, Mike Homer, Sam, Atlas, Tony, Sandi Csik, Janica Paustian, Amy Wimmer, Gray, Hailey, Jesse, Joyce, James, John, Elida, Jeannie, Anetta, Jane, Barbara Allen, Kathy, Joel Hurttgam, Sandy, Levi & Alexandrea, Gary Toops, Donna Kemper, Lisa & Beau, Craig Dahl, Genell Csik, Paul Cunningham, Paul Paustian, Dawit & Family (Ethiopia), Gaye Cornell, Dorothy, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Nancy, Mateo & Lina, Don, Atlas, Anthony, Steve, Margot Wilson, Rose, Will, Aaron Johnson, Sal, Katarina, Stephanie Jager, Parents, Healthcare workers & teachers.

LONG TERM: Biergiel—Colclough family, April McCalmont, Marty Nehring, Miller Mouw, Kyle Lapp, Shelby Volpi, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Dom, Linda Johnson, Bailey Ingalls, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Bobbie Erickson, Joyce, Susan Anderson, Jan Wagner, Richard C., Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Karin, Will, Chris, Pearl Runquist, Volpi & Robe Family, Cabel, Noah, Esdras, Immigrant families, The Homeless, People of Ukraine, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, Pastor Jim & Our Church Family, men & women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.

# **Serving Today**

Reader: Beth Stiles

Coffee Host: Rebecca Wickham Altar Guild: Connie Cunningham

Office helpers: Sheila Buswell & Serilyn Jager

# **Upcoming Events:**

January Benevolence Offering - Community Bridges

Jan. 16	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
Jan. 17	Women's Café Group 6:00 pm
Jan. 18	Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm
Jan. 19	Preschool chapel 10:15 am
Jan. 19	Bible Study 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Jan. 19	A.A. 7:00 pm
Jan. 22	NL Deadline NOON
Jan. 23	Provide Habitat Lunches 10:30 am
Jan. 25	Next Stage Choir rehearsal 5:30 pm Sanctuary only
Jan. 27	N.S. Choir Concert 2:00 pm honoring Suzanne Duval Tickets / donation
Jan. 27	COPA Accountability Assembly 3:00 PM Green Acres Elementary school. Come learn which candidates will work with COPA.
Jan. 28	Annual Congregational Meeting Following 10 am worship
Jan. 30	NL Collating 2:00 pm
Pastor's	Office Hours Wed. & Thurs. 10:00 to 1:00

# **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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