



# **St. Stephen Lutheran Church**

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***Second Sunday after Epiphany***  
***Lectionary 2***

***January 15, 2023***

## For Your Prayers – January 15 -22, 2023

### Lectionary readings for this week:

**Monday:** Exodus 12:1-13,21-28; Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 40:6-17

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 53:1-12 ; Hebrews 10:1-4; Psalm 40:6-17

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 48:12-21; Matthew 9:14-17; Psalm 40:6-17

**Thursday:** 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 1:11-24; Psalm 27:1-6

**Friday:** 1 Samuel 9:27--10:8; Galatians 2:1-10; Psalm 27:1-6

**Saturday:** 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13; Luke 5:27-32; Psalm 27:1-6

**Sunday:** Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

**Join your prayers for healing** with God's desires for **Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Ginny Cummings, Karen Einarsen, Marj Gottschalk-Trone, Sharon Jacobs, Evelyn Kernan, Henry Mallue, Carole Meyer, Jim Mayfield, Marie Nelson and Linda Reuben.**

**Pray for those unable to come to worship:** **Joyce Behlendorf, Martin Bleck, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Jack Harris, Edith Haecker, Pat Janot, Jeanne Nelson, Joanne Shue, Darlene Simon, Jerry Trone, and Kay Wasaff**

**Pray for these loved ones of our congregation:** Jake, Stephanie Altland, Philip A. Arnold, Jane Ayers, Gary Baumgarten, Rose Baumgarten, Susan Behrens, The Besser family, Toni Birch, Bill Blackburn & Sally Blackburn, John Butler, Karin Cavanaugh, Lane Clark, Bob Cummings, Emmeline Daniels, Graham Darnell, Jeris and Tony DeKievit, Yvonne Destout, Judy Drezek, Paul Dwiggin, Derald Edwards, Joan Fecondo, Gloria Flamm, Dan Flatin, Kay Flatin, Betty Frazee, Bob and Lois Friend, Andrea Gonzalez, Rex Harder, Andy Havola, Frank Hayes, Nicole Ingle, Crystal Isaac, Nate Jacklin, Sandy Kellogg, John Knestrick, Richard Kochanski, Rebecca Krueger, Monsignor Joseph Lehman, Margaret Lewis, Jackie Locke, Isabelle Lutzle, Keith Margrey, Barry Marten, Micah Maris-Wolf, Doug Mayes, Patrick and Kristin McGraw, Judy Murphy, Jeremy Nelson, Lori Ott, Danielle Parrish, Lyn Pence, Phil Peters, Sue Plevelich, Pearl Retchin, Edith Roberts, Betty Roth, Shann Rufer, Paul Sampson, Inge Seiter, Cindy Sherwood, Patricia Simpson, Kelsey Slay, Mike Slyer, Brant Smith, Jerry and Evelyn Spear, Chad Strausbaugh, Kelly Theilen, Carolyn Williams, Travis Wilson, Kinnley, Teresa, and Robert Yazujian, Abby Zwerner and the people of Ukraine

# *Second Sunday after Epiphany/Lectionary 2*

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

**Welcome**

**Centering Music**

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song - Setting Lynn L. Petersen*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

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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 (Russian)

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

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

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with a prominent dotted half note on 'e' in the first measure of each phrase. The lyrics are arranged in two lines, with the second line starting on the second measure of the first line. A circled section highlights the final notes of the second line: 'e - le' and 'i - son'.

## Hymn of Praise (Peruvian) *Glory to God, Glory in the Highest*

Leader  
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

All  
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

Leader All  
 To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

Leader Leader  
 Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1 Group 1, 2  
 Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader  
 Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3  
 Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! 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

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

### First Reading

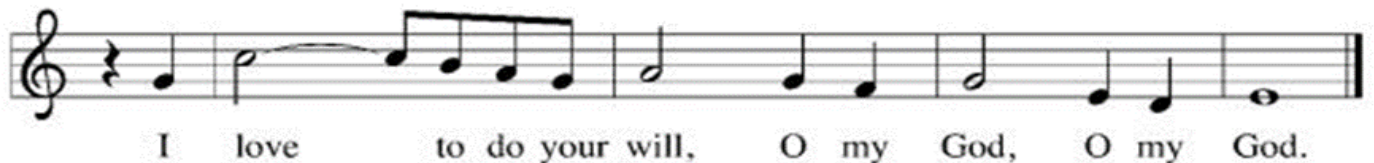
**Isaiah 49:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

### Psalmody

**Psalm 40:1-11**



<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently up- | on the LORD,  
who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD!**

**They do not turn to enemies or to those who <sup>1</sup> follow lies. *Refrain***

<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- <sup>1</sup>pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than <sup>1</sup>I can count.

**<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you do <sup>1</sup> not desire;**

**you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have <sup>1</sup> not required. *Refrain***

<sup>7</sup>And so I said, “Here I <sup>1</sup> am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ- <sup>1</sup>ten of me:

**<sup>8</sup>I love to do your will, <sup>1</sup> O my God;**

**your law is <sup>1</sup> deep within me.’ ”**

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the <sup>1</sup> great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O <sup>1</sup> LORD, you know.

**<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and <sup>1</sup> your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the <sup>1</sup> great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- <sup>1</sup> sion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually <sup>1</sup> keep me safe. *Refrain*

## **Second Reading**

## **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

# Gospel Acclamation

## *Celtic Alleluia*



### **Gospel**

**John 1:29-42**

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

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”<sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”<sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”<sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.<sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

### **Sermon**

### ***John the Witnesser***

Pastor Jon Nelson

*The Hymn of the Day will be announced in a few moments. First, please take time during the silence: What are your prayers in response to the sermon?*

**Prayers**

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

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

**Offering**

*Offerings are 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**

*Lamb of God*

Arr. Aaron David Miller

*Matins Choir*

*Eternal Light*

Arr. Aaron David Miller

*Chancel Choir*

**Offertory Hymn (Chinese) Golden Breaks the Dawn**



*Qing zao qi - lai kan, hong ri chu tong - fang,*  
2 Ho - ly, liv - ing God, keep me safe to - day;  
3 Give me dai - ly bread, while I do my part;



*xiong - zhuang xiang yong - shi, mei - hao xiang xin - lang;*  
though I wea - ry plod, make me kind, I pray.  
bright skies o - ver - head, glad - ness in my heart.



*tian gao fei - niao guo, di kuo ye - hua xiang,*  
Let me guide our youth, hon - or weak and old;  
Sim - ple wants pro - vide, e - vil let me shun;



*zhao wo qin gong - zuo, Tian - fu you en - guang.*  
let me serve with truth, and God's love un - fold.  
Je - sus at my side, till the day is done.



## Offertory Prayer

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice

and let the oppressed go free.

Receive these offerings in thanksgiving

for all your works of merciful power,

and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.

You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

**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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....we praise your name and join their unending hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy (Argentinian)

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to - res Se - ñor.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.



**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.*

*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.*



O Lamb of God (Finnish)

*Oi Ju - ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, jo - ka pois o - tat maa-il-man syn - nin,*  
*O Lamb . . of God, you take a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .*

*ar - mah-da mei - tä, ar - mah-da mei - tä, ar - mah-da mei - tä.*  
*have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.*

*Oi Ju - ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, jo - ka pois o - tat maa-il-man syn - nin,*  
*O Lamb . . of God, you take a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .*

*ar - mah-da mei - tä, ar - mah-da mei - tä, ar - mah-da mei - tä.*  
*have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.*

*Oi Ju - ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, jo - ka pois o - tat maa-il-man syn - nin,*  
*O Lamb . . of God, you take a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .*

*an - na meil-le rau - ha, an - na meil-le rau - ha ja siu - na - uk - se - si.*  
*grant . . us your peace, . . grant . . us your peace, your peace, O Lamb of God.*

**Communion Hymn**    *In This Feast of Love*

*Come and See*

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**Table Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

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

**Sending Hymn**            *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

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**Blessing**

**The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod**

**✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.**

**Amen**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Herr Christ, Der einig Gottes Sohn*

Setting, Johann Gottfried Walther



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# Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

*Jésus, je voudrais te chanter*

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

## The Only Son from Heaven



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers,  
 2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, oh, bright and ho - ly morn!  
 3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it to know and love you more,  
 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you with God the Ho - ly Ghost,



by God the Fa - ther giv - en, in hu - man form ap - pears.  
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, the Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
 in faith to stand un - shak - en, in spir - it to a - dore,  
 and Je - sus, we a - dore you, O pride of an - gel - host:



No sphere his light con - fin - ing, no star so bright - ly  
 grim death to van - quish for us, to o - pen heav'n be -  
 that we, through this world mov - ing, each glimpse of heav - en  
 be - fore you mor - tals low - ly cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing as he, our Morn - ing Star.  
 fore us and bring us life a - gain.  
 prov - ing, may reap its full - ness there.  
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Text: Elizabeth Cruciger, 1500–1535; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–1874, alt.  
 Music: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

# In This Feast of Love

*Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä,* *täs - sä*  
 1 In this feast of love, in this  
 2 In this bread and wine, in this  
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

*pöy - däs - sä* *syn - ti - sil - le*  
 feast of love, Lord, you share your  
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

*it - se - si an - nat,* *Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*  
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

Text: Jarkko Maukonen; tr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
 Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio  
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# Come and See

What are you look - ing for? Come,

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

see, come and see. What are you

The second system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

The third system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39

Music: COME AND SEE, Robert A. Hobby

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# Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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## 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.

### **COVID-19 Guidelines:**

- Community transmission of COVID-19 in Williamsburg is low; James City County is MEDIUM ; and York County is low.
- Masks are available in the Gathering Space for those who would like to use them.

### **Health Update**

While COVID rates remain "low to Medium" in our area we find ourselves in the midst of the worst flu season in over a decade. In order to try to keep ourselves and our neighbors healthy **we strongly encourage the wearing of masks in our building** at this time, especially for those who are more vulnerable to viral illnesses. We also encourage you to monitor yourself for flu (and COVID) symptoms and stay home if you are experiencing any.

## **What's Happening Today**

**Flowers this morning** are given to the Glory of God by **Pat and Stew Fretz** to the Glory of God, in celebration of their **71<sup>st</sup>** wedding anniversary.

**"Lutherans in America"** The Rev. Dr. Harvey Nelson will be offering a five-week series on "Lutherans in America" between services (9:45-10:45 AM) in the Fellowship Hall. The first session, "Pietism and Orthodoxy" starts today. A digital option for participation will be offered as well. If you are interested in the digital option please fill out the Green sheet or call the Office.

## Upcoming

**Weekly Bible Study.** Come join us as we study the upcoming Sunday's texts! **Tuesday's at 10:00 AM** in the **Library/Conference Room**. It will be led by the **Rev. Jim Larsen** and the **Rev. Harvey Nelson**

**St. Stephen Preschool Registration** for the 2023-2024 year is now open to members of St. Stephen, who receive a *10 percent discount on tuition!* Please contact Preschool Administrator **Kristie Kelly** in the Preschool Office for more information.

**VA Synod Assembly Voting Members Needed.** **The 2023 VA Synod Assembly will be held in Roanoke from June 9-11.** On top of the typical business of the Synod, there will also be an election for a new Bishop. At our January meeting St. Stephen will elect two voting members to attend Synod Assembly and two alternates (we will be sending one who identifies as male, and one who identifies as female) on behalf of St. Stephen. **If you would like to be on the ballot at the January meeting for this position, please mark the Green Sheet.** Expenses to attend the Assembly are covered by the church.

**Our annual congregation meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 12:30 PM.**

**Have Fun and Support our St. Stephen Preschool** during our annual Winter Carnival **Sunday, January 29, 2:00 – 4:00 PM.** Want to help with Winter BINGO, Ice Fishing, Winter Putt-Putt, Penguin Bowling, and more? Would you like to bake a festive cake or cookies! See the insert and mark the green sheet if you're able to help!

**Also,** Is your *Harris Teeter* card linked to St. Stephen Preschool for its "Together in Education" program? Our number is **1216**. See **Kristie Kelley** if you have any questions!

**Community of Faith Mission's Warm Up Williamsburg fundraiser** is this month. If you would like to purchase some delicious soups and support COFM's mission and ministry look for more information posted in the Gathering Space.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** **January 18-25** marks the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We will be incorporating some resources from the World Council of Churches in our worship on Sunday, January 22nd. But if you would like more information, including a daily bible study for that week, go to: [www.oikoumene.org](http://www.oikoumene.org)

## Community of Faith Mission

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year that St. Stephen will participate in the Winter Shelter Program, through the Community of Faith Mission (COFM) for those in our community who have no permanent home. The shelter houses up to 25 guests per night. Our service dates are **Wednesday, February 15**, providing dinner, and **Thursday, February 16**, providing breakfast and lunch. There are a number of ways in which we need your help:

- Pray for our efforts and for those receiving shelter and aid.
- Assist with preparing the meals we will be serving – Wednesday afternoon, and possibly Thursday very early morning.
- Assist with delivery and serving the meals at James River Baptist Church.
- Bake cookies for our dinner and lunch (50 needed for each meal). We will need these items by the morning of Wednesday, February 15
- Bring in Capri Sun, fruit cups, Clementines, Nutrigrain bars, apple juice boxes, or Belvita. We will need these items by Friday, February 10, so that we will know which items we will need to purchase.
- Write a check to St. Stephen and designate it for the Homeless Fund on the memo line.

Please mark the Green Sheet, indicating any way that you can help with this ministry.

Please contact **Sandy Peterkin** (757-879-1052 or [sandypeterkin@yahoo.com](mailto:sandypeterkin@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions. A box will be in the Gathering Space to collect items contributed.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Health Ministry**

### **New variants and effects of multiple infections**

There are some new sub-variants of Omicron spreading called BQ 1, BQ 1.1 and XBB 1.5. These are very contagious variants. Scientists are currently trying to determine if they are more severe than the preceding strains. The reports from most people is that it is like having a bad cold. But there are still people who will die from having Covid. Some people will experience long Covid after having had it. This is when you continue to have symptoms of Covid for weeks, months and years after an infection. Some symptoms include tiredness, brain fog, fever, cough, chest pain, heart palpitations and more. You should report symptoms to your physician.

Another important fact to remember is that people who have Covid multiple times increase the likelihood of having more severe symptoms and hospitalization.

I know everyone is sick of hearing about Covid. Believe me, I am as well. But, the truth is that we still have Covid around. We have vaccines available for those who want to take them. We are asked to wear masks when we are out in public especially in crowded spaces. We are weary of it all. Hand washing is still a first line of defense against Covid. Stay safe.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel

Parish Nurse

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/long-term-effects/index.html>

## St. Stephen Calendar – January 15-22

*Our worship service is available on our website [www.saintstephenlutheran.net](http://www.saintstephenlutheran.net),  
click on “Worship with Us” and “Services.”*

### **SUNDAY, January 15~ Second Sunday after Epiphany**

- 8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion** (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)
- 9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 9:45 AM “Lutherans in America” series ( Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class (Library/Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation (Undercroft/Preschool Room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion**

### **MONDAY, January 16**

**Office and Preschool closed**

### **TUESDAY, January 17**

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Preschool Committee (Library/Conference Room)

### **WEDNESDAY, January 18**

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### **THURSDAY January 19**

- 1:00 PM Staff Bulletin Review
- 5:30 PM St. Stephen Rings Rehearsal( Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM Winter Carnival Committee ((Library/Conference Room)

### **FRIDAY January 20**

### **SATURDAY, January 21**

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### **SUNDAY, January 22~ Third Sunday after Epiphany**

- 8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion** (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)
- 9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 9:45 AM “Lutherans in America” series ( Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class (Library/Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation (Undercroft/Preschool Room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion**
- 12:30 PM Annual Meeting ( Fellowship Hall)**

## Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer .....	(8:30) John McCurry
.....	(11:00) Liam Janke
Altar Guild.....	(8:30) Rita Kristiansen and Rosalie Frey
.....	(11:00) Gerri Bass
Audio-Visual Team .....	(8:30) Nancy Carter (11:00) Nancy Carter
Bread Baker.....	Paul Kristiansen
Cantors .....	(8:30) Paula Agor (11:00) Terri Larsen
Communion Assistants .....	(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel, John McCurry
.....	(11:00) Keith & Nancy Egloff
Flower Delivery.....	Karen Nester
Greeters/Hosts .....	(8:30) Paul & Rita Kristiansen
.....	(11:00) George & Linda Vonderheide
Lectors.....	(8:30) Sue Voigt (11:00) Ward Bourn
Tellers.....	Jeanne Garrison, Nelia Lamoureux, Joe Beene
Ushers.....	(8:30) Bill Dichtel (11:00) Glenn Joppa

## ***St. Stephen Lutheran Church***

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**We gather to worship and study God's Word to deepen our faith and live our  
Christian witness and service in the community.**

*(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)*

### **All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms**

**Pastor Jon Nelson** (320-295-8861)

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

**Hollie Jones** – Parish Administrator (229-6688)

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

**Kristie Kelley** – Preschool Director (229-6688)

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

### **Doing Ministry in the World**

Pastorjn@saintstephenlutheran.net

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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 15, 2023***

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*:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I need a **nametag!** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will volunteer with the winter carnival

\_\_\_\_\_ I will bake/bring a festive cake, or cookies for the Winter carnival

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive the digital information for:  
"Lutherans in America"

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be put on the Ballot as the voting member for the  
**2023 VA Synod Assembly**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I can help with the **Community of Faith Mission** in February!

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we are available to help **cook** on \_\_\_ Wednesday, \_\_\_ Thursday.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we are available to help **deliver and serve** meals on  
\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, \_\_\_ Thursday.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will bake #\_\_\_\_\_ **Cookies.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will **bring in** (circle one and please indicate how many) Capri Sun,  
fruit cups, Clementine's, Nutrigrain bars, apple juice boxes, Belvita.