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***Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Lectionary 5***

February 5, 2023

For Your Prayers –February 5,-12, 2023

The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday-Saturday) prepare for Sunday's readings while the days flowing out of Sunday (Monday-Wednesday) reflect back upon the Sunday readings. The complete Daily Lectionary readings can be found on page 1121 in the back of the ELW.

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Psalm 119:105-112; 2Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11;2-10

Tuesday: Psalm 119:105-112; 2Kings 23:1-8,21-25; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12

Wednesday: Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30

Thursday: Psalm 119:1-8; Genesis 26:1-5; James 1:12-16

Friday: Psalm 119:1-8; Leviticus 26:34-46; 1 John 2:7-17

Saturday: Psalm 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:1-9a; Mathew 15:1-9

Sunday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9;
Matthew 5:21-37

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **George Bass, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Marcie Clark, Karen Einarsen, Sharon Jacobs, Evelyn Kernan, Jim Mayfield, Marie Nelson and Linda Reuben.**

Pray God's comfort and peace for **Marj Gottschalk-Trone** and her family on the death of **Jerry Trone.**

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, 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, Rev. Donald Blume, Bethany Brisson, John Butler, Karin Cavanaugh, Lane Clark, Rochelle Connor, 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, Deanna Harbison, Rex Harder, Andy Havola, Frank Hayes, Char Henry, Nicole Ingle, Crystal Isaac, Nate Jacklin, Rev. Richard Johnson, Sandy Kellogg, The Kennedy family, John Knestrick, Richard Kochanski, Rebecca Krueger, Monsignor Joseph Lehman, Margaret Lewis, Detra Michaels, 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, Lillian Rich, Edith Roberts, Betty Roth, Shann Rufer, Paul Sampson, Inge Seiter, Patricia Simpson, Kelsey Slay, Mike Slyer, Brant Smith, Vasili Soutoukis, Jerry and Evelyn Spear, Chad Strausbaugh, Kelly Theilen, Carolyn Williams, Travis Wilson, Caleb Winig, Kinnley, Teresa, and Robert Yazujian, Abby Zwerner and the people of Ukraine

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany/Lectionary 5
I. Gathering: *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

Welcome

Centering Music *Christ, Be Our Light* Setting Sally Drennan Mossing

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 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

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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 melodic line with lyrics underneath. The first line contains two phrases, each with two vocal parts (1, 3 and 2). The second line continues the melody with a fermata over the word 'le'.

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

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a[9b-12]

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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



¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion. *Refrain***

⁵It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

⁶**For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast
forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.

[¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth
and | pine away;
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. *Refrain***

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

[¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny. ¹⁶“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.]

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Gospel Acclamation
Celtic Alleluia

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Celtic Alleluia. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

Sermon

Be Salty

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?

Hymn of the Day

Christ, Be Our Light

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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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

Matins choir / Tom Recktenwald -flute

Light of the World

Cathy Pino

Chancel Choir/ Christina Nelson-soloist, Terri Larsen-congas

God Bless to Us Our Bread

God bless to . . us our . . bread, and give bread . . to all those who are

hun - gry, and hun - ger for jus - tice to those who are

fed. God bless to . . . us our . . . bread.

The image shows a three-system musical score for the hymn "God Bless to Us Our Bread". Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "God bless to . . us our . . bread, and give bread . . to all those who are hun - gry, and hun - ger for jus - tice to those who are fed. God bless to . . . us our . . . bread." The score ends with a double bar line.

Offertory Prayer

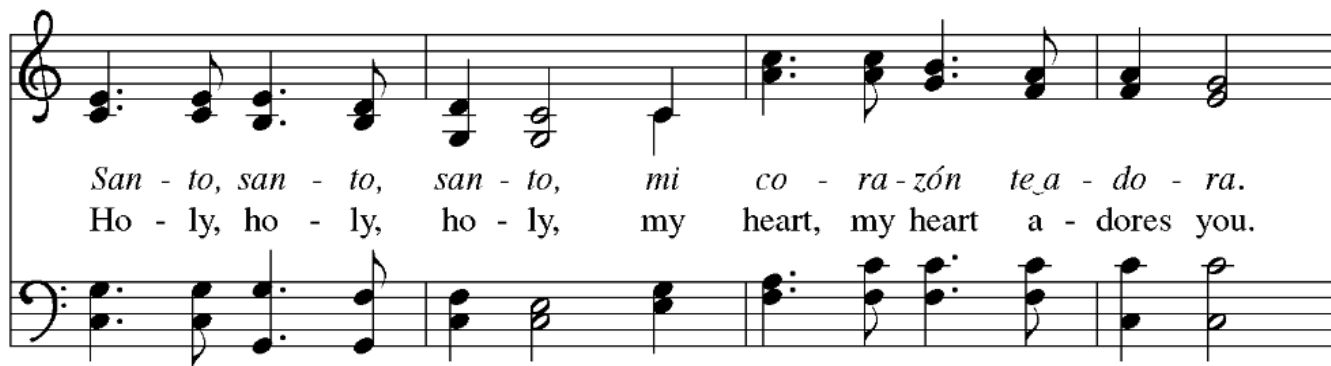
Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

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 e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Words of Institution





The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

When receiving Communion, either stand or kneel at the Rail. 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

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

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

Sending Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

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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

This Little Light of Mine

Setting Mark Hayes

Postlude notes:

Mark Hayes (1953) was born in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. He is an internationally known and award-winning composer, arranger, concert pianist and conductor with a personal catalog of over 1500 published works. Whether concertizing on the other side of the globe or composing at his home in Kansas City, Missouri, Mark is blessed to live out his mission “to create beautiful music for the world”.



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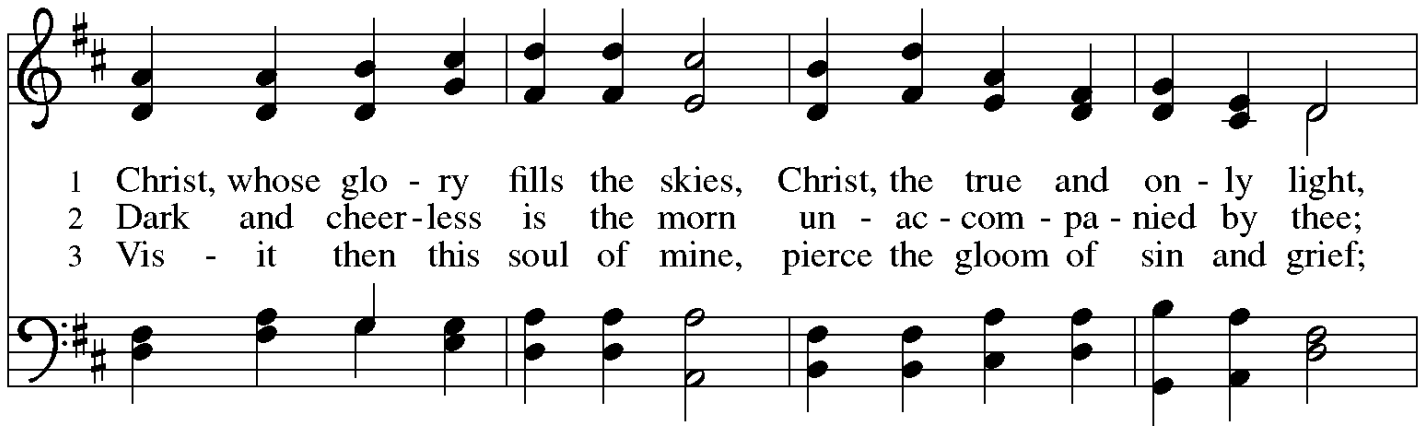
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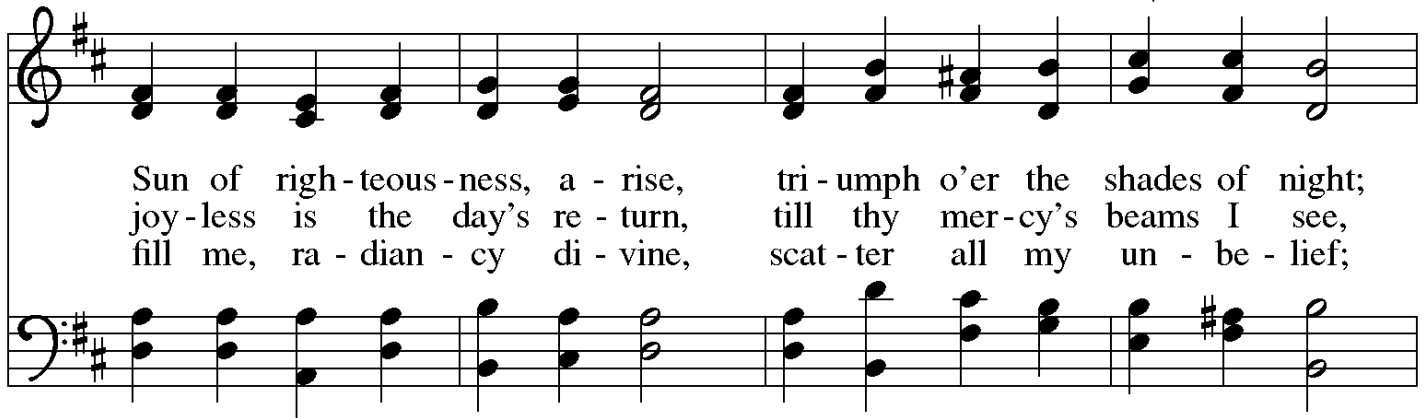
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Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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For the Troubles and the Sufferings



Pe - las do - res des - te mun - do, ó Se - nhor,
For the trou - bles and the suf - f'rings of the world,



im - plo - ra - mos pi - e - da - de. A
God, we call up - on your mer - cy: the



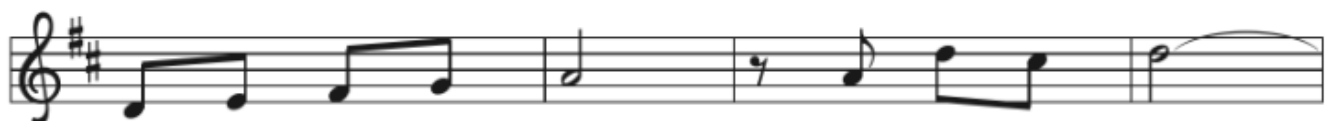
um só tem - po ge - me a cri - a - ção. Teus ou -
whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain! Lend an



vi - dos se in - cli - nem ao cla - mor des - sa
ear . . . to the ris - ing cry for help from op -



gen - te o - pri - mi - da. A - pres - sa - te com
pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come! Has - ten your sal -



tu - a sal - va - ção. A tu - a paz,
va - tion, heal - ing love! We pray for peace,



ben - di - ta e ir - ma - na - da co'a jus -
the bless - ed peace that comes from mak - ing

ti - ça a - bra - ce_o mun - do_in - tei - ro.
jus - tice, to cov - er and em - brace us.

Tem com - pai - xão! O teu po - der
Have mer - cy, Lord! We pray for pow'r,

sus - ten - te_o tes - te - mu - nho do teu po - vo.
the pow'r that will sus - tain your peo - ple's wit - ness:

Teu rei - no ve - nha_a nos! Ky - ri - e_e - le - i - son!
un - til your king - dom comes. Ky - ri - e_e - le - i - son!

Text: Rodolfo Gaede Neto, b. 1951; tr. Simei Monteiro, b. 1943, and Jorge Lockward, b. 1965

Music: PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO, Rodolfo Gaede Neto

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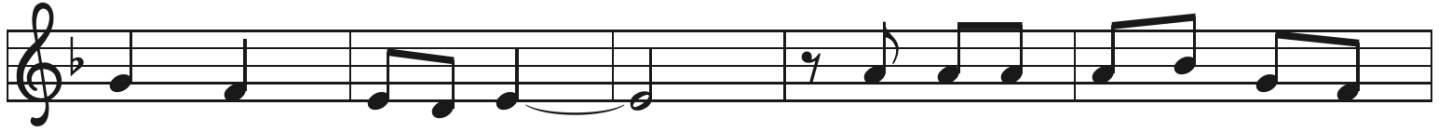
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There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain — All



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep - est night.	We call you;	we wait:



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Refrain

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935
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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 LOW; and York County is LOW. **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 **Karen Shoberg** in memory of Larry Shoberg.

"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 Forth session starts today.

Do you enjoy coffee and fellowship on Sunday mornings? Please consider donating to the coffee fund, simply place a dollar or so in the cup on top of the Keurig this will help us stay within budget!

2022 Giving Statements are available in the gathering space. Please remember to pick yours up before you leave.

Health Ministry

Teen dating violence awareness

Every February is the month we bring attention to Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM). While it says Teen, it effects everyone from parents to teachers to communities. Teens are less likely to report sexual violence which can result in long term behavioral and health consequences. These unhealthy patterns are then carried into adulthood and future relationships.

There are many things you can do. Below is a list of websites to refer to for ideas. The first step is talking to your teen. You should let them know what a healthy relationship looks like and that it is ok to walk away from a relationship if they feel it is not healthy.

Contact me if you have any questions.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel

Parish Nurse

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https://www.loveisrespect.org/wp-content/uploads/media/sites/3/2022/12/2211-TDVAM-Action-Guide_FINAL.pdf

St. Stephen Lutheran Women's Retreat – 2023; Sewing New Wineskins to Fit a New Generation

We are excited to announce that **The Rev. Dr. Mary Anderson**, an Interim Pastor of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA, will lead our 2023 retreat. The committee has developed the following schedule –

- **Friday, March 24.** Join us for pizza and an overview of Saturday's events! All are welcome (even if you cannot make it on Saturday!) for this gathering from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Childcare will be provided.
- **Saturday, March 25.** We will enjoy two extended sessions with Rev. Anderson as well as the opportunity to attend a breakout session in the morning and in the afternoon.
- **Sunday, March 26,** Rev Anderson will preach at both services, as well as lead an informal discussion between.

Our social ministry project is in support of NO SHAME. PERIOD. Many young girls begin menstruation at school or have irregular menstrual cycles. This organization helps by sending school nurses "period packs" to dispense as needed. We will be collecting the specific items needed for these packs and putting them together during our retreat. All are welcome to contribute! Details on items needed will be in your registration packet and available in the Gathering Space. For more information on this project, contact **Pam Buckley** (757-869-3373 or guammom16@aol.com).

It's been three years since our last Women's Retreat! Come join us for three days of learning, sharing, and meeting new friends! Look for your registration letter and packet coming soon!

Upcoming

Support our St. Stephen Preschool Scholarship fund at our Shrove Tuesday PJs & Pancakes Supper Tuesday, February 21st from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 per person (children 2 and under are free) for fellowship and pancakes. Our Preschoolers invite you to join in their fun as they wear their PJs to have dinner! Can you help in the kitchen or with ticket sales? Please mark the green sheet if you are able to attend and if you are able to help.

Mowers and Gardeners needed for the upcoming season! While it may seem a little early with cold weather outside our doors, we are starting to put lists together for mowers and gardeners who can help us through the warmer months. If you would like to volunteer your talents to either mow our church yard or help to garden, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you. For the mowers, please contact Randy Punchard (757-870-8410), randy4golf@aol.com. For the gardening folks, please contact Chris Punchard (757-880-3347), mrschris16@aol.com. Or just note the green sheet of your interest. Any questions concerning these activities can be addressed to Randy or Chris..

Communal Life: Board Game Night Join us on **Saturday, February 18th at 5:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall for a board game night! Learn a new game or bring an old favorite. **Please bring a dish or snack to share**, water and lemonade will be provided.

Communal Life & Service: LSA Sunday Dinners Our LSA members are back from winter break! Sign up to host a meal for LSA on the chart in the Gathering Space. If you haven't hosted before, instructions are available by the sign up chart

Winter Carnival,

THANK YOU for supporting our Preschool! Our winter carnival was a tremendous success! Thank you to the parents and church members, who joined together to create the winter wonderland, welcome families, host games, bake goodies, and help return the Fellowship Hall and Preschool to order after it was over.

We love
♥ OUR ♥
Volunteers

St. Stephen Calendar -February 5- 12

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

SUNDAY, February 5 ~ Fifth 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” session #4 (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class (Library/Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation Chime Time & Music (Worship Space and Preschool Room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion**

MONDAY, February 6

- 10:00 AM Women’s Retreat committee meeting(Library/Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Preschool Open House

TUESDAY, February 7

- 8:00 Am Women’s Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)
- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY, February 8

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

THURSDAY, February 9

- 1:00 PM Staff Bulletin Review
- 5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship Space)

FRIDAY, February 10

SATURDAY, February 11

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, February 12 ~ Sixth 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” session #5 (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class (Library/Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation (Preschool Room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion**

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer (8:30) Bill Dichtel
..... (11:00) Vee Nelson
Altar Guild..... (8:30) Carol Wiers and Diane McCurry
..... (11:00) Gerri Bass and Heidi Flatin
Audio-Visual Team (8:30) Beth Grant (11:00) Charles Osborn
Bread Baker..... Anne Schone
Cantors (8:30) Ellen Bushman (11:00) Jim Larsen
Communion Assistants (8:30) Randy & Chris Punchard
..... (11:00) Harvey Nelson and Vee Nelson
Flower Delivery.....
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00) Ward Bourn
Lectors..... (8:30) Linda Baumgarten (11:00) Gretchen Osborn
Tellers..... Jane Gingerich, Ursula Recktenwald, & Russ White
Ushers..... (8:30) Reed & Karen Nester (11:00)

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All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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Welcome to St. Stephen Lutheran Church!

*Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate
or give it to an usher.*

February 5, 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!** _____

_____ Yes! I can help with the **Shrove Tuesday PJ & Pancakes** in February!

_____ I /We will be attending _____ # of attendees

_____ I /We can help in the kitchen

_____ I/We can help sell tickets

_____ Yes! I/We will help with _____ **Mowing** _____ **Gardening**
