



Jesus took her
by the hand
and lifted
her up

MARK 1:31

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 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 “O Beauty Ever Ancient Geneva”

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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Red #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!

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 anew 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 18



Music: Jacques Boffier
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*Kyrie

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

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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

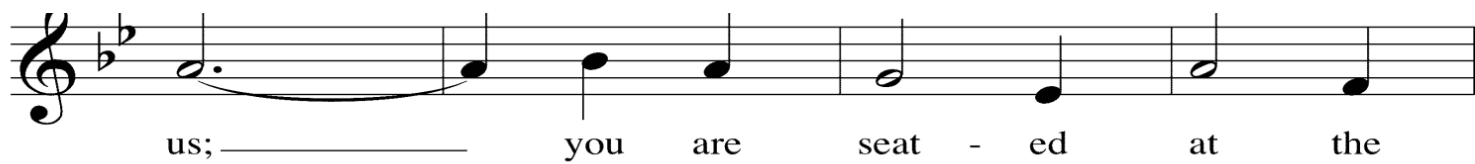
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Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

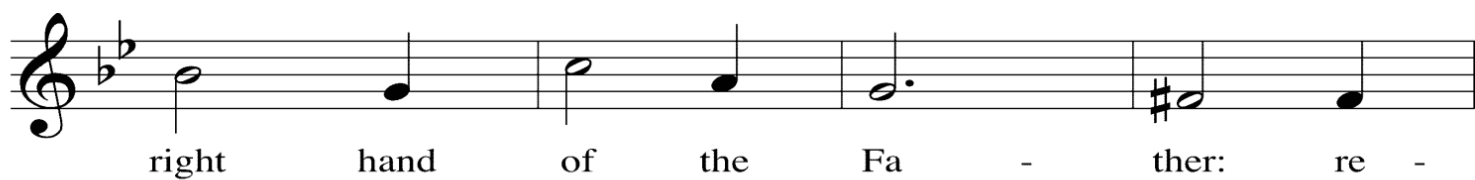
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the

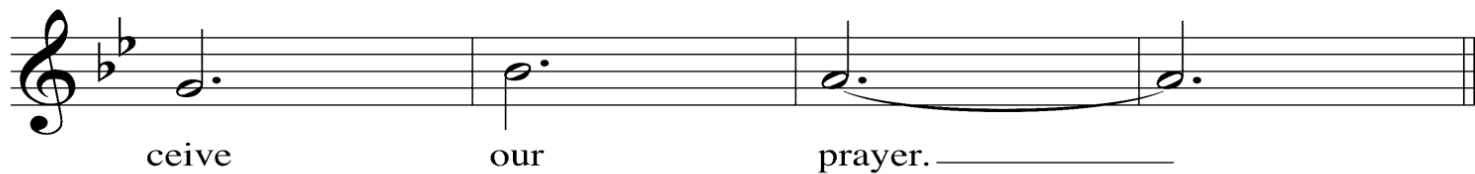
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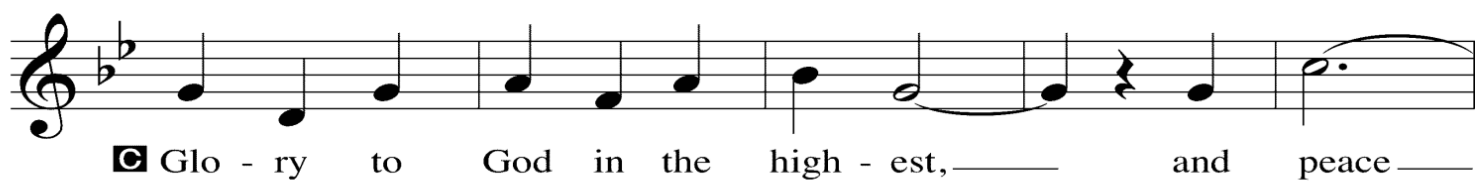
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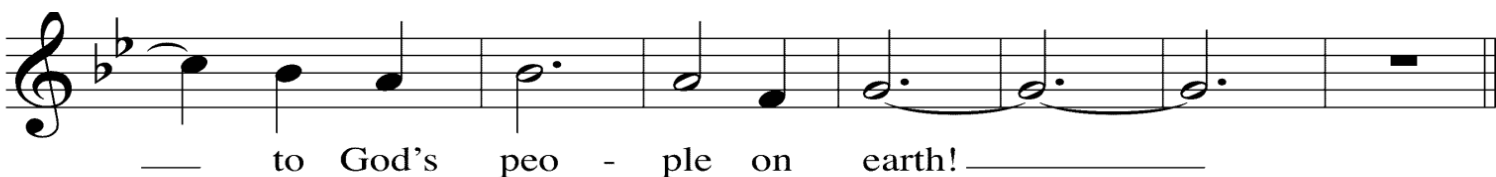
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ceive our prayer. —————




C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, ————— and peace ———



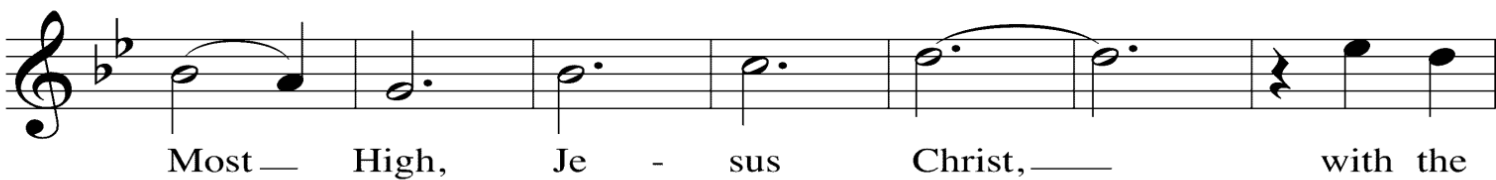
— to God's peo - ple on earth! —————



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lone are the Lord, ————— **II** you a - lone are the



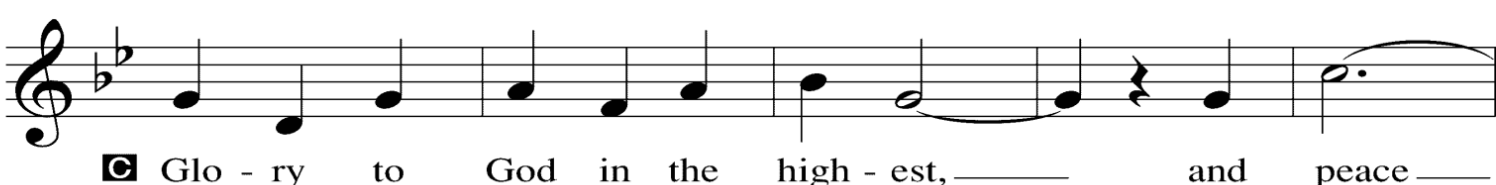
Most — High, Je - sus Christ, ————— with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, **I** in the glo - ry of God, the



Fa - ther. ————— A - men! ————— A - men! —————



C 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. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray... **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

Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 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 the 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.**

Sermon

Rev. James Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

“When a Star is Shining” #915

When a star is shining over eastern hills,
When the air is silent, and the clamor stills,
When the night is waiting, and the old hopes rise,
Then the time has ripened and the heart grows wise.

REFRAIN

Lead us on, lead us on,
to a morning where the promise shines.
Lead us on, lead us on,
to a morning where the promise shines.

Where the world is waiting for an unknown day,
Where a voice forgotten cries, “Prepare the way!”
Where an earthly power makes the heart turn cold,
There their gifts are offered ~ incense, myrrh, and gold.

Lead us on, O Daystar, in the quiet night;
Guide us through the shadow with your gentle light;
Show us in a manger our redemption’s sign;
Bring us to a morning where the promise shines.

*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. "Hope of the World" David Fedak

*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 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.

*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*"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**

Here we are, joined in one
Christ is with us, He is with us
We'll proclaim till he comes
Jesus crucified! **REFRAIN**

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 "On Eagle's Wings" Red #787

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

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And he will raise you up on eagle's 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 God's wings your refuge,
with 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



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Prayer Concerns

SHORT TERM: Maria, Ila & Reina, Steven Kamlin, Keith, Noelle, Ensley, Jan, Jessie V., Margaret, Bill Gile, Tim Oldfield, 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 & Alexandria, 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: Scouts

Coffee Host: Scouts

Altar Guild: Connie Cunningham

Office helpers: Sheila Buswell, Tina Gate & Rebecca Wickham

Upcoming Events:

February Benevolence Offering
Assoc. of Faith Communities (Rotating Shelter & safe places)

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| TODAY | Scout Sunday |
| Feb. 6 | Boy Scouts 7:00 pm |
| Feb. 7 | Women's Café Group 6:00 pm |
| Feb. 8 | MMRR Circle 10:30 am |
| Feb. 8 | Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm |
| Feb. 8 | Preschool chapel 10:15 am |
| Feb. 8 | Bible Study 11:00 am & 7:30 pm |
| Feb. 9 | A.A. 7:00 pm |
| Feb. 10 | Mt. Cross Camp work day |
| Feb. 11 | children's Valentine delivery |
| Feb. 14 | Ash Wednesday 7:15 pm worship |
| Feb. 17 | Live Music celebrating St. Valentine
4:00—8:00 pm at SS Sr. Housing |
| Feb. 21—March 20 | Wednesday, Lenten Worship & Soupers |
| Feb. 24 | Church Property work day |

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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