

THOSE
WHO
LOSE
THEIR
LIFE FOR
MY SAKE
WILL
SAVE IT

MARK 8:35

2nd Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

The Gathering

Music “Adoration” Richard Purvis
 “Let there be peace on Earth”
 Barbara Johnston, solo

Welcome

*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,
 Who writes the law on our hearts,
 Who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
 In the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Holy God,

C: **We confess that we are caught in snares of sin
 And cannot break free.
 We hoard resources while our neighbors
 Are hungry and cold.
 We speak in ways that silence others.
 We are silent when we should speak up.
 We keep score in our hearts.
 We let hurts grow into hatred.
 For all these things and for sins only you know,
 Forgive us, Lord.
 Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
Breaks every snare of sin,
Washes away our wrongs,
And restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.
C: Amen.

*Opening Hymn “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”
 O Christ, Surround Me ACS#1084

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:

Bind to myself the name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
Flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
Depth of the sea to soil of planet:

Walking behind to hem my journey,
Going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:

Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

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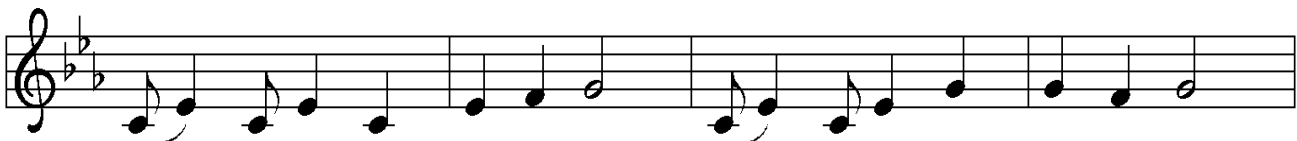
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

*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.

Kyrie—We bring our burdens and cares to God ELW #151

Kyrie



1, 3

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

2

Chris - te e - le - i - son.

1, 3

Lord, have mer - cy.

2

Christ, have mer - cy.

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

Chris - te e - le - i - son.

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(No Hymn of Praise during Lent)

*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 "In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness"
ACS#1093

In a deep, unbounded darkness,
Long before the first light shone,
You, O God, beyond all merit
worked a wonder faith makes known:
In your mercy, in your mercy,
you embraced us as your own,
Evermore and evermore.

(hymn continued)

Though our world is everchanging,
you are constant, firm, and sure,
Faithful to your cov'nant promise.
Trusting you, we live, secure:
Singing praises, singing praises,
long as heart and breath endure,
Evermore and evermore.

Joy transforms our lips to boasting
only in your matchless grace,
Sending Christ to dwell among us,
Word made flesh in time and space:
Friend and Savior, Friend and Savior,
in whose life we glimpse your face,
Evermore and evermore.

God of Hagar, God of Sarah,
God of nomad Abraham;
God of Miriam, God of Moses,
Fi'ry Pillar, great I AM:
Lead us homeward, lead us homeward,
to the lovefeast of the Lamb,
Evermore and evermore.

*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."*

*Offertory Hymn “Give Me a Clean Heart” Margaret Douroux

Refrain

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

Fine

Music “Repentance” Richard Purvis

*Offertory Prayer

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life
And the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered
That all people may know your goodness.
Feed us not only with this holy food
But with hunger for justice and peace.
We pray this in your name.

C: **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: Bread for the journey.
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Lamb of God

LMGM2

LAMB OF GOD

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are distributed across six lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins'. The second line contains 'of the world, have mer-cy on us.'. The third line contains 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins'. The fourth line contains 'of the world, have mer-cy on us.'. The fifth line contains 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The sixth line contains 'sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.'.

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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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.

*Prayer after Communion

P: Generous God,
At this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
Now make us one loaf to feed the world;
In the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

*Post Communion Hymn “Thank You, Lord” ACS #1092

1. Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
2. Been so good, been so good, been so good,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
3. Been my friend, been my friend, been my friend,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
4. Love you, Lord, love you Lord, love you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.

*Blessing

P: Beloved,
We are God's own people,
Holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
Shower you with mercy,
Fill you with courage,
And + give you peace.

C: Amen.

*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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*Closing Hymn

“Faith of Our Fathers”

Red #813

**Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to you till death.**

**Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
Your work for Christ is love revealed,
Spreading God's word from pole to pole,
Making love known and freedom real.
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
We will be true to you till death.**

**Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
Who still must bear oppression's might,
Raising on high, in prisons dark,
The cross of Christ still burning bright.
Faith for today, O living faith,
We will be true to you till death.**

**Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,
Bind us with all who follow you,
Sharing the struggle of your cross
Until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
We will be true to you till death.**

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

Music “Lenten Postlude” Richard Purvis



Prayer Concerns

SHORT TERM: Rebecca Wickham, Maria, Ila & Reina, Steven Kamlin, Keith, Noelle, Ensley, Tom Peyser, Bob Zeigle, Jan, Jessie V., Margaret, Bill Gile, Tim Oldfield, Sierra, Beth's mom, Julie R., Anne Rice, Cheryl Davis, Rosie, The Webber Family, Janet, Sue, Lindsay Rosenberg, Middle East Peace, Maria, Cody Turner, Jan, Jacque N. Diane Strong, Tom Dawson, James, Tina, Lurline Moore, Keith, Taiyo, Marissa, Isaac, James Boudreau, Alvarado family, Dustin, Eric Utto-Galarneau, Father Jack Davis, Sam, Atlas, Sandi Csik, Janica Paustian, 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: Beth Stiles
Coffee Host: Bill & Margaret Schraft
Altar Guild: Connie Cunningham
Office helpers: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager

Music at St. Stephen's



Hello everyone, I'm looking for members to join in the Easter Procession on March 31st. Please sign-up, and enjoy!

Join the Good News Singers, Candle & Cross Bearers and lead the way. Do you have a family or Easter banner? Bring them along.

Rehearsals for Easter Chorus and Singers are around the piano. Bring a friend and join in singing praises.

Many thanks for the recent donation of \$300 to the musicians fund. I'll tell who they are during worship.

To the McMilin family, with grateful thanks for loaning Kirk's drum set to us for quite some time. We are always remembering Kirk, and his many years of talent leadership and always fun in our church. Best to Jesse, Elias, and Tara—Always.

Songs of Praise "Easter 24" to God be the Glory! Great things he has done! So loved that he gave us His son who yielded is life and atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord!

Lenten Vespers: Holden Evening Prayer every Wednesday evening through Lent. 6 pm soup & 7:15 Holden with Pastor.

Yours in Christ, and Mission ~ Gary

Upcoming Events:

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

TODAY 11:30 Forum on “Measure K”

Feb. 26 CDC Board 11:15 am

Feb. 27 Habitat lunches 10:30 am

Feb. 27 Boy Scouts 7:00 pm

Feb. 28 Newsletter Collating 2:00 (help needed)

Feb. 28 Lenten Wednesday
7:15 pm Worship
6:00 pm Souper
Hosts: Connie Cunningham & Janet Slay



Feb. 29 Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm

Feb. 29 Preschool chapel 10:15 am

March 1 A.A. 7:00 pm

March 6 & 20 Soup Hosts needed 6 pm

March 14 MMRR Circle 10:30 am

Sign up for Easter Lilies

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,
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 circumstances,
or anything that too often divides us.
Our unity is in Christ.

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