



# St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

One of 13,000 Stephen Ministry Congregations Around the World

We believe that community is *beautiful* and *messy* and *fulfilling* and *conflicted* and...the POINT. God calls us together into community for the sake of one another, our neighbors, and creation. We don't always get it right, but we trust that when we center the love and grace that Jesus taught, we will get it right more often than not. ***You are welcome here!***

We don't expect perfect, put-together people; we don't want you to conform to us and our ways; we want you to show up as who you are and to experience the love and grace of God as we have experienced it. And we hope that once you do, you will join us in sharing it with others too.



***Fifth Sunday after Epiphany***

***Feb 9, 2025***

## For Your Prayers – Feb 10-16 , 2025

### Lectionary readings for this week:

**Monday:** Judges 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 14:26-40; Psalm 115

**Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 9:15—10:1b; 1 Timothy 3:1-9; Psalm 115

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 8:1-15; Luke 5:27-32; Psalm 115

**Thursday:** Jeremiah 13:12-19; Acts 13:26-34; Psalm 1

**Friday** Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Peter 1:17—2:1; Psalm 1

**Saturday:** Jeremiah 17: 1-4; Luke 11:24-28; Psalm 1

**Next Sunday's Lessons** Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 (3) 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26

**Join your prayers for healing** with God's desires for **Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Bob & Ginny Cummings, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Donna Kittelson, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, Helen Nelsen, Paul Reier and George Vonderheide.**

**Pray for those unable to come to worship:** **Ailene Bartlett, Martin Bleck, Birdie Burton, Bob and Angie Groom, Pat Janot, Marilyn Johnson, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.**

**Pray for these loved ones of our congregation:** Susan, Charles Baugh, Donald and Carol Baum, , Eleftheria Beck, Tom Beck, Sally Blackburn, June Brantley, Linda Bonfiglio, Mary Bloom, Tim Brown, Raymond Bunn, Karin Cavanaugh, Chris Clarke, Amaree Cluff, Ruth Ann Coski, Judy Craun, Ginny Cummings, Judy Drezek, Becky Drury, Darrin and Rosemary Dunn, Tanya Fritz, Hollis Fulton, David Gade, Joel Gillespie, Greg Gildner, Joan and John Goodhart, Jonathan Hallman, Charee Hampton, Mark Harbison, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Bradley, Kim, Joan and Laurie Heintzeman, Lisa Hill, Jaxon Ireland, Claudia Jacobik, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Jenn Kramer, Judy Leister, Marnah Lund, Trish and Sara and Matthew Macerelli, Keara Mahony, Laura Margolin, Jack Mayfield, Doug MacKenzie, The Keith Meins family, Liz Montalvo, Ed Moninger, Kim Morris, Bob Myers, Jeanette Osborn, Coral Pumley, Kurt Recktenwald, Kurtis Schultz, Lou Schuster, Inge Seiter, Pamela Sharp, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, George and Jewel Thomas, Charley Underdahl, Brenda Webster, Caleb Winig, and Elaine Wrich

# *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

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

### **Welcome**

### **Centering Music**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
St. Stephen Ringers

Michael Helman

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**  
**Forgive us for the ways we act**  
**with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**  
**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**  
**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**  
**we give in to scarcity and fear;**  
**we assume the worst about one another.**  
**Cleanse us from our faults**  
**and release us from their grasp.**  
**Show us your lovingkindness.**  
**Restore our hearts and repair your world,**  
**that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine."  
In † Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

### **Gathering Song**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

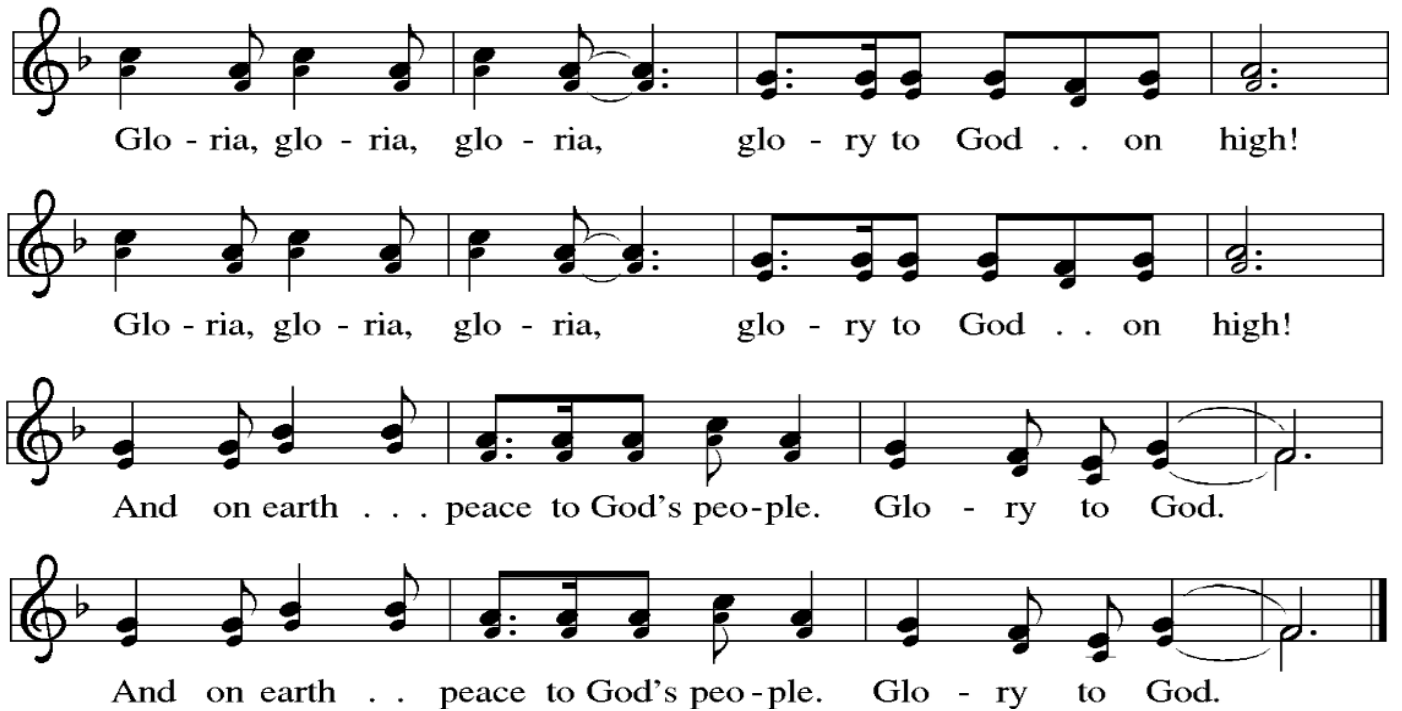
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**Greeting:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### Kyrie

Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .  
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on  
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.  
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .  
mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on  
us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .  
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on  
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

## Gloria



Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

## Prayer of the Day

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

### Reading

### Isaiah 6:1-13

*Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"*

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" <sup>9</sup> And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'" <sup>10</sup> Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their

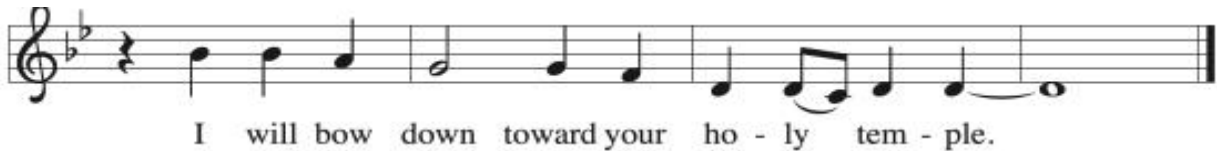
ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; <sup>12</sup> until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup> Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

## Psalm

## Psalm 138



<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>1</sup> sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast <sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness;**

**for you have glorified your name and your word a- <sup>1</sup>bove all things. Refrain**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you <sup>1</sup> answered me;  
you increased my <sup>1</sup> strength within me.

<sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words <sup>1</sup> of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
that great is the glory <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD is high, yet cares <sup>1</sup> for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty <sup>1</sup> from afar. Refrain**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you <sup>1</sup> keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right <sup>1</sup> hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup> **You will make good your pur- <sup>1</sup>pose for me;**

**O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works <sup>1</sup> of your hands. Refrain**

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God’s love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.*

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five

hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

*A - le - lu - ya,                    a - le - lu - ya,                    a - le - lu - ya!*  
 Al - le - lu - ia,                    al - le - lu - ia,                    al - le - lu - ia!

*A - le - lu - ya,                    a - le - lu - ya,                    a - le - lu - ya!*  
 Al - le - lu - ia,                    al - le - lu - ia,                    al - le - lu - ia!

*A - le - lu - ya,                    a - le - lu - ya,*  
 Al - le - lu - ia,                    al - le - lu - ia,

*a - le - lu - ya!                    A - le - lu - ya!*  
 al - le - lu - ia!                    Al - le - lu - ia!

### Gospel

### Luke 5:1-11

*Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.*

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

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with

him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

**Sermon**

Collaborative & Communal God

Pastor Jon Nelson

*Silence for prayer and reflection.*

**Hymn of the Day**

*Will you Come and Follow Me*

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**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Prayers**

Each petition concludes, “God of grace.” Response: “**hear our prayer.**”

## **II. 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 Music**

*8:30 I’m a Disciple, Too!*

Jayne Southwick Cool

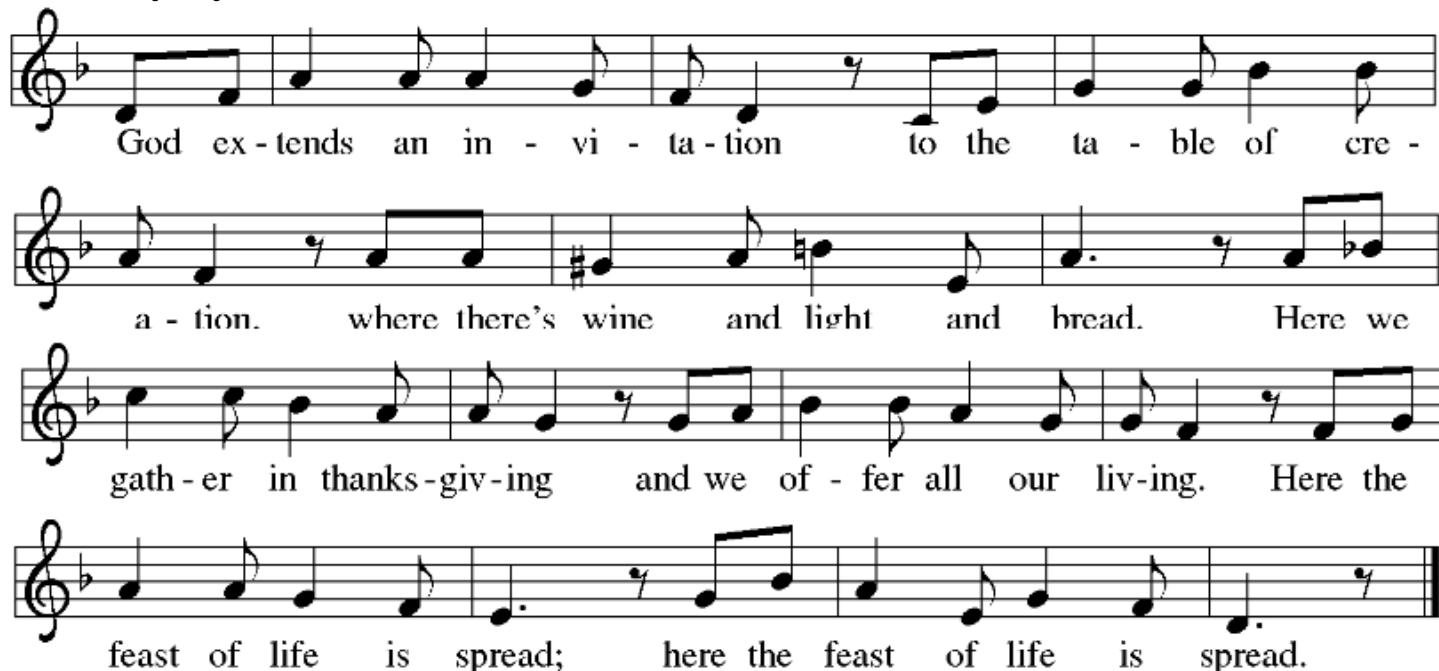
*11:00 Here I Am, Lord*

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## Offertory Hymn

## God Extends an Invitation



God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -  
a - tion. where there's wine and light and bread. Here we  
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the  
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,  
 God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,  
 God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on  
 earth. . . . . Blest is he who comes in the  
 name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . . .  
 Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

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

**Communion Hymn**      *Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old*      ELW 868

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**Communion Music**      *Will You Come and Follow Me*  
    St. Stephen Ringers

Sandra Eithun

**Table Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

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

**Sending Hymn**      *Heaven Opened to Isaiah*

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**Blessing**

The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**      *Oh, Happy Morning*  
    St. Stephen Ringers

Cathy Moglebust

# Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

# Will You Come and Follow Me

## *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



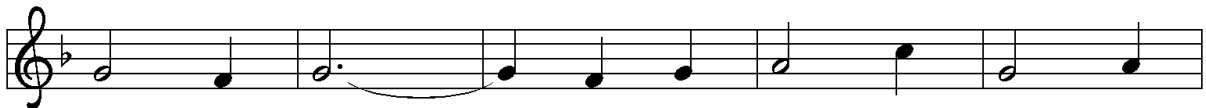
your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

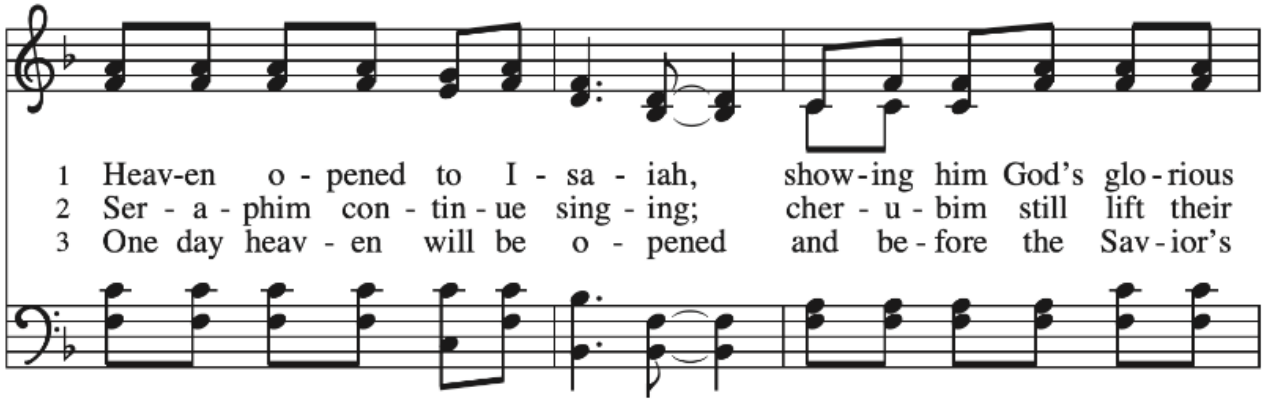
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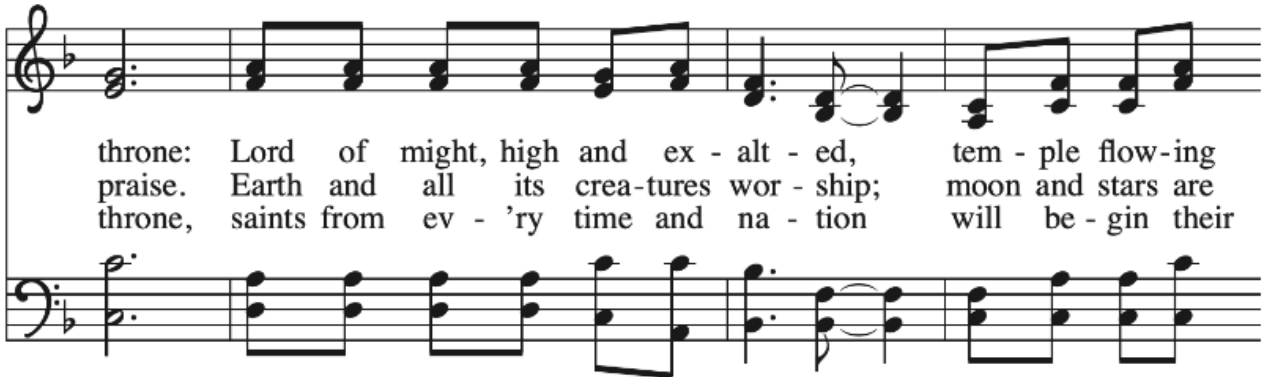
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# Heaven Opened to Isaiah



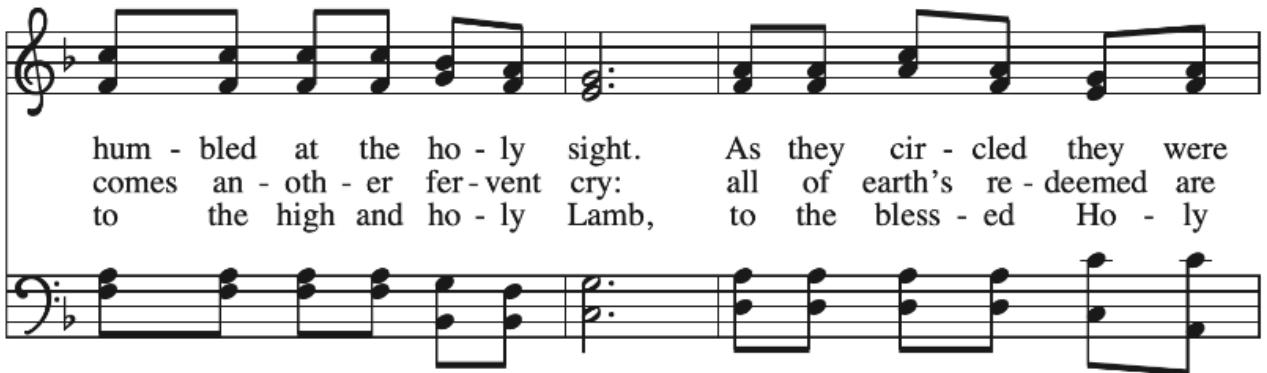
1 Heav-en o - pened to I - sa - iah, show-ing him God's glo-ri-ous  
2 Ser - a - phim con - tin - ue sing - ing; cher - u - bim still lift their  
3 One day heav - en will be o - pened and be - fore the Sav - ior's



throne: Lord of might, high and ex - alt - ed, tem - ple flow - ing  
praise. Earth and all its crea - tures wor - ship; moon and stars are  
throne, saints from ev - 'ry time and na - tion will be - gin their



with his robe. Ser - a - phim flew all a - round him,  
still a - mazed. Now a - bove cre - a - tion's cho - rus  
end - less song: "To our God of all sal - va - tion,



hum - bled at the ho - ly sight. As they cir - cled they were  
comes an - oth - er fer - vent cry: all of earth's re - deemed are  
to the high and ho - ly Lamb, to the bless - ed Ho - ly

sing - ing, call - ing out with all their might.  
 sing - ing, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
 Spir - it be for - ev - er praise. A - men!"

*Refrain*

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, you are ho - ly," ev - 'ry

an - gel voice pro - claims; "All the earth re - flects your

glo - ry; ev - 'ry tongue sings out your praise!"

Text: Anonymous, Rwanda; para. Greg Scheer, b. 1966  
 Music: URI UWER' UWER' UWERA, Rwandan melody; arr. Greg Scheer  
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# Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old



I - sa - iah in a vi - sion did of old the Lord of hosts en - throned on



high be - hold, whose splen - did train was wide out - spread un - til its stream - ing



glo - ry did the tem - ple fill. A - bove God's throne the shin - ing ser - a - phim



with six - fold wings did rev - 'rence un - to him. With two each ser - a - ph hid his



glo - rious face, and two a - bout his feet did in - ter - lace, and with the



oth - er two he soared on high, and one un - to an - oth - er thus did cry:



“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly



is the Lord of hosts! His glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!” The beams and lin - tels



at their cry - ing shook, and all the house was filled with bil - lowing smoke.



## As We Gather

### Restrooms & First Aid

- ❖ A gender-neutral, family restroom and a Women's restroom can be found in the hallway behind our Worship Space.
- ❖ Additional Men's and Women's restrooms can be found on the lower level of the church building.
- ❖ A first aid kit and an A.E.D. can be found hanging on the wall in the hallway behind our Worship Space.

### Live-streaming

- ❖ We regularly live-stream our services and cannot guarantee that you will not appear on our YouTube channel. Sitting in the East Wing or the NE section of the Worship Space will minimize your chances of being on screen. We can also bring communion to you if you inform an usher of that desire.

### 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.org)
- ❖ When parents and children need to take a break for a few minutes, there's a play area (aka "playground") with toys and books in the East wing of 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.

**Health Update:** We always encourage you to monitor yourself for symptoms of illness and to worship from home if you are experiencing any. We have masks and hand sanitizer available for use in our building should you require.

## What's Happening Today

**Flowers this morning** are given by Karen Shoberg in memory of Larry Shoberg.

**Faith Formation:** John Gregoire will be sharing information on initiatives of VICPP on housing and the James Rivers Chapter's specific project on Guns to Gardens, as well as other social justice issues they are working on.

He is providing a short Temple Talk before the 11:00 service as well to talk more about the Affordable Housing Initiative.

## Upcoming

**St. Stephen Volunteers needed** as we partner with the Williamsburg United Methodist Church (WUMC) in this year's Community Of Faith Mission (COFM) Homeless Emergency Shelter the week of February 16 – 23. As a Partner, St. Stephen has committed to staff and furnish meals for up to 25 Guests of the shelter for February 17 and 18. For each day, ten shelter staffing volunteers are required to fill varying shifts from 5:30PM until 8AM shifts (see sign-up schedule in the Gathering Space). Additionally, a minimum of two volunteers are needed to serve the dinner meal (5:30PM-8:30PM) and two volunteers are needed to serve the breakfast meal and distribute bag lunches (5:30AM-8AM). Again, the sign-up schedule is posted in the Gathering Space. Please sign up there or contact Hollie Jones at the church office if you are able to volunteer for any date(s) and shift(s), 757-229-6688.

**Cooks Needed** Since we shall be preparing a hot meal for supper and breakfast and a bagged lunch for the Guests, we need volunteers to cook and prep. Our Jeanne Garrison has graciously volunteered to coordinate food preparation and serving. Contact Jeanne, (423) 505-5397, or Hollie in the church office (757-229-6688) if you can help. More information is available in the Gathering space. All volunteers are required to have current Community of Faith Mission Training. (website, <https://cofm.info>, under the heading Host Sites & Partners, Login, Password: Faith!)

**Monthly Women's Study Group:** In January, we had 22 participants for our first meetings of this new monthly Women's Group. The group emphasizes nurturing one another on our faith journeys, continuing to explore and learn through spiritual development, study, discussion, and growth. To best accommodate as many interested folks as possible, we will offer an afternoon and an evening session on the second Thursday of each month. The February sessions will be on **Thursday, February 13**. The afternoon session will be in the **Fellowship Hall from 1:00-2:30 pm** (the group's new preferred time and a place to accommodate a larger group). The evening session will be in the **library from 7:00-8:30 pm**. No registration, no homework. Just come and bring a friend! If you want to join the new group but foresee a barrier that keeps you from doing so, please let us know and we will do our best to support your participation. Questions? Reach out to Ina Berkey.

**The preschool and church office** will be **closed February 17<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Presidents Day.

**St. Stephen Women's Retreat:** Help Wanted. Please come to the initial meeting as we begin to plan our next women's retreat at St. Stephen! Help is appreciated, whether regular/ongoing planning meeting involvement, or help with specific tasks. Join us Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 10:45 a.m. in the library. Questions? Talk with Alison Carney or Ina Berkey.

**National Cathedral Trip.** We are gauging interest in a trip to the National Cathedral in Washington DC for a tour in early May. Sign up on the bulletin insert to express your interest and get details as they are planned. Cost will likely be \$60-70, including bus, tour, and lunch.

## St. Stephen Calendar Feb 9-16, 2025

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

### SUNDAY, Feb 9

- 8:00 AM Matins choir warm up (Worship Space)  
**8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)**  
9:30 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)  
9:50 AM AoB/HS/Adult Ed.: Faith in Action (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00 AM Faith Formation: Games (Undercroft/Preschool Room)  
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)  
**11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on Facebook live)**  
6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College Room)

### MONDAY, Feb 10

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor’s Office)  
1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)  
3:00 PM Finance Committee (Library/Conference Room)  
7:00 PM Book Study “Killers of the Flower Moon” (Library/Conference Room)

### TUESDAY, Feb 11

- 10:45AM Women’s Retreat Planning Meeting (Library/ Conference room)  
1:30PM Book Study “Killers of the Flower Moon” (Library/Conference Room)  
7:00 PM Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, Feb 12

- 8:55 AM Yoga (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 PM Chancel Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### THURSDAY, Feb 13

- 11:00 AM Bulletin Review (Library/Conference room)  
12:00 PM Peninsula Pastoral Conference Worship (Worship Space & Conference Room)  
1:00 PM Women’s Study Group (Fellowship Hall)  
3:30 PM EFC meeting (Library/Conference room)  
5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (worship space)  
7:00 PM Women’s Study Group (Library/ Conference room)

### FRIDAY, Feb 14

### SATURDAY, Feb 15

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference Room)  
5:30 PM AI-ANON Family Meeting (Gathering space)

### SUNDAY, Feb 16

- 8:00 AM Matins choir warm up (Worship Space)  
**8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)**  
9:30 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)  
9:50 AM AoB/HS/Adult Ed.: TBD (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00 AM Faith Formation: Lesson (Undercroft/Preschool Room)  
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)  
**11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on Facebook live)**  
5:00 PM LSA Bible Study & Dinner (College Room)

## Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) The Bergh Family  
.....(11:00) David Nelson  
Altar Guild ..... (8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel and Rita Kristiansen  
..... (11:00)  
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) Tobias Janke and Liam Janke  
Bread Baker..... Janice Mayfield  
Cantors .....(8:30) Paula Agor (11:00) Christina Nelson  
Communion Assistants ..... (8:30) Amy Bergh and Karen Shoberg  
..... (11:00) George Bass and David Nelson  
Flower Delivery .....Nelia Lamoureux  
Greeters/Hosts .....(8:30) Paul & Rita Kristiansen (11:00) Ned Neidlinger  
Lectors..... (8:30) Tom Peterkin (11:00) Jeanne Garrison  
Pastor.....Pastor Jon Nelson  
Tellers..... Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher and Jim Larsen  
Ushers..... (8:30) Brian Agor and Bill Dichtel (11:00) Jim Weilmuenster and Russ Dabel

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**Love God, Love People, Form Faith.**

*(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)*

**All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms**

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**Hollie Jones** – Parish Administrator (757-229-6688)

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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.***

***Feb 9, 2025***

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 Stephen Minister to contact me

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

# Prayer Requests

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I/We need a name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I/We are interested in the National Cathedral Trip, Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_