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LUKE 5:10



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

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.

Choir Introit “Draw the Circle Wide”
Lyrics & Music Gordon Light

The Gathering

Call to Worship “Come to the Water of Life” [ACS #955](#)

- 1. All who are thirsty for mercy, all who are thirsty for love;
All who are thirsty for love, for mercy, come:
Come to the Water of life.**
- 2. All who are thirsty for healing, all who are thirsty for touch;
All who are thirsty for touch, for healing, come:
Come to the Water of life.**
- 3. All who are thirsty for beauty, all who are thirsty for truth;
All who are thirsty for truth, for beauty, come:
Come to the Water of life.**
- 4. All who are thirsty for justice, all who are thirsty for peace;
All who are thirsty for peace, for justice, come:
Come to the Water of life.**

*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,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations
of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

***Forgive us for the ways we act
With judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
We resist your call to oppose injustice;
We give in to scarcity and fear;
We assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
And release us from their grasp.
Show us your loving kindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
That we may live in Christ's ways.***

Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance;
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
Live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy” #413

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*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.

Kyrie 18

The musical score for 'Kyrie 18' is presented in two systems. The first system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first two phrases: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -'. The second system continues with the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the third phrase: 'le - i - son.' The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the left hand and a melodic line in the right hand. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4.

Musique: Jacques Balthus
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Glory to God

WOV #607

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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

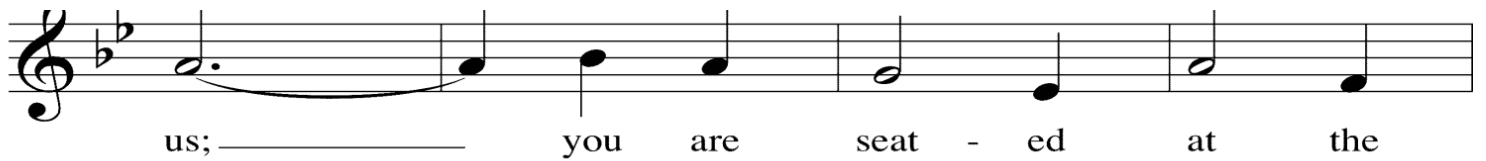
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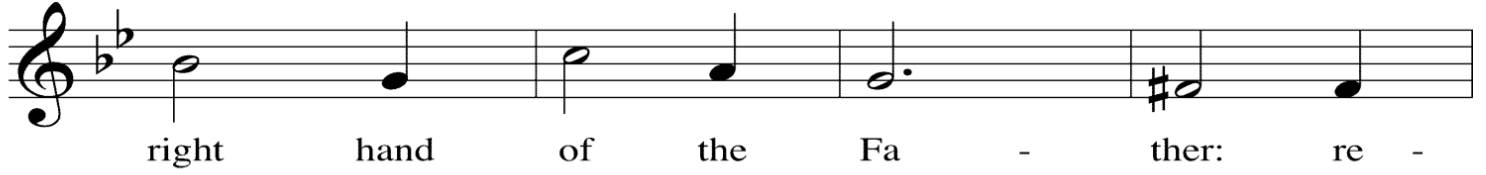
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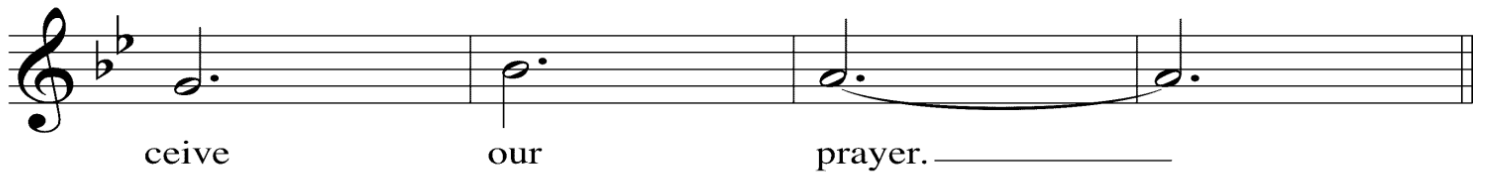
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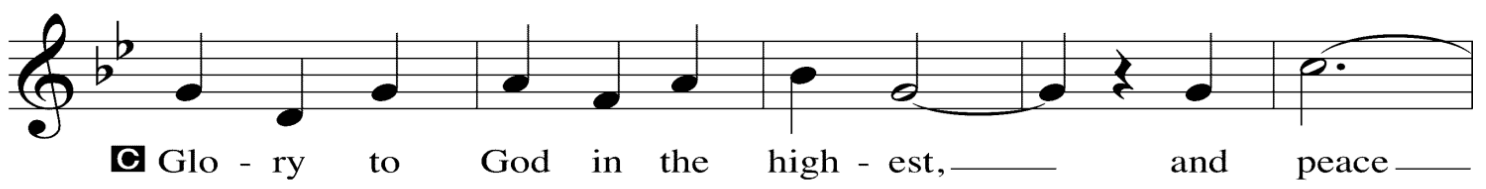
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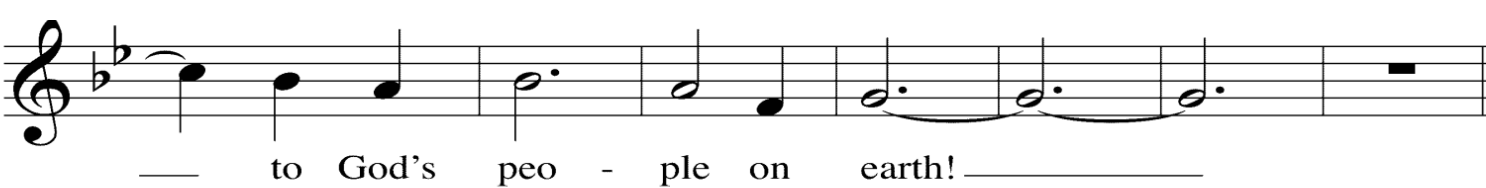
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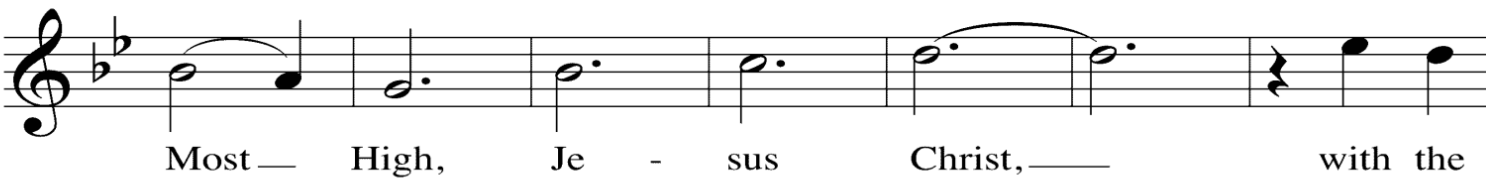
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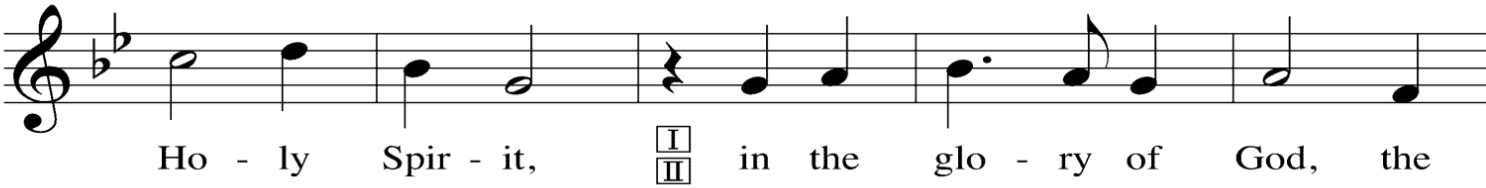
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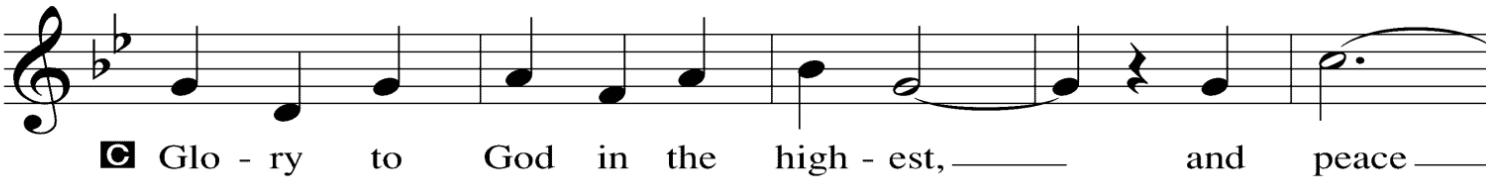
Most — High, Je - sus Christ, ————— with the



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

Celebrate insert pg. 1

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 6:1-13

Celebrate pg. 1

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 138:2

Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Celebrate pg. 3

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA



*Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 5th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

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.

*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.

Offering Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine"

#677

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Music Good News Singers
 "Shout For Joy, Laud and Long"
 Music 1582, arr. Paul Manz 1919

*Offering Prayer

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
And your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service;
Our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
Now and always.

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.....

*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

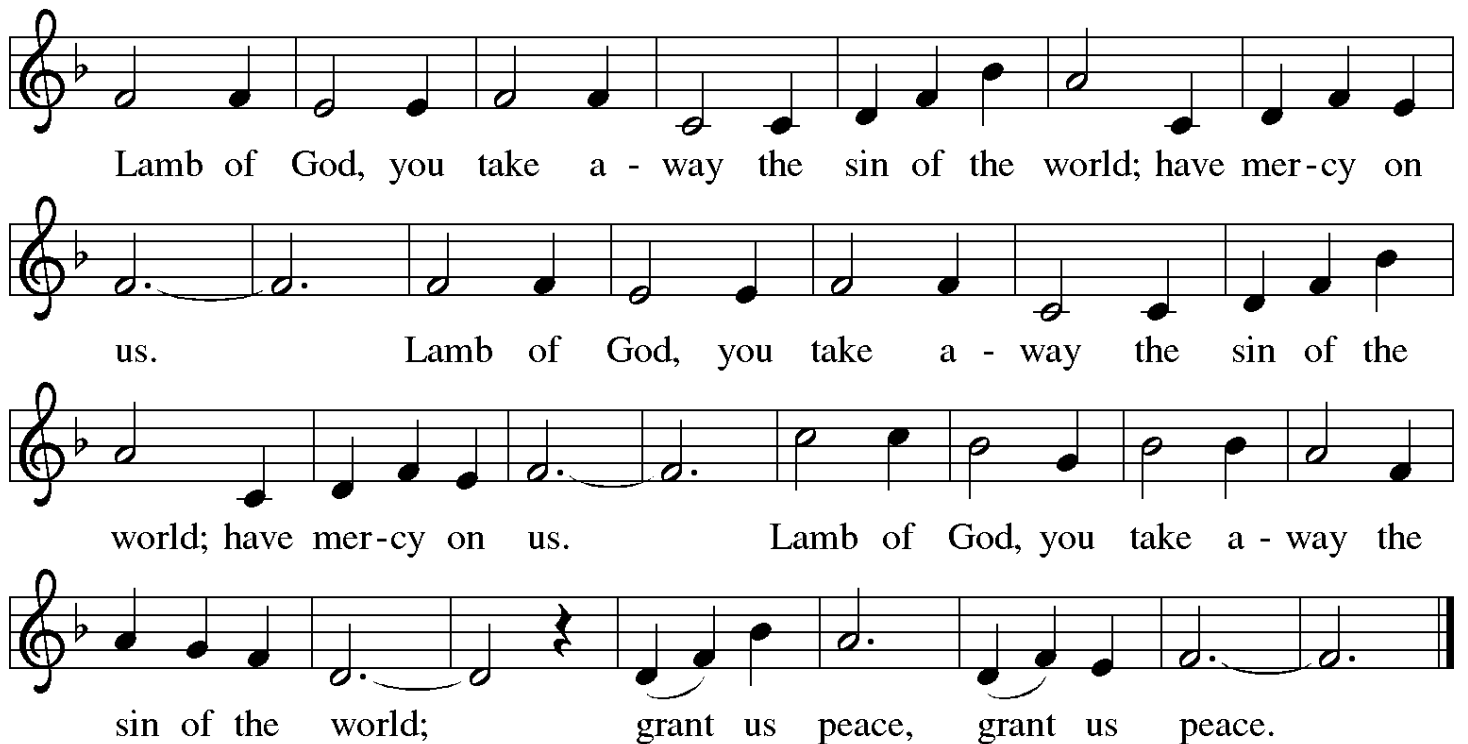
P: The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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.

#195

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 "Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"

#696

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me":

As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

(continued)

Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

Prayer after Communion

P: Nourishing God,
At this table you have refreshed us
With holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
And send us out to embody your good news
Of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

Post Communion Hymn "Light Shone in Darkness" #307

Light shone in darkness at the world's creation,
Bathing in beauty nature's revelation.
All that has being cry in adoration,
"Praise for the light. Amen!"

Light shone in darkness at the new creation;
Christ rose in glory, won for us salvation.
Sing, earth and heaven, hymns of jubilation,
praise for the light. Amen!

Light shines in darkness till the full creation;
Christ's body, groaning, suffers tribulation,
longs for God's justice,
Global transformation, prays for the light. Amen!

The Sending

*Blessing

P: The Spirit of the triune God
† Bless you with joy,
Anoint you with compassion,
And send you in love.

C: Amen

*Closing Hymn *“Here I Am, Lord”* #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

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

Music “To God Be the Glory!” Richard D. Robinson

*The Altar Flowers are given
by Connie Cunningham
In memory of Paul passing*



P Prayers
Please 

SHORT TERM: Ruth Stiles, Susan Birkelo Family, James, Riley, Mary Saccullo, Chad Fields, Ana Cardenas, Rose, Levi, Lisa J., John B., Trace Hull, Linda, Scoutmaster Scott, Connie & Family of Paul Cunning-

ham, Glosier family, Unemployed, George Webber, Isaac & Marissa, Chris Powers, Gloria, Beth & Family of Barbara Stiles, Marta's parents, Gary & Louse Matz, Friends in Tel Aviv, Nick, James, Mary D., Tom, Galahad, Debbie, Sam, Nate Barker, Robbin, Francisco, Michael, Keith, Noelle, Ensley, Sierra, Middle East Peace, Tom Dawson, Taiyo, Marissa, Isaac, Alvarado family, Dustin, Father Jack Davis, Sandi Csik, Elida, Jeannie, Anetta, Jane, Barbara Allen, Gary & Marjie Toops, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Nancy, Mateo & Lina, Don, Atlas, Sal, Katarina, Stephanie Jager.

LONG TERM: Those suffering with Mental Illness, James Sheehan, Biergiel—Colclough family, Carla Brown, Eric Utto-Galarneau, Joel Hurtgamm, Dawit and family (Ethiopia), April McCalmont, Marty Nehring, Miller Mouw, Kyle Lapp, Will, Aaron Johnson, Shelby Volpi, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Dom, Lisa & Beau, Linda Johnson, Bailey Ingalls, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Bobbie Erickson, Mike, 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, People of Palestine/Israel, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, S.S. Senior Housing, Pastor Jim & Our Church Family, men & women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.

Music at St. Stephen's



“Draw the Circle Wide”, our Choir Introit, last week, expresses the “announcement that all are welcome in our church. This also, means to turn “our music outside” for others. A public invitation for music lovers and all who enjoy local talent. A musical outreach, program in this area would possibly become a blessing for any and a place to feel at home. If you feel the Spirit to join this committee, please talk to me, or any choir member. We will have an organizational meeting, fellowship, and get to work. No weekly meetings. On Line, messenger to relate ideas. Follow-ups, in church on Sunday mornings. Each member will have a task, under, vision Mission-Outreach, and Evangelism.

We have some funding and expect more to share. Churches, schools, and houses of music abound everywhere. Having out church proper used more.

Other News:

Join the Easter Choir. Make it a point in your life and sing with us, and Rejoice!

I'm working to build “All That Brass”, and contacting various schools, including Cabrillo College, for Talent.

Yours In Christ & Mission ~ Gary



“Reaching into the Woods”

Women’s Retreat

March 7-9

TBD Saturday only option

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and connect with other women in a beautiful, peaceful setting. We’ll gather for reflection, community, and renewal.

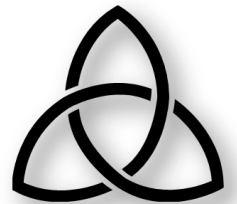
Through inspiring conversations, meaningful activities, and time to reflect, you’ll leave feeling refreshed and ready to embrace what’s next. It’s a chance to pause, grow, and connect with other women under the Redwoods .

Trinity Tuesday

(Pub Theology / Discussion)

March 4 at 6:30pm

(First Tuesday of the month)



Place: Discretion Brewing 41st Ave.

1 HOUR 1 QUESTION 1 DRINK (3-in-1)

One old time Puritan definition of theology- “the science of living blessedly for ever. Blessed life arises from the knowledge of God.” Christians maintain that our best life possible is one that is lived in relationship with the living God. The “blessed life” is based on the “knowledge of God.” It is this knowledge that theology helps to provide. What do YOU think? Kathy Allen 430-6359 for more info.

* Come : Share — Ponder — build community *

Upcoming Events:

February Benevolence Offering— Association of Faith communities—Rotating Shelter & Safe Spaces

- March 4 Trinity Tuesday 6:30 pm Discretion Brew.
- Feb. 9 Valentine delivery to Seniors
- Feb. 11 Knitters Guild 6:15 pm
- Feb. 11 Council 6:30 pm
- Feb. 11 Boy Scouts 6:00 pm
- Feb. 12 Preschool Chapel 10:15
- Feb. 13 MMRR Circle 10:30
- Feb. 13 Bible Study 11 am & 7:30 pm
- Feb. 13 Mens beginner A.A. Thurs. 7:00 pm Fireside
- Feb. 14 A.A. Fridays 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- Feb. 16 No Sunday School
- Feb. 17 Embroiders Guild 7:00 pm
- Feb. 20 Knitters Guild 10 am
- Feb. 20 Women's Café Group now Thursdays
6:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- March 7-9 Women's Retreat Mt. Cross

Pastor's Office Hours: Weds. & Thur. 10:00—1:00 pm

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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