



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.

Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 2023

For Your Prayers – November 27-December 3, 2023

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Esther 2:1-18 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Psalm 7

Tuesday: Esther 8:3-17 Revelation 19:1-9 Psalm 7

Wednesday: Ezekiel 33:7-20 John 5:19-40 Psalm 7

Thursday: Zechariah 13:1-9 Revelation 14:6-13 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Friday: Zechariah 14:1-9 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Saturday: Micah 2:1-13 Matthew 24:15-31 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (7) 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

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, Amy Carl, 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.

November 26, 2023 ~ Christ the King Sunday

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

Welcome

Centering Music *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* Setting, Edwin T. Childs

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 *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* ACS 954
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Prayer of the Day

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

First Reading:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

Psalm:

Psalm 95:1-7a



- ¹Come, let us sing [|] to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of [|] our salvation.
- ²**Let us come before God's presence [|] with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the [|] LORD with psalms.**
- ³For you, LORD, [|] are a great God,
and a great ruler a- [|]bove all gods.
- ⁴**In your hand are the caverns [|] of the earth;
the heights of the hills are [|] also yours. *Refrain***

⁵The sea is yours, ¹ for you made it,
and your hands have molded ¹ the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship ¹ and bow down,
let us kneel before the ¹ LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD ¹ is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep ¹ of God's hand. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Gospel Acclamation

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time, with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff continues the melody with "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." and includes the instruction "Repeat alleluia". The third staff shows a simplified version of the melody with a double bar line and repeat signs.

Cantor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name ¹ of the Lord.* Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an- ¹ cestor David. (*Mark 11:9*)

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

Sermon

The Righteous

Pastor Jon O Nelson

Silence for reflection and prayer

Hymn of the Day

Come Now, You Blessed

ACS 1059

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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	8:30 <i>King of Glory, King of Peace</i>	K. Lee Scott
	Matins Choir	
	11:00 <i>Carol of the Hill</i>	Stephen Paulus
	Chancel Choir	

Offertory Prayer

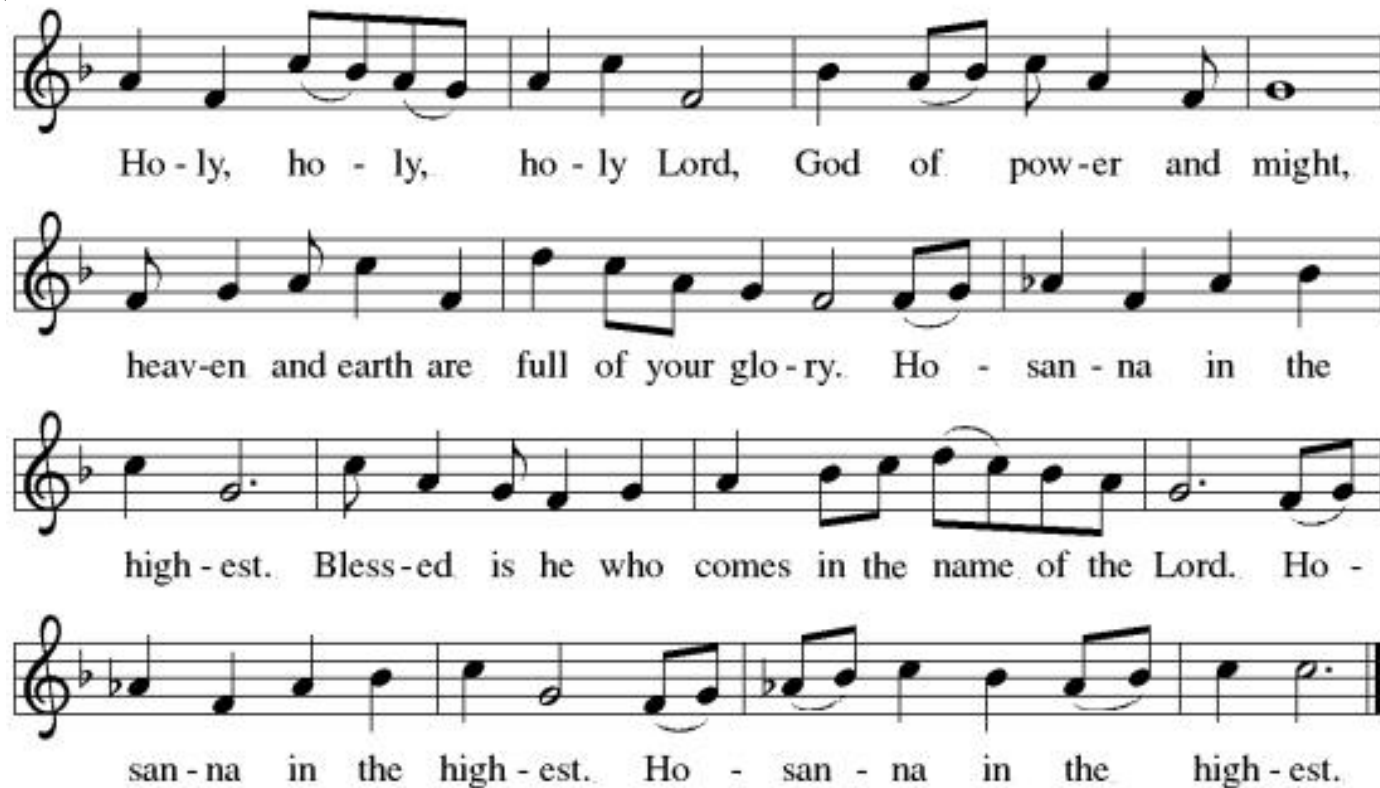
The Great Thanksgiving

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 *The Head That Once Was Crowned*

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

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

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*Rejoice, for Christ Is King*

Setting, Robert J. Powell

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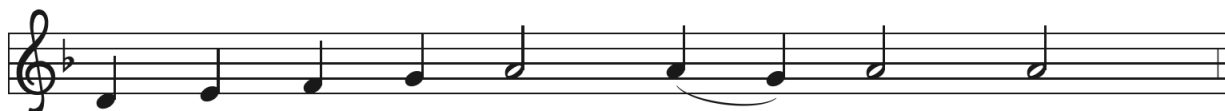
# You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



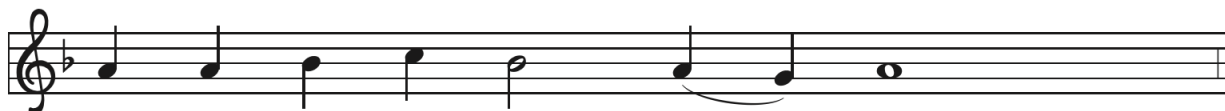
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
stripped of might up - on the cross,  
sit in pow - er at God's side.  
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



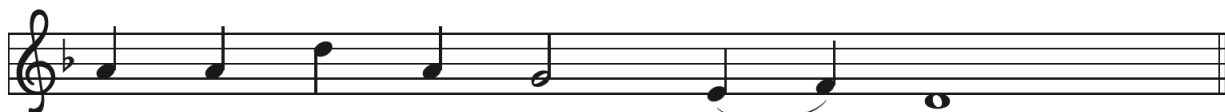
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.  
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,  
have a love that reach - es wide.  
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
you, who are both gift and cost.  
you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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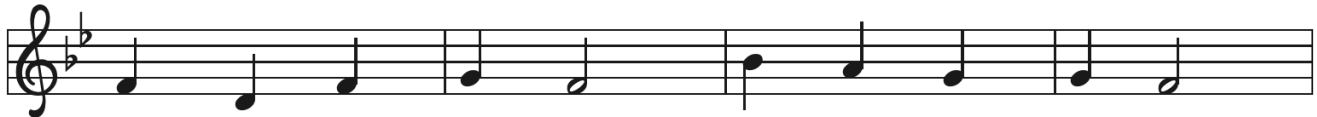
# Come Now, You Blessed



1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble,"  
2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y?  
3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren,  
4 Christ, when we meet you out on life's road - ways,



said Je - sus Christ to the righ - teous a - bove.  
When were you home - less, a strang - er a - lone?  
when you gave wel - come to war's ref - u - gees,  
look - ing to us in the fac - es of need,



"When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and home - less,  
When did we see you sick or in pris - on?  
when you re - mem - bered those most for - got - ten,  
then may we know you, wel - come and show you



sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."  
What have we done that you call us your own?  
you cared for me in the small - est of these."  
love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: MATTHEW 25, Emily R. Brink, b. 1940

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# The Head That Once Was Crowned

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov'-reign right,  
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low  
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;

a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.  
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;  
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;  
they reign with him above;  
their profit and their joy to know  
the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855  
Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669–1707

# Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

*Refrain*

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

## 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 **Nelia Lamoureux.**

**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 today **Sunday, November 26 at 10:00 AM.** Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

## Upcoming

**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.

**From the Financial Secretary** Remember, the last day for all 2023 contributions is Sunday, **December 24**. Anything received after that date will be credited to 2024. Also, please return your pledge card to the office if you have not yet done so.

**Photo Directory Online Scheduling Available! Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> (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.

**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 tomorrow **Monday, November 27**.

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**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 insert sheet if you're able to help! The first meeting will be **December 5 at 7:00pm**.

**Holiday Trifecta** While you are hopefully counting all your blessings and feeling the love of family and friends during Thanksgiving, please do not forget the Social Ministry's Holiday Trifecta. They are offering us not one, not two, but **THREE** ways to show Christ's love. In the lobby are several decorated cartons. One is for toys for House of Mercy. If you prefer toys can be taken to House of Mercy or ordered from Amazon for direct delivery. The second box is to gather new or clean, gently used coats for children size 5 through adults. Hooded sweatshirts for teenagers are also needed. The third way to help goes in the collection plate marked for Lutheran World Relief. Monies collected will be used in the relief efforts in devastated Palestine/Israel.

## 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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

## St. Stephen Calendar – November 26-December 3, 2023

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

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

### MONDAY, November 27

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

### TUESDAY, November 28

- 11:30 AM**    **Preschool Chapel (Worship Space)**
- 7:00 PM    Preschool Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, November 29

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

### THURSDAY, November 30

- 12:00 PM    Staff Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)
- 5:30 PM    St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship Space)

### FRIDAY, December 1

### SATURDAY, December 2

- 5:30 PM    AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### SUNDAY, December 3

- 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) Theo Bergh  
..... (11:00) Sonja Cave  
Altar Guild .....(8:30) Rita Kristiansen  
..... (11:00) Heidi Flatin  
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Beth Grant (11:00) Doug Moore  
Bread Baker..... Pat Fretz  
Cantors ..... (8:30) Paula Agor (11:00) Erika Cave  
Communion Assistants .....(8:30) Amy Bergh and Theo Bergh  
.....(11:00) Jim & Terri Larsen  
Flower Delivery ..... Rosemary Stimson  
Greeters/Hosts ..... (8:30) J.R. & Diana Lyons (11:00) Ned & Sue Neidlinger  
Lectors..... (8:30) Randy Punched (11:00) Rosemary Stimson  
Tellers..... John McCurry, Carol Harman, Sandy Croushore  
Ushers.....(8:30) Tom & Sandy Peterkin (11:00) George Bass and Russ Dabel

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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)

Doing Ministry in the World

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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 26, 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** and

\_\_\_\_ Can attend the meeting on **Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

\_\_\_\_ Cannot attend the meeting but will help with \_\_\_\_\_