



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.



February 4, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

For Your Prayers –February 4-11 , 2024

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: 2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37 Acts 14:1-7 Psalm 102:12-28

Tuesday: 2 Kings 8:1-6 Acts 15:36-41 Psalm 102:12-28

Wednesday: Job 6:1-13 Mark 3:7-12 Psalm 102:12-28

Thursday: 1 Kings 11:26-40 2 Corinthians 2:12-17 Psalm 50:1-6

Friday: 1 Kings 14:1-18 1 Timothy 1:12-20 Psalm 50:1-6

Saturday: 1 Kings 16:1-7 Luke 19:41-44 Psalm 50:1-6

Next Sunday's Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 (2) 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

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

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: John, Marty, 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, Jaxon Ireland, 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

God, Whose Almighty Word
St. Stephen Ringers

Setting, Michael Ryan

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

God, Whose Almighty Word

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Leader or All



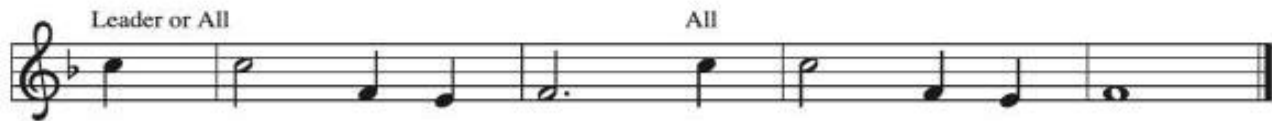
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O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

All



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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!



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Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them

all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

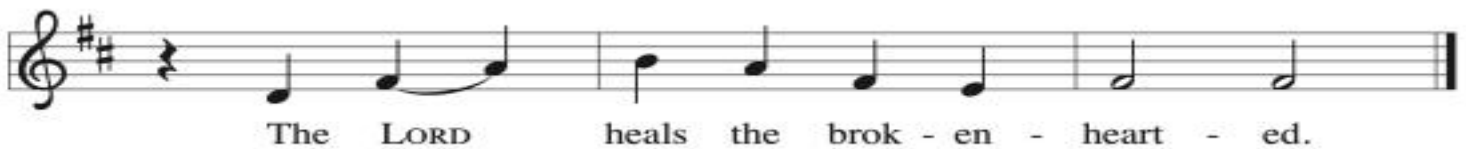
³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c



¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises ¹ to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor ¹ God with praise!

²**The LORD re- ¹ builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex- ¹ iles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the ¹ brokenhearted
and binds ¹ up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number ¹ of the stars
and calls them all ¹ by their names. *Refrain***

⁵Great is our LORD and might- ¹ y in power;
there is no limit ¹ to God's wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts ¹ up the lowly,
but casts the wicked ¹ to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD ¹ with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp ¹ to our God,

⁸**who covers the heav- ¹ ens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- ¹ on the
mountains. *Refrain***

⁹God provides food ¹ for the cattle
and for the young ravens ¹ when they cry.

¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might ¹ of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed ¹ of a runner,**

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who ¹ fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c1} Hallelujah! *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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 1:29-39

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

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” ³⁸He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

Hymn of the Day

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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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

Your hands, O Lord in Days of Old Arr. Peter Niedmann
 Matins Choir

11:00

Word From Above
 Chancel choir

Padre Giambattista Martini

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.



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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.

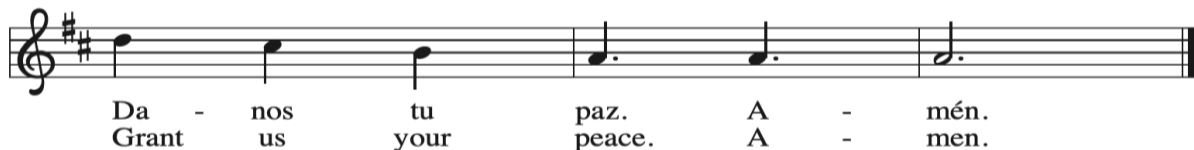
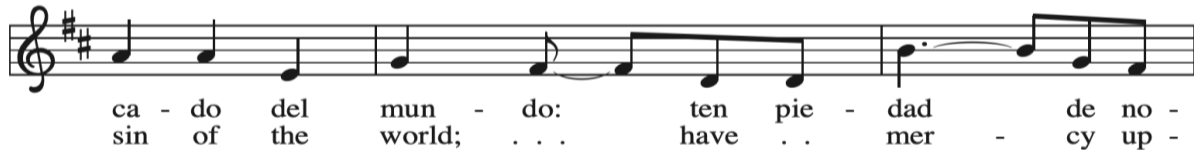
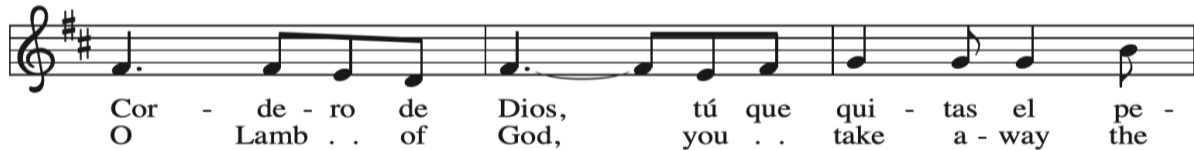
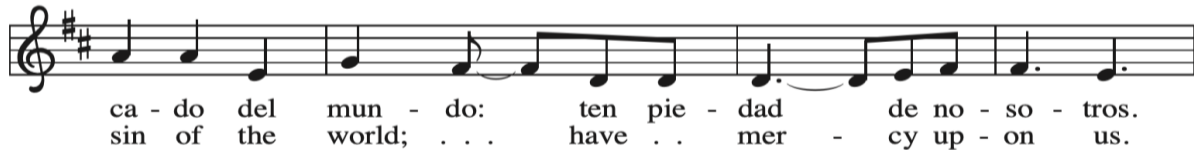
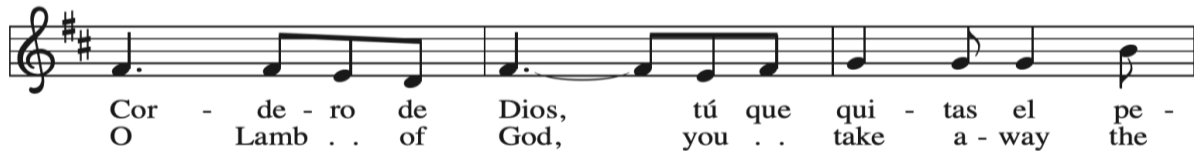
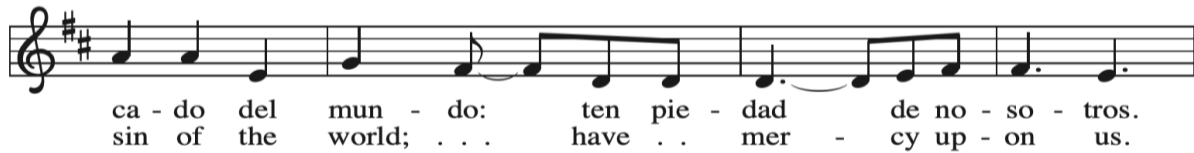
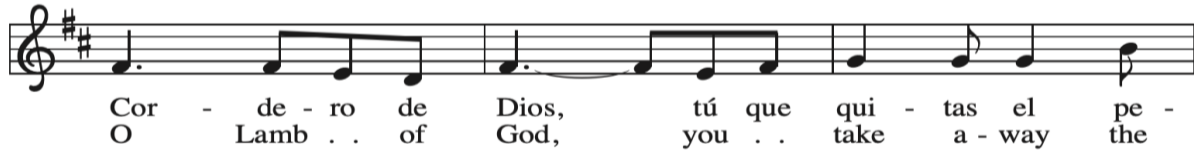


Table Blessing**Prayer after Communion**

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**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
St. Stephen Ringers

Setting, Sandra Eithun

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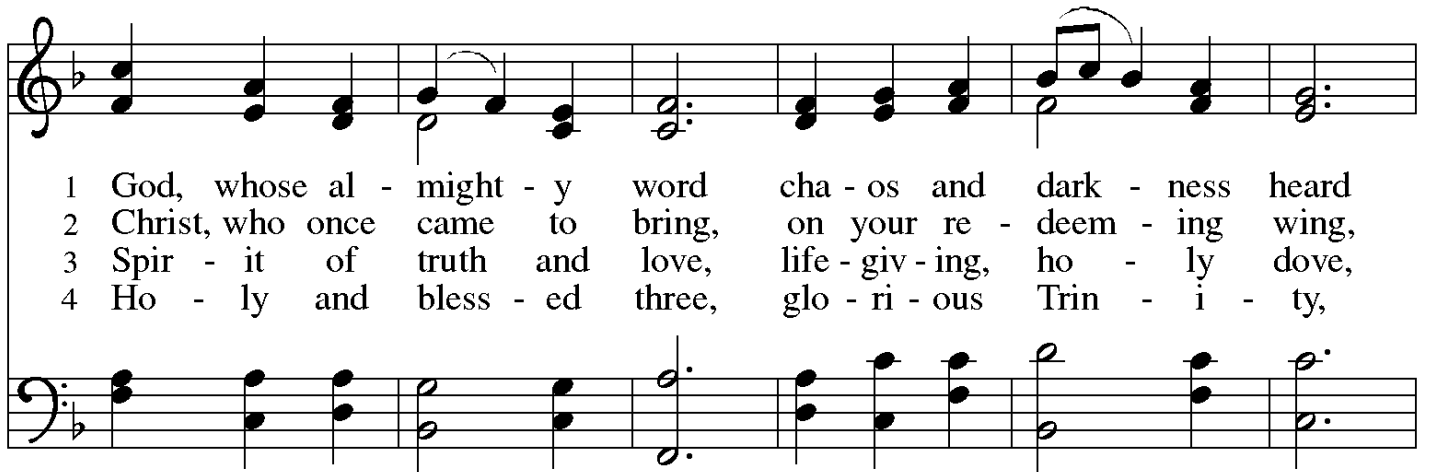
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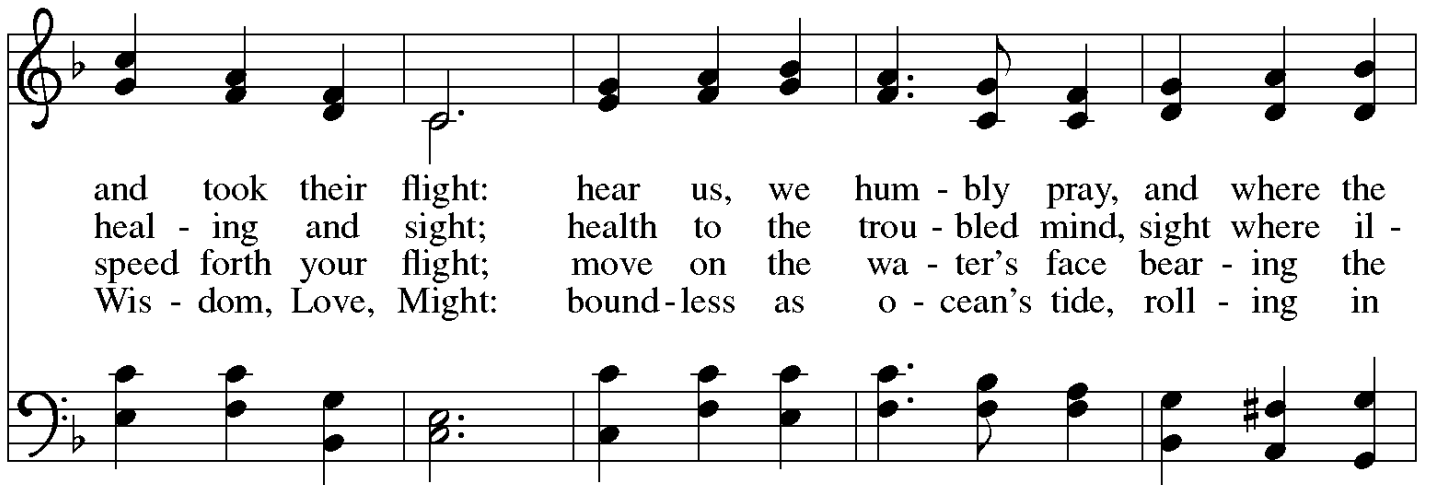
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God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Gardini, 1716–1796

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

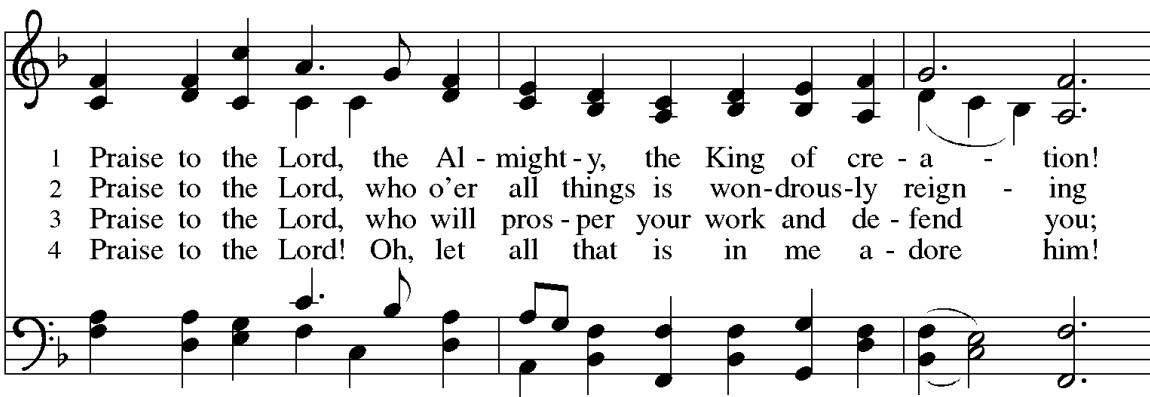


Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

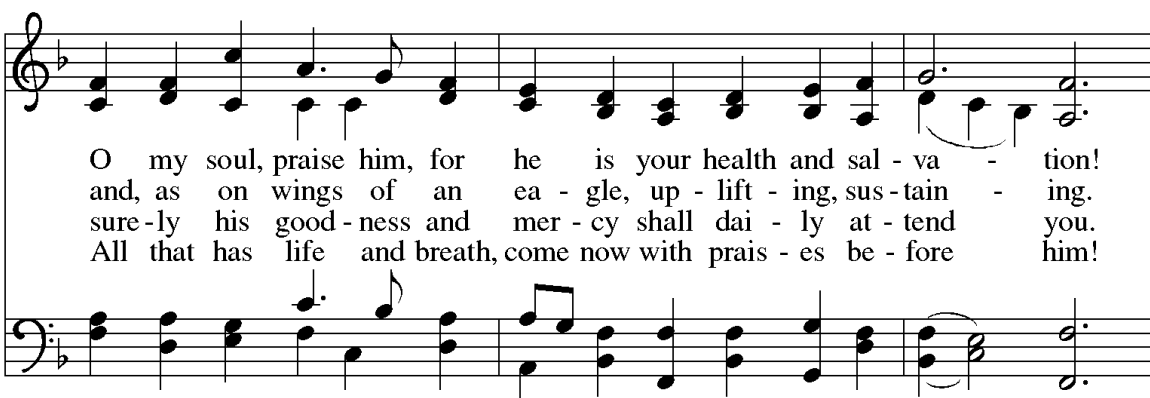


Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

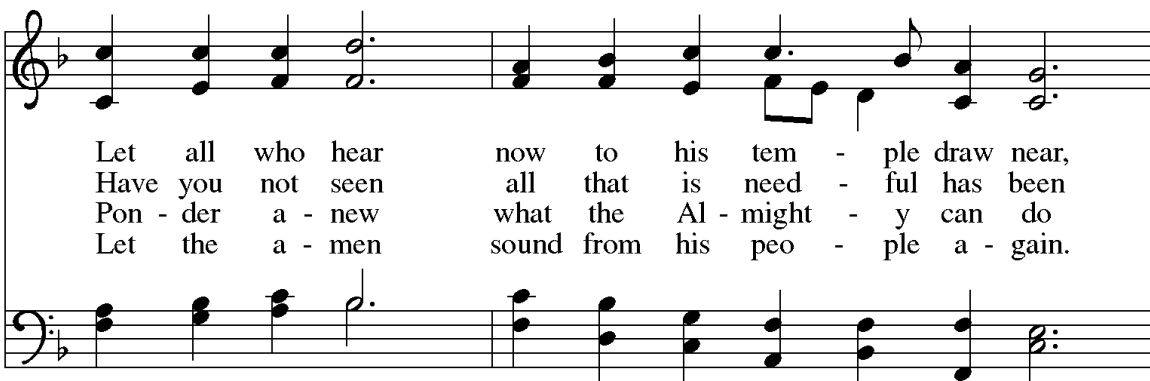
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



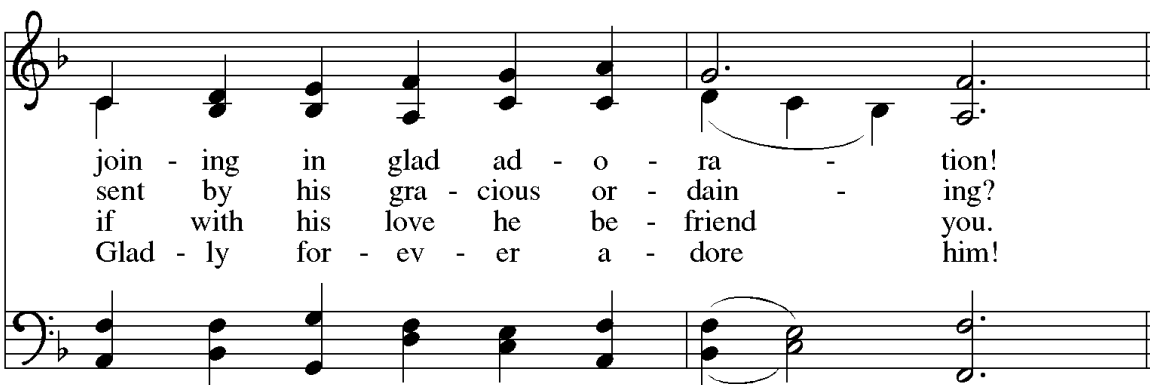
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuertes Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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 to the honor and the glory of God.

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

Upcoming

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**.

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

Education: Book Study. Starting the week of **Feb. 5th** Pastor Alex will be leading a 7-week book study on “Transforming: The Bible and the Lives Of Transgender Christians” by Austen Hartke. There will be two options to meet for discussion: **Mondays at 7:00 PM** or **Tuesdays at 1:30 PM**. 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

HEART FOR THE HUNGRY Celebrate Valentine's Day by restocking our community food pantries to help our neighbors in need! From February 1st through 14th, drop off food, and GWOM will donate \$1 for every pound donated, up to \$1,000 per agency(FISH, Grove Christian Outreach Center, Salvation Army and St. Olaf). Please donate food. You can drop off all donations here at the church or directly to the centers themselves.

Communal Life: Shrove Tuesday Pancakes. Join us for pancakes and sausages on Shrove **Tuesday (Feb. 13th)**, in the Fellowship Hall from **5:00 - 7:00 PM**. Free will donation, all proceeds help fund Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) activities (including our 2024 summer trip to the LYO Gathering in New Orleans). Please sign up on the insert so that we can have a head count for food.

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!

The St. Stephen Lutheran 2024 Theologian in Residence is the Rev. James G. Cobb, who will be joining us on **March 2 and 3, 2024**. Pastor Cobb, a former member of SSLC, is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination and has held many prominent appointments at the ELCA and LWF. He is also the author of 5 books. His topic will be "Christian Nationalism & A Lutheran Perspective." The **Saturday, March 2** session starts at **9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall and will end at 1:30pm (potluck lunch at noon). The Theologian in Residence will be the preacher at both services on Sunday, March 3.

Health

Winter Blues

Whether or not there is snow on the ground, the days being shorter and the decreased amount of sunlight can make us feel blue. Cold weather makes us want to hibernate.

You could have **Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)** or it may be just the winter blues. Some things you can do to help are limit your use of social media, make sure you are getting plenty of light, and get some exercise. Whether you walk outside or go to the gym, exercise can help lift your spirits.

If you find you are not improving or you are feeling very sad and depressed, please seek professional help.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Parish Nurse



Thank you to everyone who helped with our Preschool Winter Carnival. From the wonderful bakers of cakes and cookies. Those who helped set up all of the stations and take everything down. The adults and kids who worked each activity, making this year so special for all involved. The parents and students had a wonderful experience and that is because of you all.

St. Stephen Calendar: February 4-11, 2024

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

MONDAY, February 5

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor Office)
- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Book study (Library/Conference Room)

TUESDAY, February 6

- 8:00 AM Women's Breakfast (Colonial Pancake)
- 11:30 AM** Preschool Chapel (Worship Space)
- 1:30 PM Book study (Library/Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, February 7

- 11:30 AM** Preschool Chapel (Worship Space)
- 6:00 PM Orcha-band Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

THURSDAY, February 8

- 12:30 PM Staff Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)
- 5:30 PM Orcha-band Rehearsal (Worship Space)

FRIDAY, February 9

SATURDAY, February 10

- 11:00 AM Orcha-band Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/ Conference Room)
- 5:30 PM Game Night (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, February 11 ~ *Transfiguration of Our Lord*

- 8:30 AM** Worship – Holy Communion (live-streamed on our YouTube channel)
- 9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation: Life Story (Preschool Room)
- 11:00 AM** Worship – Holy Communion

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer (8:30) Theo Bergh
..... (11:00) Alina Dabel
Altar Guild(8:30) Diane McCurry and Diana Tiller-Dichtel
..... (11:00) Nancy Egloff and Karen Arledge
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Nancy Carter (11:00) Doug Moore
Bread Baker Carol Wiers
Cantors (8:30) Ellen Bushman (11:00) Sandy Croushore
Communion Assistants(8:30) Amy & Brian Bergh
..... (11:00) Keith & Nancy Egloff
Flower Delivery Rosemary Stimson
Greeters/Hosts.....(8:30) Chris Punchard (11:00) Susan Kauffman
Lectors.....(8:30) Karen Nester (11:00) Cyndy Touhsaent
Preacher..... Pastor Jon O Nelson
Presider Pastor Jon O Nelson
TellersJane Gingerich, Ursula Recktenwald, & Russ White
Ushers.....(8:30) John McCurry and Tom Witt (11:00) Art Nelson and Glen Joppa

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(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

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Hollie Jones – Parish Administrator (229-6688)

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

Holly Ready – Preschool Director (229-6688)

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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.*

February 4, 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**

_____ I/ We will be attending **Shrove Tuesday Pancakes #** _____

**Sign up to host
LSA Dinners!**

