



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

One of 13,000 Stephen Ministry Congregations Around the World

We believe that community is *beautiful* and *messy* and *fulfilling* and *conflicted* and...the POINT. God calls us together into community for the sake of one another, our neighbors, and creation. We don't always get it right, but we trust that when we center the love and grace that Jesus taught, we will get it right more often than not. ***You are welcome here!*** We don't expect perfect, put-together people; we don't want you to conform to us and our ways; we want you to show up as who you are and to experience the love and grace of God as we have experienced it. And we hope that once you do, you will join us in sharing it with others too.



January 28, 2024 ~Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

For Your Prayers – January 29 – February 4 , 2024

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Numbers 22:1-21 Acts 21:17-26 Psalm 35:1-10

Tuesday: Numbers 22:22-28 1 Corinthians 7:32-40 Psalm 35:1-10

Wednesday: Jeremiah 29:1-14 Mark 5:1-20 Psalm 35:1-10

Thursday: Proverbs 12:10-21 Galatians 5:2-15 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Friday: Job 36:1-23 1 Corinthians 9:1-16 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Saturday: Isaiah 46:1-13 Matthew 12:9-14 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (3) 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Aaren Battle, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, David Maris, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, and Linda Reuben.**

Pray for those unable to come to worship: **Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Edith Haecker, Pat Janot, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.**

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Benita, Paula Battle, Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, Linda Bonfiglio, Mary Bloom, Steve Boyles, Ann Bunn, Amy Carl, Jerry & Elijah Connor, Judy Craun, Doug Crinklaw, Sophia Czajkowski, Judy Drezek, Charlie Eidson, Joel Gillespie, Joan and Frank Goodhart, Deanna Harbison, Nick Havola, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Lisa Hill, The Jacobs Family, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Marnah Lund, David Maris, Laura Margolin, Doug Mayes, Jack Mayfield, Becky Murphy, Ed Moninger, John and Pollie Morison, Bob Myers, Silvana Oderisi, Lori Ogborn, Shary Raske, Paula Rega, Mark Punchard, Marci Ries, Sharon Rogers, Betty Roth, Lou Schuster, Inge Seiter, Kelsey Slay, Brant Smith, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, and Caleb Winig.



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I. Gathering: *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

Welcome

Centering Music *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come* Setting, Anne Krentz Organ

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light, word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge, **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.

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. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*

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Kyrie

Leader or All



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

All



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

Leader or All



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.
Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

Gloria




1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!




¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Prayer of the Day

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

II. Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Reader: "The Word of the Lord." Response: "Thanks be to God."

Psalm

Psalm 111



¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ¹ my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹ congregation.

²**Great are your ¹ works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- ¹ light in them.**

³Majesty and splendor ¹ mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- ¹ dures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to ¹ be remembered;
you are gracious and full ¹ of compassion. Refrain**

⁵You give food to ¹ those who fear you,
remembering forev- ¹ er your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power ¹ of your works
in giving them the lands ¹ of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithful-¹ness and justice;
all of your pre-¹cepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev-¹er and ever,
because they are done in¹ truth and equity. Refrain**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove-¹nant forever;
holy and awesome¹ is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the begin-¹ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en-¹dures
forever. Refrain**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader: “The Word of the Lord.” Response: “Thanks be to God.”

Gospel Acclamation (1st time in Spanish, 2nd in English)

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Response after announcement of the Gospel: “Glory to you, O Lord.”

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Response at the conclusion of the Gospel: “Praise to you, O Christ.”

Sermon

*Stumbling Blocks
Silence for reflection and prayer.*

Pastor Alex Sheppard Witt

Hymn of the Day

Cast Out, O Christ

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Affirmation of Love *(inspired by 1 Cor. 13, from the World Council of Churches)*

**I may speak in the languages of people and angels,
but if I lack love, I am simply a resonant metal, a loud cymbal.
I may have the gift of prophecy, understanding of all mystery and all knowledge;
I may have the fullest faith, that moves mountains; but if I lack love, I am nothing.
I may distribute all my goods to hungry people,
I may even deliver my body to the flames, but if I lack love, I gain nothing.
Love demands patience. Love serves. It does not walk away. It is not jealous.
It does not brag. It does not seek its own interest.
It is not irritable. It does not hold a grudge.
Love does not celebrate injustice, but finds its joy in the truth.
It excuses all. It believes all. It hopes for all. It endures all.
Love has no end. Prophecies? They will finish. Tongues? They will come to an end.
Knowledge? It will pass. Faith, hope and love continue. The greatest of these is love.**

Prayers

Each petition concludes, "Lord in your mercy." Response: "Hear our prayer."

III. Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church: preaching and teaching the good news of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ, and caring for the poor.

During the offering, the table is set for the Lord's Supper.

Offering of Music 8:30

God of Mercy, God of Grace Arr. Haydn/Liebergen
Matins Choir

11:00

The Only Son from Heaven Arr. J.S. Bach/Mark Bighley
Chancel Choir & Marie Nelson, Cello

Offertory Prayer

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. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
 heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.


Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer


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.

Holy Communion

When receiving Communion, either stand or kneel at the Rail. The Pastor will distribute the bread and a Communion Assistant will come with a tray of pre-filled cups of wine and grape juice. The juice will be in the middle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available as an alternative to bread. St. Stephen is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, so all are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper.




Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.




Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the




ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -



so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.



Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
Grant us your peace. A - mén.

Communion Music *There Is a Balm in Gilead* Setting, Thomas Keesecker

Communion Hymn *There Is a Balm in Gilead* ELW 614
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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Giver of every gift, Christ's body 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. **Amen.**

IV. Sending: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

Sending Hymn *Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good* ELW 871
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Blessing

**God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always. Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good* Setting, Walter Pelz

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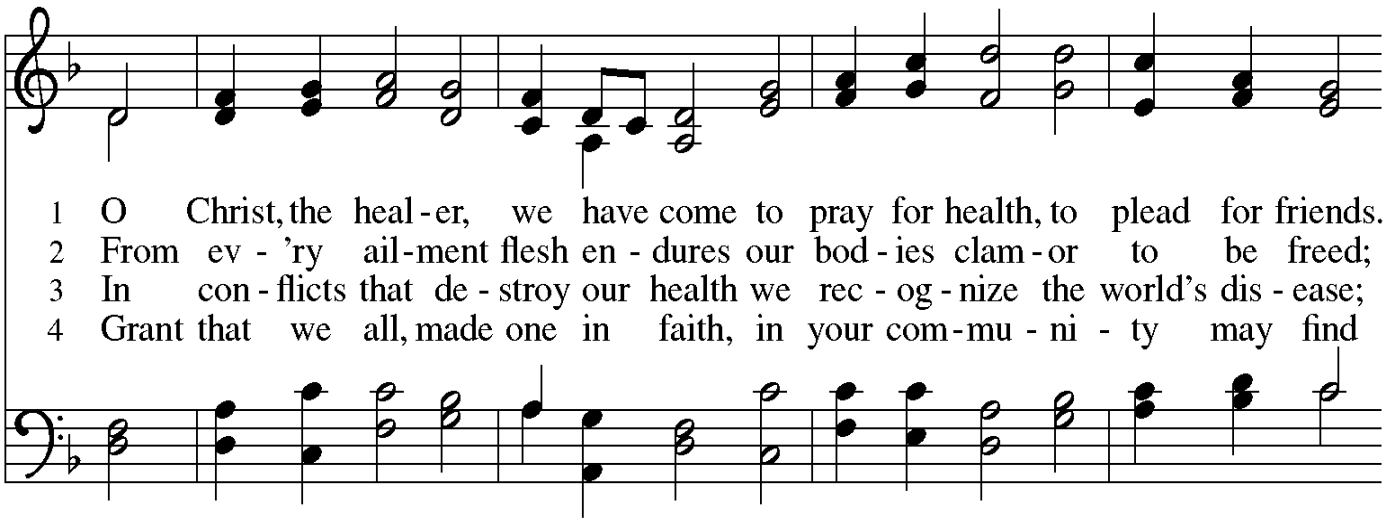
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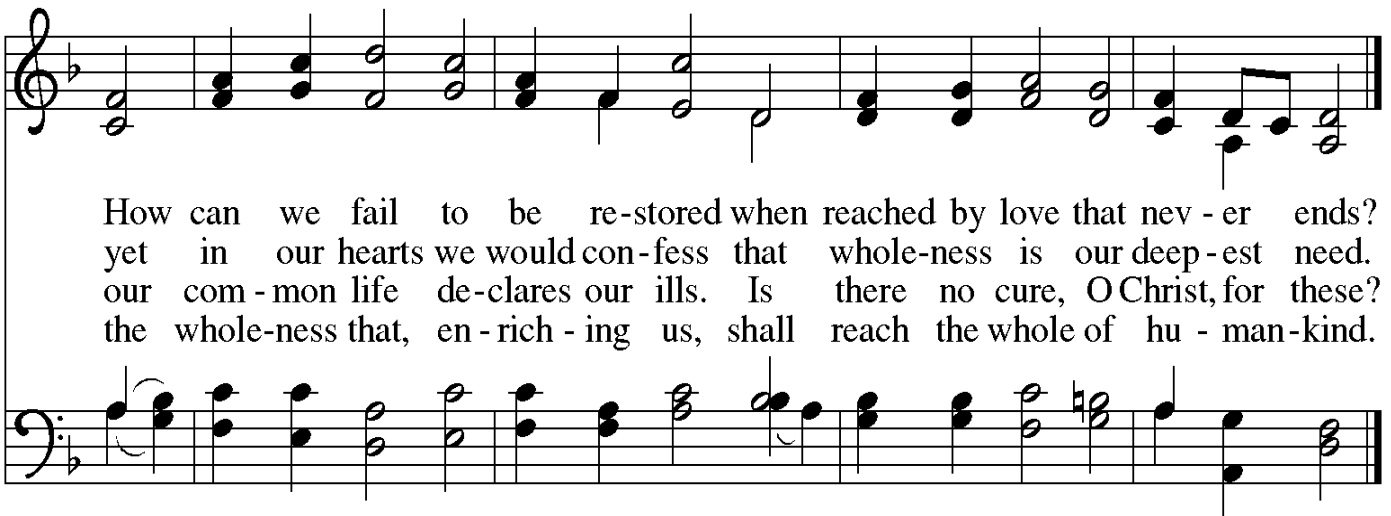
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O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Cast Out, O Christ

1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the
 2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are
 3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you
 4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that
 5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the

de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that
 Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -
 sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you
 break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,
 de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to

choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.
 plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.
 brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.
 home in peace to live your gos - pel call.
 sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003

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There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

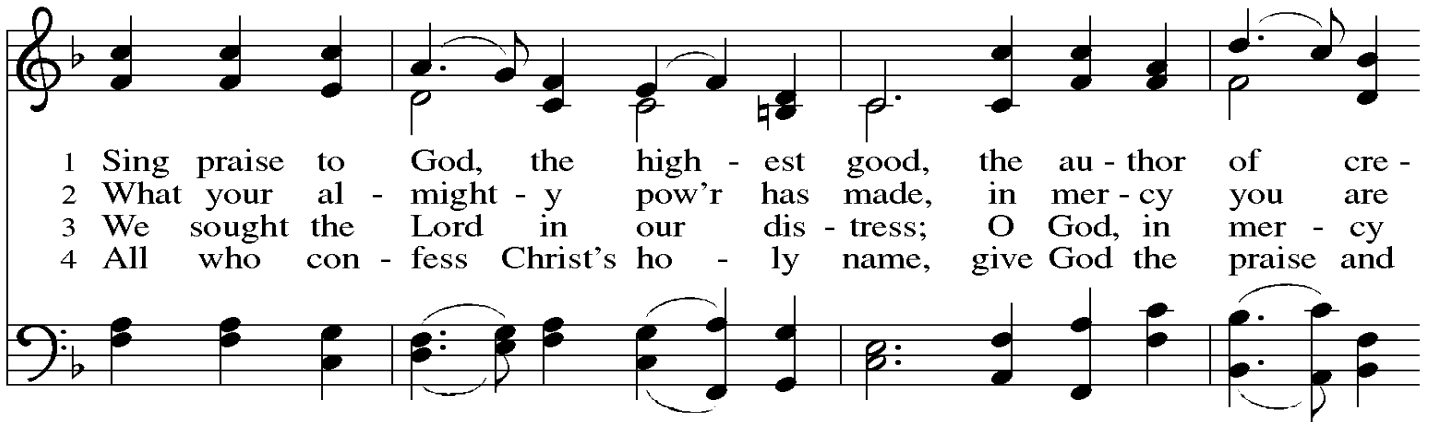
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.


Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -
2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and



a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for
keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with
glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the



your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;
nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might
peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,
praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;



all our la - ment with peace you still.
all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
who is by one and all a - dored.
God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

As We Gather

Parents! Thanks for bringing your children to worship.

- ❖ Did you know that intergenerational worship is the single most important activity encouraging children's faith formation? (See vibrantfaith.com)
- ❖ When parents and children need to take a break for a few minutes, there's a play area with toys and books in the room right beneath the Worship Space.
- ❖ Age-appropriate activity bags are available in the Gathering Space – ask an usher for assistance.

Assistance is Available for You:

- ❖ **An induction loop** is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T."
- ❖ **Large print** worship materials are available - ask an usher.
- ❖ **Rest rooms** are accessible through the door in the wing to the left of the altar.
- ❖ **If someone should need emergency medical assistance**, CPR supplies, and a first aid kit are located in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall.

Health Update: We always encourage you to monitor yourself for symptoms of illness and to worship from home if you are experiencing any. We have masks and hand sanitizer available for use in our building should you require.

What's Happening Today

Flowers are given by Dan and Sarah Shoenfelt in honor of John Joe's birthday!

Our January Congregational Meeting is TODAY, join us in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 AM service.

Don't Forget to pick up your giving statements in the Gathing space!

Upcoming

Communal Life: Pub & Grub. Join us on **Monday, January 29th** at **7:00 PM** at **Billsburg Brewery** for some food, drinks and conversation.

Communal Life: January Congregational Meeting. The January Congregational Meeting will be held following the 11am service on **Sunday, January 28th, 2024**. At our January meeting we review our mission statement, receive annual reports, elect delegates to the VA Synod Assembly, and approve a budget. Please pick up your copy of the annual report in the Gathering space or check your email for an electronic copy.

Communal Life: Game Night! Join us on **Saturday, February 10th** at **5:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall for a board game night! Learn a new game or bring an old favorite. Please bring a dish or snack to share, water and lemonade will be provided.

Communal Life: Breakfasts. Come to build and deepen relationships – at the **Colonial Pancake House**, at the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road. Both gatherings take place at **8:00 AM**.

Thursday, February 1 – **Men** are invited to join together for breakfast.

Tuesday, February 6 – **Women** are invited to join together for breakfast.

Education: Book Study. Pastor Alex will be leading a 7-week book study on “Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians” by Austen Hartke **beginning the week of February 5th**. Check the Quill or your email for more information on the book study. If you would like a copy of the book (\$20.00 each), please sign up on the bulletin insert and send your payment to the church marked “Book Study”.

Service & Worship: Orcha-band. We are excited to be utilizing the gifts of our Orcha-band again for Transfiguration Sunday (and possibly Easter too). Do you play an instrument? We’d love for you to use your skills for worship! Speak with our Music Director, Karen Ives, if you’re interested!

Communal Life: LSA Sunday Dinners. Want to get to know our LSA members? Host a meal for them! Sign up to host a Sunday evening meal for LSA on the chart in the Gathering Space. If you haven’t hosted before, instructions are available.

Communal Life: Lenten Midweek Soup Suppers. Look for a signup sheet in the Gathering Space for Lenten Soup Suppers. We look for 2-3 crocks of soup and bread/rolls prior to our Lenten Wednesday services (starting February 21). Look for more info to come!

Health

PSA for Covid guidelines

We seem to have a lot of Covid still around. It is a good time to review protocols from the CDC. If you feel like you have symptoms, you should isolate until you can test. If you test positive, you should isolate even from people in your home for 5 days. You may end isolation after 5 days if you have no symptoms and you have been fever-free for 24 hours. If your symptoms are not improving, you should continue to isolate. It is important to remember to particularly stay away from people who are more likely to get sick until after day 11 even if you are symptom free. It is recommended that you wear a mask while you have symptoms and during the first 5 days. It is recommended that you always report symptoms to your physician.

If you are uncomfortable in public, you should always feel free to wear a mask to protect yourself. The use of hand sanitizer or soap and water are still good measures to protect yourself from covid, cold, flu and other communicable diseases. Call me if you have questions.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Parish Nurse

St. Stephen Calendar: January 28 –February 4 , 2024

SUNDAY, January 28 ~ *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

- 8:30 AM** Worship – Holy Communion (live-streamed on our YouTube channel)
- 9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism (Library/Conference Room)
- 9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation: Music (Worship space/Preschool Room)
- 11:00 AM** Worship – Holy Communion
- ~12:00 PM Annual Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY, January 29

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor Office)
- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Pub and Grub (Billsburg Brewery)

TUESDAY, January 30

- 11:30 AM** Preschool Chapel (Worship Space)

WEDNESDAY, January 31

- 11:30 AM** Preschool Chapel (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 1

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Colonial Pancake)
- 12:30 PM Staff Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)
- 5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers (Worship Space)

FRIDAY, February 2

SATURDAY, February 3

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, February 4 ~ *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

- 8:30 AM** Worship – Holy Communion (live-streamed on our YouTube channel)
- 9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism (Library/Conference Room)
- 9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation: Lesson (Preschool Room)
- 11:00 AM** Worship – Holy Communion

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer (8:30) Bill Dichtel
..... (11:00) Sonja Cave
Altar Guild (8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel and Rosalie Frey
..... (11:00) Sandy Johnson
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Tim Judy (11:00)
Bread Baker Heid Flatin
Cantors.....(8:30) Ursula Recktenwald (11:00) Erika Cave
Communion Assistants (8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel and Susan Bosworth
..... (11:00) Sandy Johnson and George Bass
Flower Delivery Diane McCurry
Greeters/Hosts..... (8:30) J.R. & Diana Lyons (11:00) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Lectors (8:30) Diane McCurry (11:00) Jeanne Garrison
Preacher Pastor Alex Sheppard-Witt
Presider Pastor Jon O Nelson
Tellers Tom Peterkin, Sandy Peterkin, Sandy Croushore
Ushers (8:30) Denny & Diana Krieger (11:00) Russ Dabel and Glenn Joppa

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Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

Pastor Jon Nelson (320-295-8861)

Pastor Alex Sheppard-Witt (717-434-5037)

Karen Ives – Director of Music (757-229-6688)

Hollie Jones – Parish Administrator (229-6688)

Diana Tiller-Dichtel – Parish Nurse (232-5924)

Holly Ready – Preschool Director (229-6688)

Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (873-2273; counselors are in Williamsburg on Thursdays)

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Welcome to St. Stephen Lutheran Church!

*Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate
or give it to an usher.*

January 28, 2024

Name: _____

For guests and members with changes:

Address (Home) _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Guests Only:

I belong to _____

Church Address _____

Please check as many as pertain:

____ Member

____ First time guest

____ Regular guest

____ Guest (out of town)

____ Student at William & Mary

____ Looking for a church home

____ Desire to speak with pastor

____ Would like more information about Stephen Ministry

____ Would like a Parish Nurse to contact me

Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

Prayer Requests

Please **add** to the prayer list in this month's bulletin and next month's *Quill*:

(please note all names will be removed at the end of the following month, if you wish for someone to be added back on to the prayer list please resubmit their names here)

Name: _____

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

Name: _____

_____ I need a name tag

_____ I/we would like a copy of the book, "Transforming" for the book study

_____ I/we will be attending game night on Saturday February 10th

**Sign up to host
LSA Dinners!**

