



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

One of 13,000 Stephen Ministry Congregations Around the World



**Fourth Sunday
of Advent**

December 18, 2022

For Your Prayers –December 18 – 25 ,2022

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 17:15-22; Galatians 4:8-20

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 21:1-21; Galatians 4:21;5:1

Wednesday 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 37:2-11; Matthew 1:1-17

Thursday: Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:6-7,18-20

Friday : Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18,23-29; Galatians 3:6-14

Christmas Eve: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Day: Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 97, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:1-20

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

Pray God's comfort and peace for The Congregation of Saint Bede and family of **Monsignor Joe Lehman**, as they mourn his death.

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: Gail & Bushmire family, Stephanie Altland, Philip A. Arnold, Jane Ayers, Gary Baumgarten, Rose Baumgarten, Susan Behrens, The Besser family, Toni Birch, Bill Blackburn & Sally Blackburn, John Butler, Lane Clark, Bob Cummings, Emmeline Daniels, Graham Darnell, Jeris and Tony DeKievit, 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, Doug Mayes, Patrick and Kristin McGraw, Judy Murphy, Jeremy Nelson, Lori Ott, Danielle Parrish, 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 and the people of Ukraine

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

Welcome

Centering Music 8:30 O Come, O Come Emmanuel Setting, John Turner

11:00 O Come, O Come Emmanuel Setting, Charles Callahan
Clarinet, Erika Cave

Advent Candle Lighting Litany

In this season of longing and anticipation,
we remember Mary and Joseph,
giving thanks for their faithfulness, courage, and obedience,
**stepping out into the unknown in the strength of the Spirit,
playing their part in the fulfillment of God's plan.**

In this season of longing and anticipation,
we pray that their example might be the pattern of our lives,
**that when God's gentle whisper breaks through
the clamor of this world into our small corner,
we might be ready to listen, and having listened, ready to act.**

*Season of Longing and Anticipation, stanza 4
Four candles are lit.*

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Let us pray.

Praise to you, O God, who lives with us, sharing our flesh and bones. As Mary waited and Joseph dreamed, so we wait and dream for you. Bless us and let your face shine upon us, more radiant than these candles, and more dear than all else we seek. Restore us when we fail to refuse the evil and choose the good, and banish all our fears. We pray in the name of Emmanuel, your promised child and our Savior. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *We Are Waiting for Jesus*

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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.**

Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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

Isaiah 7:10-16

An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

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

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter’s opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God’s gospel. The gospel’s content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul’s mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia, to

whom, O Lord, shall we go? You have the words of e -

ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

(8:30) Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

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

Matthew’s story of Jesus’ birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means “God saves.”

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.”²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.”

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

(8:30) Sermon

Do Not Be Afraid

Pastor Jon Nelson

(11:00) Children’s Christmas Program

Waiting! -
"The Birth of Jesus" -

Toni Sullivan
arr. Brian Hehn and Mark Burrows

Narrator- **John Harms**

Mary – **Sara Teague**

Joseph – **Walker Beatty**

Angel- **Penelope Sulouff**

Shepherdess – **Evelyn Judy**

Shepherdess – **Mira Powell**

Wise Ones - **Armond Teague, Coleman Beatty, Magnolia Sulouff**

Percussion- **Walker Teague, David Nelson, Clara Cave, Mollie Teague, Sonja Cave, Alina Dabel**

Each Little Lamb –

Diane Beckstead

Narrator- **Alina Dabel**

Soloists- **Mollie Teague and Sonja Cave**

Congregation joins the choirs:

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus Lay down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky look down where he lay,
The little lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

Hymn of the Day *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

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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

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church: preaching and teaching the good news of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ, and caring for the poor. During the offering, the table is set for the Lord's Supper.

Offering of Music

8:30

*O Come, O Come Immanuel
St. Stephen Matins Choir*

Natalie Sleeth

11:00

*When Christmas Morn Is Dawning
St. Stephen Chancel Choir/ Clarinet, Erika Cave*

Kyle Pederson

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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

2

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav'n and earth ring forth your glo - ry. Ho - san -
are full of
na! Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na!

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and Forever. **Amen.**



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.

Lamb of God

Assembly

2

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

Communion Hymn

8:30 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

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Communion Music

11:00 Christmas Duets:

We Three Kings – David Nelson and Karen Ives

Medley Deck the Halls/Sing We Now of Christmas – Sonja and Erika Cave

Anthem: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

arr. Evelyn R Lauter

Chancel choir with Erika Cave, Clarinet and Terri Larsen, Soloist

Table Blessing

Season of Longing and Anticipation

Candlelighting Song

Cantor/Choir:



In this sea - son of long - ing and an - ti - ci - pa - tion,



God is at work in the heart of cre - a - tion, of - fer - ing all new



life and sal - va - tion:

Advent:

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|---------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| 1. A | right - teous | branch | springs up! |
| 2. A | voice | cries out, | "Pre - pare!" |
| 3. Re - | joice, | the Lord | is near! |
| 4. A | wom - an | ans - wers | God's call! |

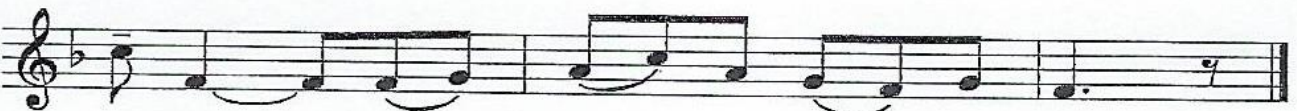
All:



O - pen our eyes to sights, signs, and won - der; o - pen our



ears to hear your word; o - pen our hearts to live with each



oth - er

in

Advent:

- | | | |
|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. hope, | In - car - nate | Lord! |
| 2. peace, | | |
| 3. joy, | | |
| 4. love, | | |

We Are Waiting for Jesus



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

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Music: JESUS BRINGS PEACE, John Helgen

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev-'ry na - tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

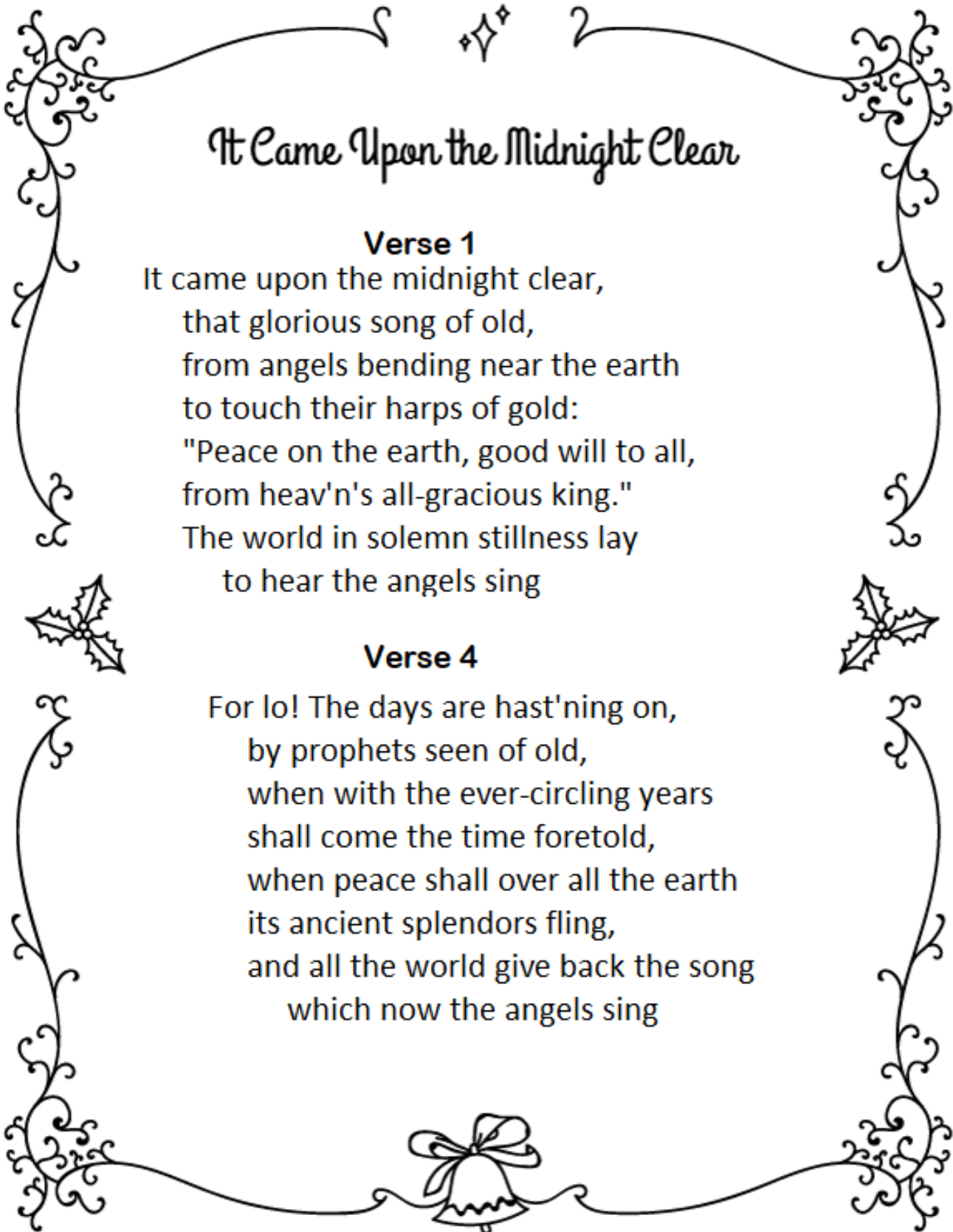
ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.


heav'n and na - ture sing,



It Came Upon the Midnight Clear



Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing



Verse 4

For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing



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)
- In order to pursue the faith value of inclusivity, you will find a dedicated space (aka "pray ground") in the east wing of the Worship Space. A pray ground is a developmentally appropriate space within the Worship Space for children and their parents to be present and active within worship.
- Age-appropriate activity bags are also available in the Gathering Space if you prefer to be in the pews – 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 **James City, Williamsburg and York County** are **low**. Following CDC guidelines, masks are optional in public, indoor settings.
- Masks, if needed, are available in the Gathering Space.

Health Update

While COVID rates remain "low" 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

Sunday Morning Faith Formation for children and youth:

Parents and young children gather in the sanctuary for Christmas program practice.

Flowers are given to the Glory of God by **Arnie & Pat Janot** in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary!

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**

Advent Midweek Services. . In lieu of a fourth Wednesday evening service, this year we will have a "Longest Night Eve" service on Dec 20 at 7:00 PM

Committee chairs, Council officers and staff: Annual Reports for 2022 are due to the church office no later than Friday, **December 23**. Please send your annual reports electronically to Parish Administrator **Hollie Jones**.

The Flower Chart for 2023 is posted in the display area of the Gathering Space. Please mark the date for which you would like to sponsor flowers! Sponsor sheets are in the envelope below the chart.

Christmas Decorating! **Friday, December 23rd at 2:00pm.** If you would like to help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas eve and Christmas services please sign up on the Blue sheet.

Preschool Art Showcase The preschoolers art will be showcased thru out the month of December at the Williamsburg Regional Library, located on 515 Scotland St. Every child has a piece displayed along the walls leading to the children's area.

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 Blue Sheet.** Expenses to attend the Assembly are covered by the church.

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? See the insert and mark the blue sheet if you're able to help!

Advent Gifts for Godparents for Tanzania Fund. As its global ministry project for Advent, the St. Stephen Social Ministry Coordinating Committee is encouraging congregational members to help grow our Godparents for Tanzania Fund. This fund allows us to continue our generous contributions toward the education of young adults in Tanzania. Please see the bulletin board in the Gathering Space highlighting photos and letters written by our most recent student recipients! Consider giving generously by placing your donations in the offering plate on Sundays or mailing them to the church office anytime during December. Checks should be made to St. Stephen Lutheran Church with "Godparents 4 Tanzania" in the memo line. Many thanks for your generosity.



HEALTH MINISTRY

Health Ministry

Holiday blues

Sometimes people experience what is known as “holiday blues” during the month of December. It can be a time of sadness, loneliness, anxiety and even depression. Some of the causes can be stress, lack of sleep, financial worries, excessive eating or drinking, or unrealistic expectations to name a few.

Things you can do to avoid the holiday blues include regular exercise, find time for yourself but don’t isolate yourself from others too much, learning to say no, and setting realistic expectations.

If you find yourself in a “funk,” call a friend or reach out to me. If you notice someone who is not quite themselves, reach out to them. The pandemic has made it harder to help but certainly not impossible.

My door is open and my phone is always on. You can also reach out to the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) <https://www.nami.org/Home>.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Parish Nurse

Worship and Fellowship for Advent and Christmas –

Blue Christmas Eve (also called the Longest Night Eve) This worship service honors people that have lost loved ones and are experiencing grief.

- **Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 PM**

Christmas Eve (all services with candle light):

- **7:30 PM** – Worship featuring sermon, choir and Holy Communion
- **10:00 PM** – Worship featuring sermon, choir and Holy Communion

First Sunday of Christmas, December 25:

10:00 AM – Worship and Holy Communion



Art work from our preschoolers

Ornament by Iliana (Frog class)

Tree by Mallory (Hippo class)

St. Stephen Calendar –December 18-December 25, 2022

SUNDAY, December 18~ Advent 4

8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion
9:30 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class (Library/Conference Room)
10:00 AM Children’s Rehearsal for Christmas Program (Worship Space)
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion - Children’s program
(Livestreamed on our YouTube channel)

MONDAY, December 19

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor’s Office)
2:30 PM Stephen Ministers’ Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

TUESDAY, December 20

10:00 AM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)
7:00 PM Blue Christmas Eve – Longest Night Eve (Worship Space)

WEDNESDAY, December 21

6:15 PM St. Stephen Ringers (Worship Space)
7:00 PM Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, December 22

12:00 PM Staff Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)

FRIDAY, December 23

2:00 PM Decorating for Christmas

SATURDAY, December 24~ Christmas eve

8:00 AM-8:00PM AA Alkathon (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM Prelude Music for Christmas Eve – Choirs and Bells
7:30 PM Worship – Holy Communion
9:30 PM Prelude Music for Christmas Eve – Choirs and Bells
10:00 PM Worship – Holy Communion

SUNDAY, December 25 ~ Christmas

10:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion
(Livestreamed on our YouTube channel)
8:00 AM-8:00PM AA Alkathon (Fellowship Hall)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer..... (8:30) Bethany Brisson
..... (11:00) Eva Nelson
Altar Guild (8:30) Rita Kristiansen & Carol Wiers
..... (11:00) Gerri Bass & Linda Vonderheide
Audio-Visual Team (8:30) (11:00) Beth Grant
Bread Baker..... Ned Neidlinger
Cantors (8:30) Matins Choir (11:00) Chancel Choir
Communion Assistants..... (8:30) Chris Punchard & Bethany Brisson
..... (11:00) Sandy Croushore & Eva Nelson
Flower Delivery Karen Nester
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) Sue Voigt (11:00) George & Linda Vonderheide
Lectors (8:30) Sue Voigt (11:00) John Harms
Tellers Jeanne Garrison, Nelia Lamoureux, Joe Beene
Ushers (8:30) Tom & Sandy Peterkin (11:00)

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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

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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.*

December 18, 2022

Name: _____

For guests and members with changes:

Address (Home) _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Guests Only:

I belong to _____

Church Address _____

Please check as many as pertain:

____ Member

____ First time guest

____ Regular guest

____ Guest (out of town)

____ Student at William & Mary

____ Looking for a church home

____ Desire to speak with pastor

____ Would like more information about Stephen Ministry

____ Would like a Parish Nurse to contact me

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

Prayer Requests

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

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

Name: _____

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

Name: _____

_____ I need a name tag

_____ I will help decorate the sanctuary

_____ I will help with Winter Carnival on January 29th

_____ I would like to be on the January annual meeting ballot for voting member to the 2023 VA Synod Assembly