

A close-up, low-angle shot of a fishing net, likely made of orange or yellow mesh, draped over a dark blue, textured surface. The net is the primary visual element on the left side of the image, with its diamond-shaped mesh pattern clearly visible. The background is a deep, mottled blue, suggesting a night sky or a dark body of water. The overall composition is vertical and has a spiritual or religious feel.

FOLLOW
ME

AND I WILL
MAKE YOU
FISH FOR
PEOPLE

MARK 1:17

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 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, Let us Join our Cheerful Songs”
Johannes Petzold

The Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked 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 your 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

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Red #815

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life... is Jesus. REFRAIN

REFRAIN
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see... the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. REFRAIN

I'm looking for... the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run.... With patience the race,
We shall know the joy... of Jesus. REFRAIN

*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 18

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

Music: Jacques Balthus
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*Kyrie

1. **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**
2. **Christe eleison. Christe eleison.**
3. **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Glory to God

WOV #607



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— and peace — to God's peo -



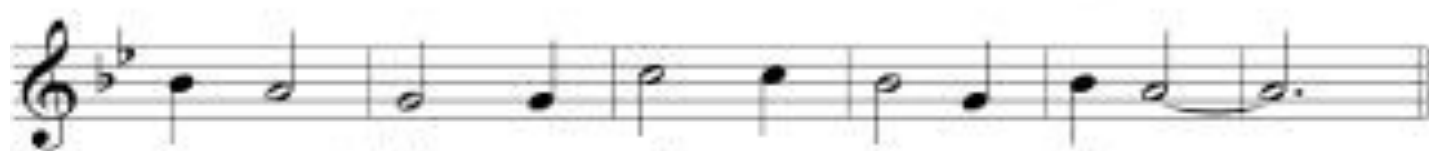
ple on earth! —



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y



God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship you, we



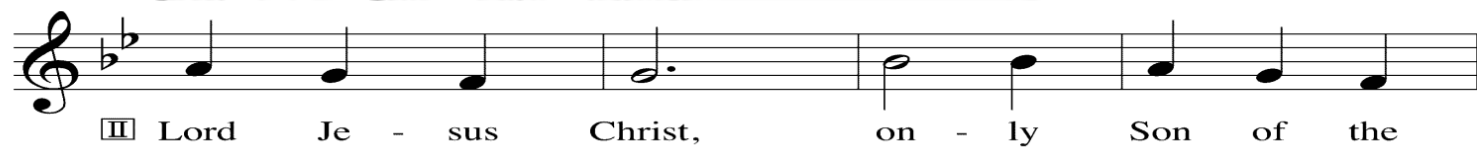
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. —



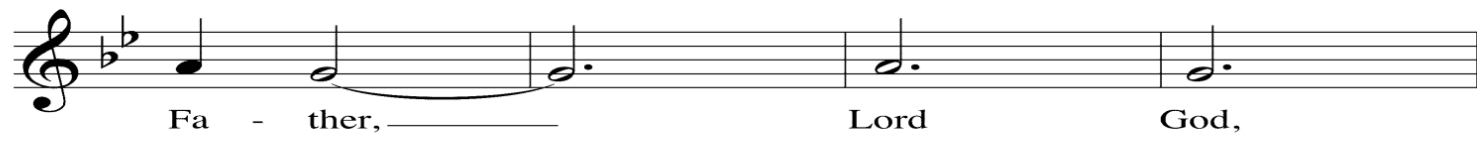
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peo - ple on earth! —



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the



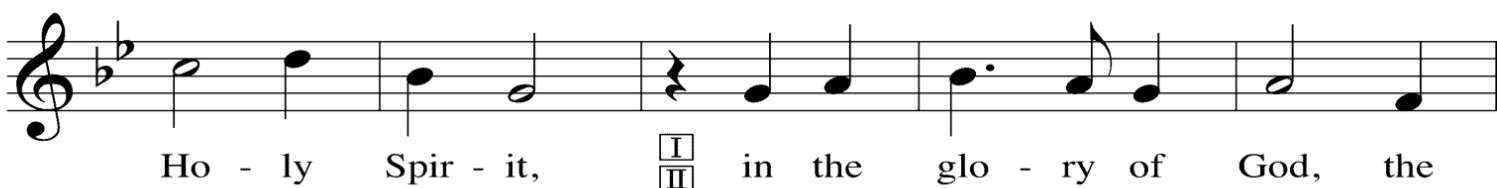
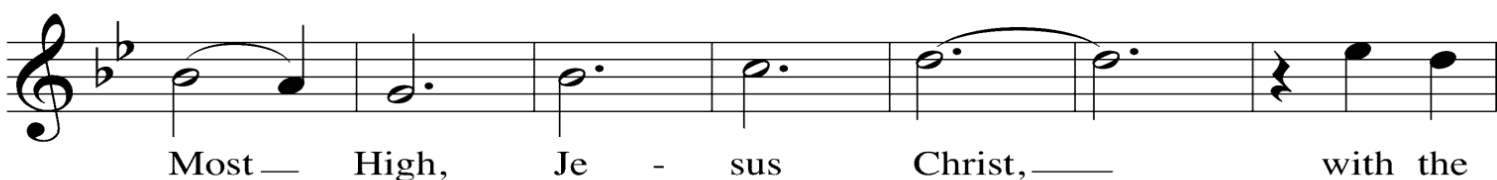
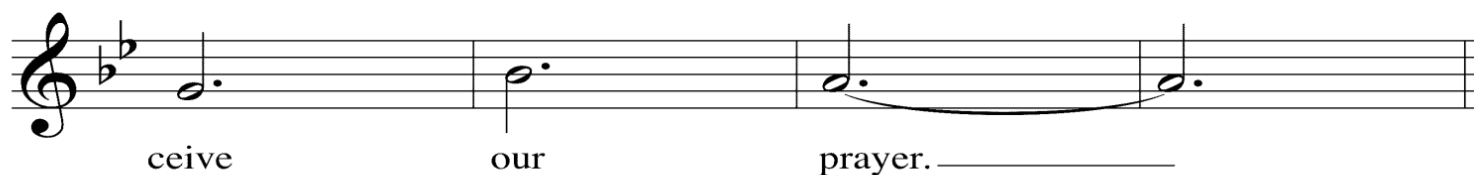
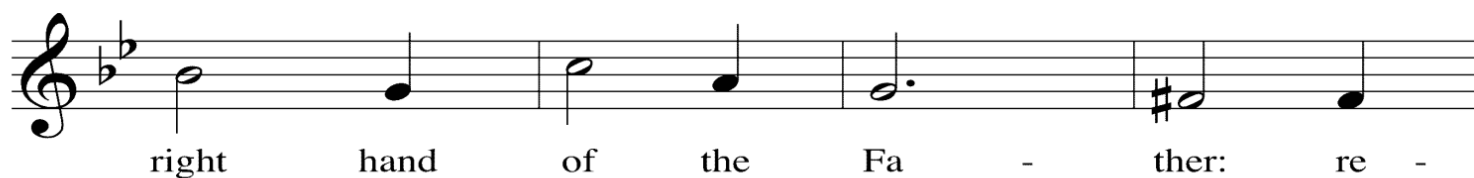
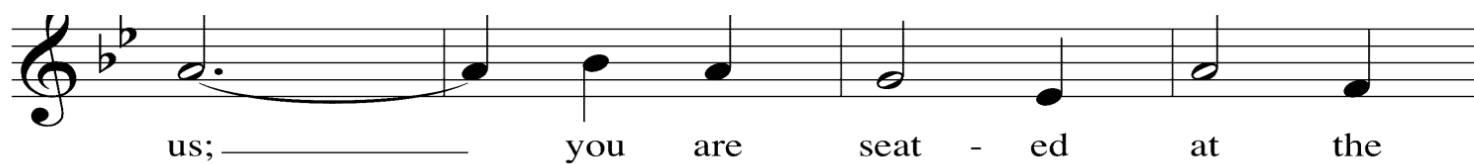
Fa - ther, — Lord God, —



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on



*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

Johah 3:1-5, 10

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

Psalm

Psalm 62:5-12

Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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 the 1st Chapter

C: Glory to you, O God.

*Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

Celebrate pg. 3

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

Sermon

Rev. James Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

“I Love to Tell the Story” Red #661

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

REFRAIN

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy word.

REFRAIN

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

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.

Music

GOOD NEWS SINGERS

“Down Galilee's Slow Roadways “ Hal H. Hopson 1933

*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:

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, with lyrics written below the notes. 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.'

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Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
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*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: 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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn*"Now the Silence"*

Red #460

(sing three times)

Now the silence Now the peace
 Now the empty hands uplifted
 Now the kneeling Now the plea
 Now the Father's arms in welcome
 Now the hearing Now the pow'r
 Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
 Now the body Now the blood
 Now the joyful celebration
 Now the wedding Now the songs
 Now the heart forgiven leaping
 Now the Spirit's visitation
 Now the Son's epiphany
 Now the Father's blessing Now Now Now

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 *"Go to the World"* ACS #991

Go to the world!
Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing, as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world!
Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

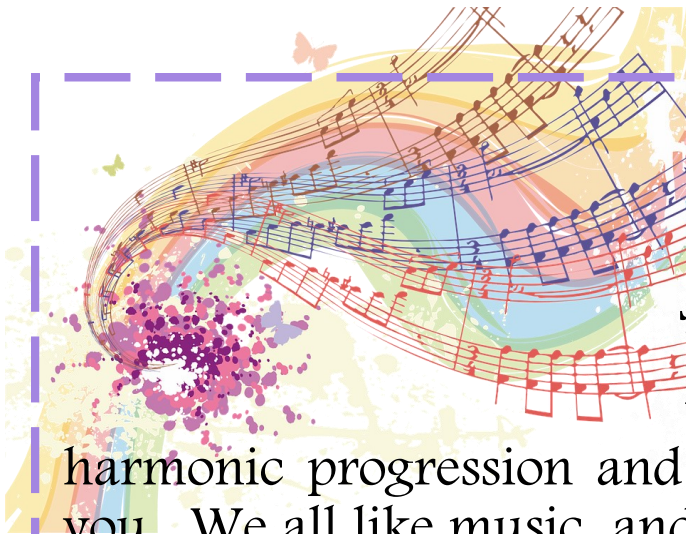
Go to the world!
Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears and give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

“Go to the world!
Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!”
Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Music “Sing praise to God” David Dahl



Music at St. Stephen’s

Join the Music Team 2024!
Hey friends, there is music in the air, can’t you just feel those harmonic progression and intervals, bursting all around you. We all like music, and appreciate our gifts. Why not share with our church family and join the music team? If you teach an instrument or voice, please let me know. There is always room for more celebration through music.

*Each of us is an Innkeeper who decides
if there is room for Jesus*

FORMING AN EASTER CHORUS Rehearsals begin in February after Church. Join the celebration.

GOOD NEWS SINGERS Thank you for your Advent singing and dedication to worship and Music.

Music has the power
to bring people together
like no other art form



Prayer Concerns

SHORT TERM: Keith, Noelle, Ensley, Jan, Jessie V., Sierra, Beth's mom, 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, 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, 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 & Alexandra, 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: Mark Linder

Coffee Host: Don Smawley

Altar Guild: Connie Cunningham

Office helpers: Sheila Buswell & Serilyn Jager

Upcoming Events:

January Benevolence Offering - Community Bridges

Jan. 22	NL Deadline NOON
Jan. 23	Provide Habitat Lunches 10:30 am
Jan. 23	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
Jan. 25	Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm
Jan. 25	Preschool chapel 10:15 am
Jan. 25	Bible Study 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Jan. 25	Next Stage Choir rehearsal 5:30 pm Sanctuary only
Jan. 26	A.A. 7:00 pm
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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