



# **St. Stephen Lutheran Church**

**One of 13,000 Stephen Ministry Congregations Around the World**



***First Sunday in Lent  
February 26, 2023***

## **For Your Prayers –February 26,-March 5, 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 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18

**Tuesday:** Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14—5:10

**Wednesday:** Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9,27-28; Mathew 18:10-14

**Thursday:** Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7

**Friday:** Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31

**Saturday:** Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10

**Sunday:** Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121(1,2); Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17

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

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

**Pray God's comfort** and peace for **Marilyn Mallue** and her family on the death of **Henry "Hank" Mallue.**

**Pray gods blessing** For James and Stephanie Ogborn who were married on February 19. May love and laughter fill your hearts and your home for all at the days of your lives.

**Pray for these loved ones of our congregation:** Phil Arnold, Joe Beene, Megan Beese, Sally Blackburn, Rev. Donald Blume, John Butler, Jerry & Elijah Connor, Yvonne Destout, Judy Drezek, Paul Dwiggin, Derald Edwards, Joan Fecondo, Gloria Flamm, Dan Flatin, Kay Flatin, Betty Frazee, Bob and Lois Friend, Andrea Gonzalez, Mark Gulesian, 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, Margaret Lewis, Jackie Locke, Isabelle Lutzle, Keith Margrey, Detra Michaels, Lynn Nestruck, Edith Roberts, Betty Roth, Shann Rufer, Paul Sampson, Inge Seiter, David Shoberg, Patricia Simpson, Kelsey Slay, Mike Slyer, Brant Smith, Vasili Soultoukis, Jerry and Evelyn Spear, Chad Strausbaugh, Dustin Sullivan, Kelly Theilen, Carolyn Williams, Travis Wilson, Caleb Winig, Brody Wood, Teresa, and Robert Yazujian, Abby Zwerner and the people of Syria, Turkey and Ukraine

# *First Sunday in Lent*

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

Welcome

Centering Music

*A Mighty Fortress*

Arr. Cathy Moglebust

### **Call to worship**

Beloved children of God, come to worship our creator and friend!

**Here we are, from the soles of our feet to the souls within us. We are here to worship.**

Come, siblings in Christ, and attend this gathering with your body, mind, and spirit. Be fully present with us today.

**From head to toe, inside and out, from our prayers to our thoughts to our dreams, we are present to worship.**

And if our minds wander, our bodies fidget, or our spirits grow drowsy, what shall we do?

**We shall worship in wandering, fidgeting, and drowsiness, for we can find God in our very breath. Come now, let us worship.**

### **Confessions and Forgiveness**

Like child Jesus, the children of the world have needs, yet today they are in crisis. Let us confess our sins and the sins of our times, so we might partner with God to bring heaven to earth.

Holy and righteous God, you have heard the cries of the children growing up without food, water, shelter, and care. We confess we have been complicit in systems that exploit children and perpetuate these grave sins. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have bought items manufactured by children. Lord, have mercy.

We have turned our attention from the physical and mental health care needs of children and youth. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have participated in systems that provide excellent education to some children and very little to others. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have mocked, belittled, posted, shared, and chastised the behavior of children and youth instead of cherishing their individual development and milestones. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have excluded children, segregating them from the community and privileging the voices and presence of adults. **Lord, have mercy.**

You sent Jesus to us as a child, and you continue to call us to attend to the needs of children. In our exclusion of children, we have missed out on Jesus. Forgive us, God, and call us back to a place where we will always “let the children come.” **Amen.**

Our God is faithful to forgive and empower us to begin again. Receive the grace and forgiveness of God, and be at peace. From here, we take up the mantle to protect and care for the children in our community and our world once again. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**    *A Mighty Fortress is Our God!*

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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**



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

### **Prayer of the Day**

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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***

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

**Psalmody**

**Psalm 32**



<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
because of my groaning | all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer. Refrain**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the  
guilt | of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.



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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

**Sermon** Fully Human

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**

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

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**Prayers**

*Each petition concludes, “Merciful God.” Response: “Receive 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**

*A Lenten Walk*

Hal Hopson

## Offertory Hymn

### Come to the Table

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## Offertory Prayer

God of good gifts,  
receive these and all our offerings  
as we present them in faithful service  
for the sake of your gospel.  
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal  
as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.  
**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



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



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, grant us peace.

### Communion Music

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*  
St. Stephen Ringers

Arr. Sandra Eithun

### Communion Hymn

*When We Are Tested*

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### Table Blessing

### Prayer after Communion

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

**Blessing**

God, the giver of love,  
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.  
Amen.

**Dismissal**

Go in Peace. Serve in Love.  
Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** *Guide me Ever Great Redeemer*  
St. Stephen Ringers

Arr. Linda R Lamb

Please exit the worship space quietly so that others may enjoy the postlude

**Postlude Notes:** Meet the composer Linda R. Lamb. Linda R. Lamb has been involved with handbells since 1992, as director, ringer, and composer. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from Carson-Newman College (now University) with a minor in music, and a Master of Church Music. She is the founder and list owner of the Frustrated Friends of Finale (FFF), a mailing list for users of the computer music program who mostly compose and arrange for handbells.



# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The music is in 3/4 time and features a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are as follows:

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe!      With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he!      Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage!      His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,      though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight.      On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored.      He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail!      One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
they can - not win the day.      The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther  
Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.



# I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version  
 Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

# When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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# Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932



## 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.

**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!

**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!

**Are you fasting for Lent?**

What is “fasting” for lent? Fasting may be more than giving up something we love. Perhaps, we should focus on fasting as an attitude change toward others and turning away from excess. For some, it is a low priority to take care of themselves. A lent practice might be to give up trying to do everything for everyone else and spend some time checking in with ourselves. Our focus should be to give up what is pulling us from God and from loving ourselves and others as God intended.

Fasting could mean giving up such things as coffee, alcohol, chocolate and other such things. It can also mean giving up time on social media to spend time with family. It can mean giving up electronics at night to help improve the chances of getting a good nights sleep. It could mean giving up the convenience of parking in front of a store and parking further away so that you get more exercise.

Maybe you are increasing your prayer time. Some ideas to do that could include scrolling through your contact list and randomly picking someone for which to offer up a small prayer. Dedicate yourself to reading the daily lectionary and praying about what you have read.

It is never too late to start any of these practices and there is no rule you have to stop them. Need some more ideas, call me. We can certainly come up with some others.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel  
Parish Nurse  
Parishnurse@saintstephenlutheran.net

## Upcoming

**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

**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 insert sheet of your interest. Any questions concerning these activities can be addressed to Randy or Chris.

**Communal Life: Pub & Grub** Join us on **Monday, February 27th at 7:00 PM** at Billsburg Brewery for some food, drinks and conversation! We will try to get one of the fire-pits to gather around.

**Bible study class will be moving to a new date and time.** Starting **March 6<sup>th</sup>** we will be meeting on **Mondays at 1:30PM** in the **Library/Conference Room**. Come and study the upcoming Sunday's text with **Rev. Jim Larsen** and the **Rev. Harvey Nelson**.

**Wednesday evenings in Lent, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29th** at St. Stephen:

- **6:00 PM:** Soup and Bread supper in the Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 PM:** Holden Evening Prayer – in person and on our YouTube channel.

## **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](mailto:guammom16@aol.com)).

**Deadline to register is March 1, 2023**

### **Upcoming Commemorations**

#### **George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633**

##### **Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

#### **John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church** **Thursday, March 2, 2023**

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

## St. Stephen Calendar -February 27- March 5

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

### **SUNDAY, February 26 ~ *First Sunday in Lent***

- 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 Affirmation of Baptism Class (Library/Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation Life Story (Preschool Room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion**

### **MONDAY, February 27**

- 10:00 AM Staff meeting
- 7:00 PM Pub and Grub @ Billsburg brewery

### **TUESDAY, February 28**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, March 1**

- 6:00 PM Soup and Bread supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

### **THURSDAY, March 2**

- 8:00 AM Mens Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)
- 1:00 PM Staff Bulletin Review

### **FRIDAY, March 3**

- 9:00 AM- 11:00AM Book Mobile at the preschool(preschool side driveway inaccessible)

### **SATURDAY, March 4**

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference room)

### **SUNDAY, March 5~ *Second Sunday in Lent***

- 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 Affirmation of Baptism Class (Library/Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation Chime Time (Worship Space)
- 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) Stan York  
..... (11:00) Liam Janke  
Altar Guild ..... (8:30) Rita Kristiansen and Diana Tiller-Dichtel  
..... (11:00) Heidi Flatin and Jane DeSolms  
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) Doug Moore  
Bread Baker..... Carol Wiers  
Cantors ..... (8:30) Paula Agor (11:00) Christina Nelson  
Communion Assistants ..... (8:30) Karen Shoberg and Karen Sanderlin  
..... (11:00) Margaret Steel and Liam Janke  
Flower Delivery ..... Karen Nester  
Greeters/Hosts ..... (8:30) Paul & Rita Kristiansen  
..... (11:00) Susan & Ned Neidlinger  
Lectors..... (8:30) George Martin (11:00) Jeane Moore  
Tellers..... John McCurry, Carol Harman, Sandy Croushore  
Ushers..... (8:30) Bob Achenbach and Bob Harman (11:00)

# *Triumph over Temptation*



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(*St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement*)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I/We will attend the Holden soup dinners # of people \_\_\_\_\_