



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

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.

25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023

For Your Prayers – November 20-26, 2023

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Zechariah 1:7-17 Romans 2:1-11 Psalm 9:1-14

Tuesday: Zechariah 2:1-5, 5:1-4 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 Psalm 9:1-14

Wednesday: Job 16:1-21 Matthew 24:45-51 Psalm 9:1-14

Thursday: 1 Chronicles 17:1-15 Revelation 22:1-9 Psalm 95:1-7a

Friday: Ezekiel 7:1-9 Revelation 16:8-21 Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11]12

Saturday: Isaiah 44:21-28 Matthew 12:46-50 Psalm 95:1-7a

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a (7) Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Paula Agor, Aaren Battle, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, Julia Mahony, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, David Nelson 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: Dawn Allen, Paula Battle, Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, Mary Bloom, Ann Bunn, Jerry & Elijah Connor, Judy Craun, Doug Crinklaw, Katie Czajkowski, Sophia Czajkowski, Judy Drezek, Joel Gillespie, Joan and Frank Goodhart, Catherine Harbison, Deanna Harbison, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzeman, Char Henry, Lisa Hill, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Bob Lamoureux, Marnah Lund, Laura Margolin, Doug Mayes, Maddie Murray, Bob Myers, Lori Ogborn, Katie Orcutt, Paula Rega, Marci Ries, Sharon Rogers, Betty Roth, Inge Seiter, Kelsey Slay, 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

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Setting, Charles Ore

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

ELW 890

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Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

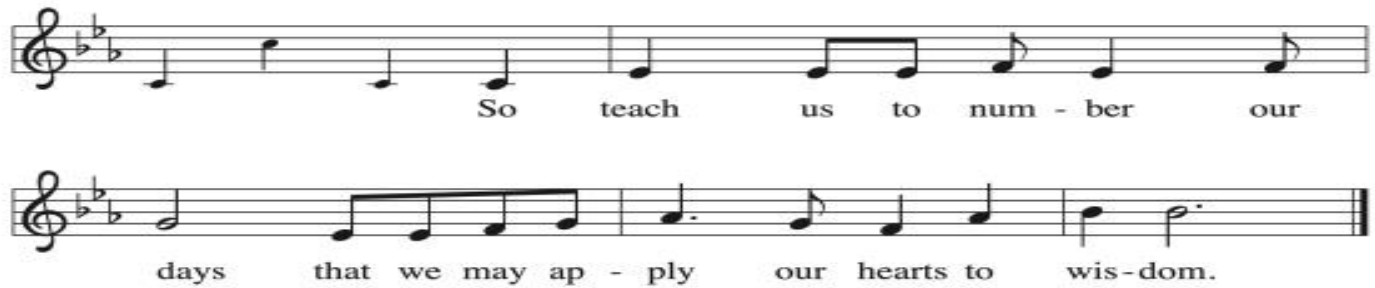
¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end

he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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



¹Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were
born, from age to age | you are God.**

³You turn us back to the | dust and say,
“Turn back, O child- | ren of earth.”

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night; Refrain**

⁵you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

⁸**Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance. Refrain**

⁹When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

¹⁰**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty; yet
the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we
are gone.**

¹¹Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?

¹²**So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. Refrain**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a

pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Gospel Acclamation

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff continues the melody for the next two phrases: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The third staff is a simple accompaniment line with the instruction "Repeat alleluia" written below it.

Choir: Abide in me as I a- | bide in you;* those who abide in me | bear much fruit.
(John 15:4, 5)

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I

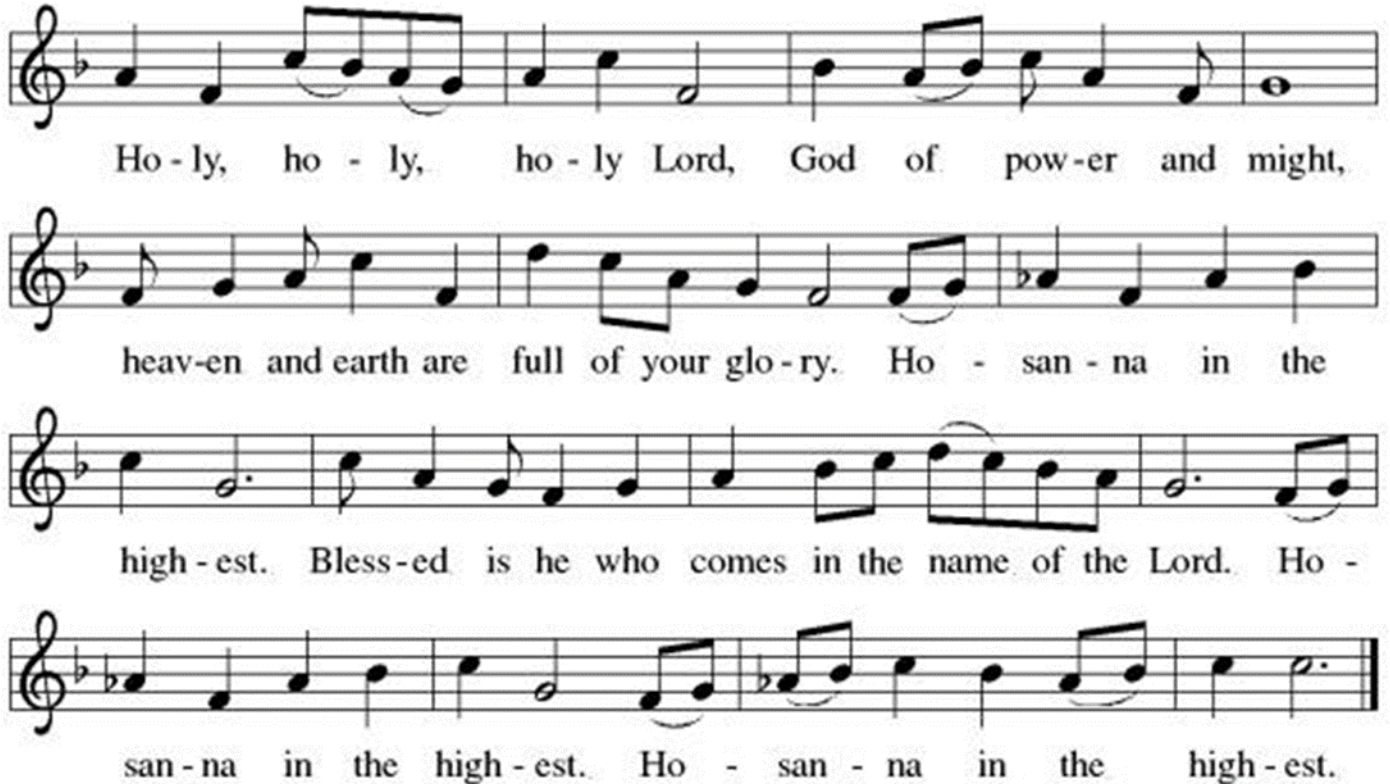
The Great Thanksgiving

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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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, please stand 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.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

O Christ the Same

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Prayer after Communion

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

Sending Hymn

Lord of Life

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Blessing

**May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always. Amen.**

Dismissal

**Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* Setting, Ralph Vaughan Williams


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Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,

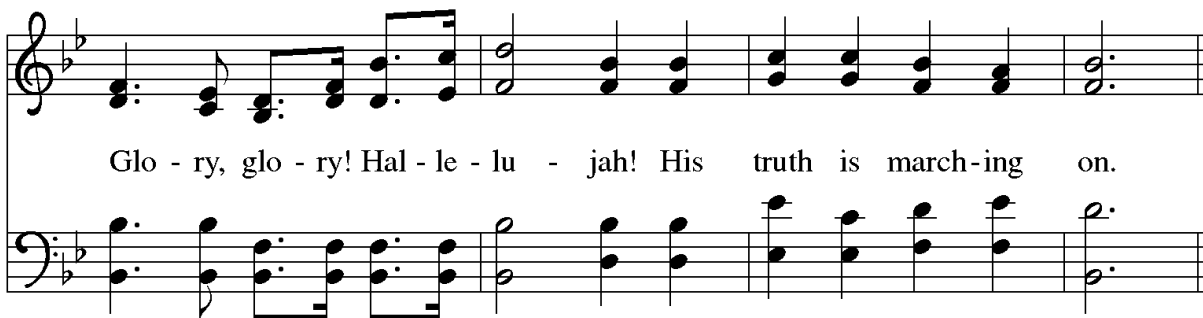


his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

O Christ the Same



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es,
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing



our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide,
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main,



e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,



un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
the marks of love, in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:



O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en,
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,



who spread the skies, and set the stars a - blaze,
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing pow'r,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,



O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en,
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,



we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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Lord of Light

1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

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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.

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 this morning are given to the Glory of God by **Heidi Flatin**.

"Dining Group Meetings" which were organized in the summer have been wonderful. Now it's time to reassess. Please join with the other groups today Sunday, **Nov.19 at 9:45** for Coffee in the Fellowship Hall. We'll discuss whether to continue with our present groups until summer 2024, whether to start signups for new and reformed groups, or whether to make other adjustments. Please join us for fellowship and fun - AND coffee.

Thanksgiving Devotionals for families and children are available in the Gathering Space. Pick up yours today!

Upcoming

Church office and Preschool will be closed this **Wednesday, November 22rd** through **Friday, November 24th**. Both will reopen **Monday, November 27th**.

Committee chairs, Council officers and staff: Annual Reports for 2023 are due to the church office no later than **Friday, December 22**. Please send your annual reports electronically to Parish Administrator Hollie Jones.

Photo Directory Online Scheduling Available! Tuesday December 19th (12pm -



6:30 pm has been added to Calander) This will be the Last day! To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **VA234** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have any questions please contact Hollie Jones in the office. You can also scan the QR code below and follow the instructions above.

Worship: HART Thanksgiving Service. Join Historic Area Religions Together (HART) for our annual multi-faith Thanksgiving service at Walsingham Academy on November 20th, starting at 7:00 PM.

Poinsettias and Jean Kuhn Memorial Fund. Please let the Office know if you want to order poinsettias for Christmas Eve (\$16.00 each) and/or contribute to the Jean Kuhn Memorial Fund for Christmas. This fund helps with those ministries needing assistance during the year for which we have not budgeted. Deadline for poinsettias is Monday, November 27.

Christmas is coming! Children are invited to participate in our Christmas program! Music Director **Karen Ives** will be teaching the children songs and chimes that will tell the Christmas story! Practice will begin on **Sunday, November 26 at 10:00 AM**. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Have Fun and Support our St. Stephen Preschool during our annual Winter Carnival **Sunday, January 21, 2:00 – 4:00 PM**. Want to help with Winter BINGO, Ice Fishing, Winter Putt-Putt, Penguin Bowling, and more? See the insert and mark the blue sheet if you're able to help! The first meeting will be **December 5 at 7:00pm**.



The holiday season is fast approaching. We are sponsoring a coat drive for FISH through the end of January. The need is for clean, gently used or new garments for sizes five through adult. Hooded sweatshirts are also welcome in sizes for teenagers. Men's hats and gloves are also needed. Please leave all coat and hats in the Gathering Space in the "Coat" collection box.

TOY DRIVE!

St. Stephen is again blessed to be able to assist the Williamsburg House of Mercy (WHOM) help over 700 children in our community enjoy Christmas morning this year! Gifts are for the children of Greater Williamsburg Area families, age's birth to eighteen years.

What/Where can I buy?

- Age-appropriate gifts including clothes, shoes, toys, small electronics
- Donate money and WHOM will shop for you. Make checks payable to **St. Stephen Lutheran Church**, with note for: **WHOM Toys**.
- Choose something from the Amazon Wish List <https://a.co/9HFgLYD>
- Scan the QR code
- Shop anywhere

What do I do with the gifts when I buy them?

- Drop them off at church, downstairs in Hollie's office
- Drop them off at church, in the Gathering Space
- Contact Jim Ivey and I will arrange to have them picked up from your porch/home
- Order online and send them to the church at 612 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg VA 23185, Attn: WHOM Gifts

When is the deadline?

- Cash/Check donations no later than **Sunday, December 3**
- Gifts should be at the church or picked up no later than **Sunday, December 10**

Who do I contact if I have questions? Jim Ivey 757-608-8990, jvivey@cox.net



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED
FOR ST. STEPHEN'S NIGHTS AT THE
COMMUNITY OF FAITH MISSION HOMELESS EMERGENCY SHELTER

It is season 12 of this ministry and St. Stephen has been able to serve from the very beginning due to everyone's generous support.

The week after Christmas the Community of Faith Mission will manage the shelter at the Country Inn & Suites East; 7135 Pocahontas Trail (Rte. 60); Williamsburg, VA 23185. St. Stephen has volunteered to man the shelter for two of those evenings.

For evenings, nights, and early mornings of December 26th, 27th, and 28th we need a grand total of eight volunteers each night in multiple shifts for two nights as outlined on the schedule posted in the Gathering Space. Please sign up in the Gathering Space or contact Hollie Jones at the church office if you are able to volunteer for any date(s) and shift(s), 757-229-6688.

COFM has a lot of experience, and they found that this hour+ of training/refresher training is important. So, it is mandatory for all volunteers. Watch it at your convenience. You can go to the COFM website, <https://cofm.info>, the heading Host Sites & Partners, and Login. The training to watch is "Volunteer Training Video." There is a confidential password. Contact Jim Ivey at 757-608-8990 or jvivey@cox.net for the PW and a copy of the "General Guidelines and Important Information."

Love and peace,
Jim Ivey, Social Ministry Coordinating Committee

Allow the Spirit to nourish you with some moments of contemplation, as we gather at **7:00 PM** on these **Wednesdays in Advent**:

- December 6, **7:00PM** (Praise)
- December 13, **7:00PM** (Trust)
- December 20, **7:00PM** (Lament)
- Dec 21, **7:00PM** at **Our Saviors Lutheran Church** Longest Nights

Children's Christmas Program

- **Sunday, December 17** at our **11:00 AM** Worship Service

Christmas Caroling outside to some of our ill and homebound folks

Sunday, December 17

- **4:00 PM** – We meet in the Fellowship Hall to organize.
- **6:00 PM** – We'll return to the Fellowship Hall to share a meal together. Bring chili and/or cornbread to share! (If you're not able to make the caroling, feel free to join the meal gathering – and vice versa!)

Christmas Eve (all evening services with candle light):

- **9:45 AM** – Worship and Holy Communion (**Advent 4**)
- **7:30 PM** – Worship featuring sermon, choirs and Holy Communion
- **10:00 PM** – Contemplative Worship Service with Holy Communion

Christmas Day at **Our Saviors Lutheran Church** 10:30am Service

New Years Eve , December 31:

- **9:45 AM** – Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion



Description: A depiction of the parable of talents, showing two men bringing their money back to their master

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Health Ministry

What is RSV?

Respiratory Syncytial Virus or **RSV** is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people will recover in a week or two. But, it can be serious for infants and older adults causing bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small airways in the lung) and pneumonia in children younger than 1 year old. Symptoms include runny nose, decrease in appetite, coughing, sneezing, fever and wheezing. They usually appear in stages rather than all at once. Sometimes the only symptoms may be irritability, fatigue and breathing difficulties. You should manage fever and pain as directed by your doctor. Be sure to get enough fluids to prevent dehydration. Consider going to the ER when breathing is difficult or there are signs of dehydration.

RSV is spread by droplets of the virus from an infected person. It can be direct contact with that person or indirect by touching surfaces where the virus has been transferred.

As we are in cold and flu season, the best advice is to wash your hands frequently and don't touch your hands to your face or mouth. Hand sanitizer is good but washing with soap and water when available is best. We still have COVID risk around us, so wearing a mask is a reasonable thing to do as well. Use caution when traveling and maintain as much distance from others as possible.

If you feel you have symptoms, start preventative measures at home. If you are in doubt or feel you are getting worse, call your doctor. If it is an infant or child, be more aggressive in seeking help.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Parish Nurse

St. Stephen Calendar – November 19-26, 2023

*Our worship service is available on our website www.saintstephenlutheran.net,
click on “Worship with Us” and “Services.”*

SUNDAY, November 19

- 8:30 AM** **Worship – Holy Communion (live-streamed on our YouTube channel)**
9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism (Library/Conference Room)
9:45 AM Small Groups Dining Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
10:00 AM Faith Formation (Preschool Room)
11:00 AM **Worship – Holy Communion**
1-5:00 PM Williamsburg Association of Music Teachers (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY, November 20

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor Jon’s Office)
1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)

TUESDAY, November 21

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

WEDNESDAY, November 22

- Preschool and Church Offices Closed**
7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, November 23

- Preschool and Church Offices Closed**

FRIDAY, November 24

- Preschool and Church Offices Closed**

SATURDAY, November 25

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, November 26

- 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) (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 AM Childrens Christmas Program Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 AM **Worship – Holy Communion**

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer..... (8:30) Sandy Peterkin
..... (11:00) David Nelson
Altar Guild (8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel and Amy Bergh
..... (11:00) Nancy Egloff and Karen Arledge
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Nancy Carter (11:00) Tobias Janke
Bread Baker..... Paul Kristiansen
Cantors (8:30) Patty Ballentine (11:00) Christina Nelson
Communion Assistants (8:30) Tom & Sandy Peterkin
..... (11:00) George Bass and Julie Meeks
Flower Delivery Diane McCurry
Greeters/Hosts(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00) George & Linda Vonderheide
Lectors..... (8:30) Thom Recktenwald (11:00) Sandy Croushore
Preacher..... Pastor Jon O.Nelson
PresiderPastor Alex Sheppard-Witt
Tellers.....Jeanne Garrison, Linda Vonderheide, Joe Beene
Ushers.....(8:30) Bob Achenbach
..... (11:00) Art Nelson and Jim Weilmuenster

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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.

November 19, 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/We need a name tag: _____

_____ I would like to help with the Preschool Winter Carnival