



# 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.

*Second Sunday of Advent*



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***Dec 8, 2024***

## For Your Prayers - Dec 9-15, 2024

### Lectionary readings for this week:

**Monday:** Isaiah 40:1-11 Romans 8:22-25 Psalm 126

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 19:18-25 2 Peter 1:2-15 Psalm 126

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 35:3-7 Luke 7:18-30 Psalm 126

**Thursday:** Amos 6:1-8 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 Isaiah 12:2-6

**Friday:** Malachi Amos 8:4-12 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 Isaiah 12:2-6

**Saturday:** Amos 9:8-15 Luke 1:57-66 Isaiah 12:2-6

**Next Sunday's Lessons:** Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 (6) Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

**Join your prayers for healing** with God's desires for **Karen Arledge, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Marcie Clark, 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:** **Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, 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, Sharon Brown, Linda Bonfiglio, Mary Bloom, Amy Carl, Karin Cavanaugh, Chris Clarke, Amaree Cluff, Ruth Ann Coski, Judy Craun, Judy Drezek, Becky Drury, Darrin and Rosemary Dunn, Time Ebel, David Gade, Joel Gillespie, Greg Gildner, Joan and John Goodhart, Charee Hampton, 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, Marnah Lund, Trish and Sara and Matthew Macerelli, Keara Mahony, Laura Margolin, Jack Mayfield, Doug MacKenzie, The Keith Meins family, Liz Montalvo, Ed Moninger, Mya Moore, Kim Morris, Bob Myers, Silvana Oderisi, Coral Pumley, Kurt Recktenwald, Kurtis Schultz, Lou Schuster, Inge Seiter, Pamela Sharp, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Charley Underdahl, Brenda Webster, Caleb Winig, Elaine Wrich and Warren Wright.

# Second Sunday of Advent

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

Welcome

Centering Music

*Prepare the Royal highway*  
St. Stephen Ringers

Anna Laura Page

Advent Wreath Lighting

### *Advent's Holy Light*

(on cue)



Lord, we are wait - ing for peace to reign.

Lord, we are lis - tening for love's re - frain.

For hope, peace, and joy and love to u -

nite in the beau - ty and won - der of

Ad - vent's ho - ly light.

## SECOND SUNDAY - Peace

*(The first and second candles are lit.)*

**Leader:** We continue our Advent journey today with the lighting of the Hope candle and the second candle, the candle of Peace. Let the gentle glow of these candles symbolize the tranquility we seek in our hearts and homes, fostering a sense of peace that transcends the chaos of this world..

In a world filled with conflict and confrontations **We humbly seek the gift of peace.**  
For the storms that sometimes rage within us **We humbly seek the gift of peace.**  
As we rush and hurry our way through busy lives **We humbly seek the gift of peace.**

And for those around us we know are carrying heavy burdens **We humbly seek the gift of peace.**

Gracious Creator, in the quiet moments may we find solace in your presence, and in the noisy chaos of life may your peace prevail. Calm the storms that rage within and around us. May we be instruments of your peace, fostering understanding, compassion, and harmony in our hearts. **Amen.**

**Repeat “Advent’s Holy Light”**

(on cue)



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For hope, peace, and joy and love to u -

nite in the beau - ty and won - der of

Ad - vent's ho - ly light.

The musical notation is written on five staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are aligned with the notes below each staff.

**Gathering Hymn** *Freedom Is Coming*

ACS 903  
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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. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

### **First Reading**

### **Malachi 3:1-4**

*God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means "my messenger") will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.*

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

### **Psalm Hymn**

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

ELW 250

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### **Second Reading**

### **Philippians 1:3-11**

*The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.*

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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### **Gospel**

### **Luke 3:1-6**

*John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.*

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

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

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

**Sermon**

*“The Word Still Comes”  
Silence for prayer and reflection.*

Rev. David Hindman

**Hymn of the Day**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

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**Prayers**

*Each petition concludes, “Lord, in your mercy,” 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**

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

William Rowan

**Offertory Prayer**

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



# Words of Institution

## The Lord's Prayer

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

## Holy Communion

*When receiving Communion, 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.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

The musical score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Communion Music

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
St. Stephen Ringers

Mitchell and Sandra Eithun

**Table Blessing****Prayer after Communion**

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**IV. Sending: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*****Sending Hymn***On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand*ELW 437  
Bulletin page16**Blessing**

**God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Puer Nobis*  
St. Stephen Ringers

Carl Wiltse

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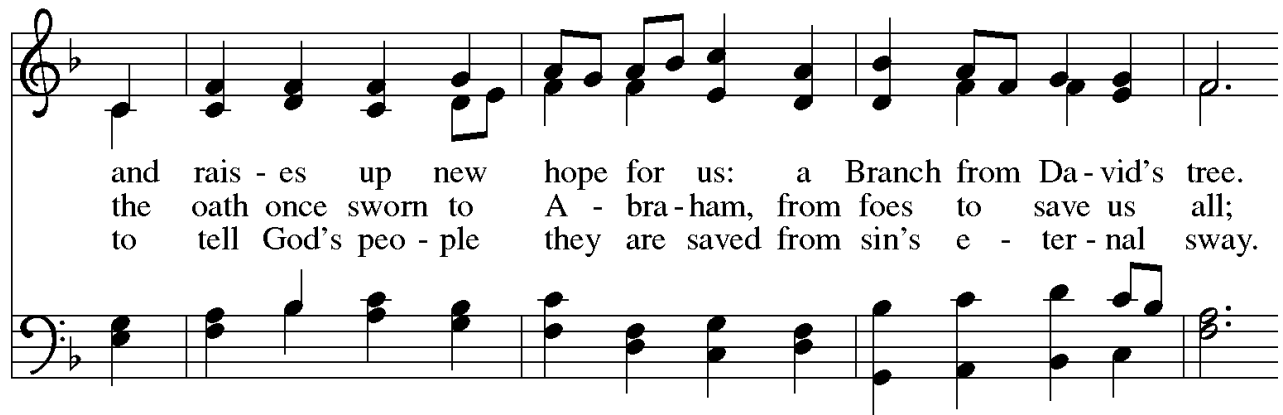
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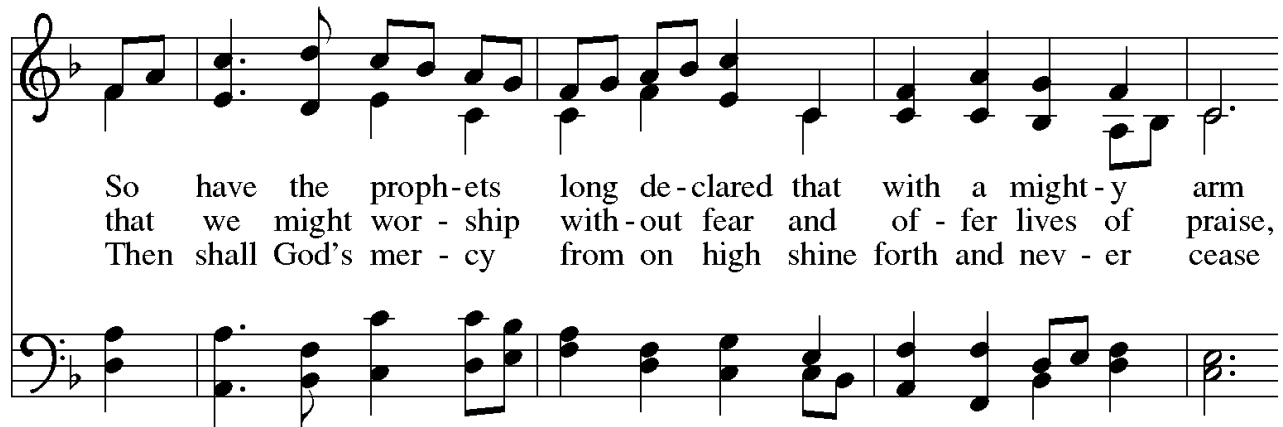
# Blessed Be the God of Israel



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm  
that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

# Freedom Is Coming

1 Oh, free - dom, oh, free - dom, oh,  
1 Free-dom is com-ing. Free-dom is

The first system of music features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, with lyrics placed below it. The lyrics are: "1 Oh, free - dom, oh, free - dom, oh, 1 Free-dom is com-ing. Free-dom is". The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The bass line is on a single staff below, consisting of chords and single notes.

free - dom. Oh,  
com - ing. Free-dom is com - ing. Oh, yes, I

The second system continues the melody from the first system. The lyrics are: "free - dom. Oh, com - ing. Free-dom is com - ing. Oh, yes, I". The melody and bass line continue with similar rhythmic patterns.

free - dom, oh, free - dom, oh,  
know. Free-dom is com - ing. Free-dom is

The third system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "free - dom, oh, free - dom, oh, know. Free-dom is com - ing. Free-dom is". The melody and bass line continue.

free - dom. Oh,  
com - ing. Free-dom is com - ing. Oh, yes, I

The fourth system concludes the melody. The lyrics are: "free - dom. Oh, com - ing. Free-dom is com - ing. Oh, yes, I". The melody and bass line continue.

yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know. Oh,

know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, oh, yes, I

yes, I know. Oh,

know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I

yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know. Oh,

know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, oh, yes, I

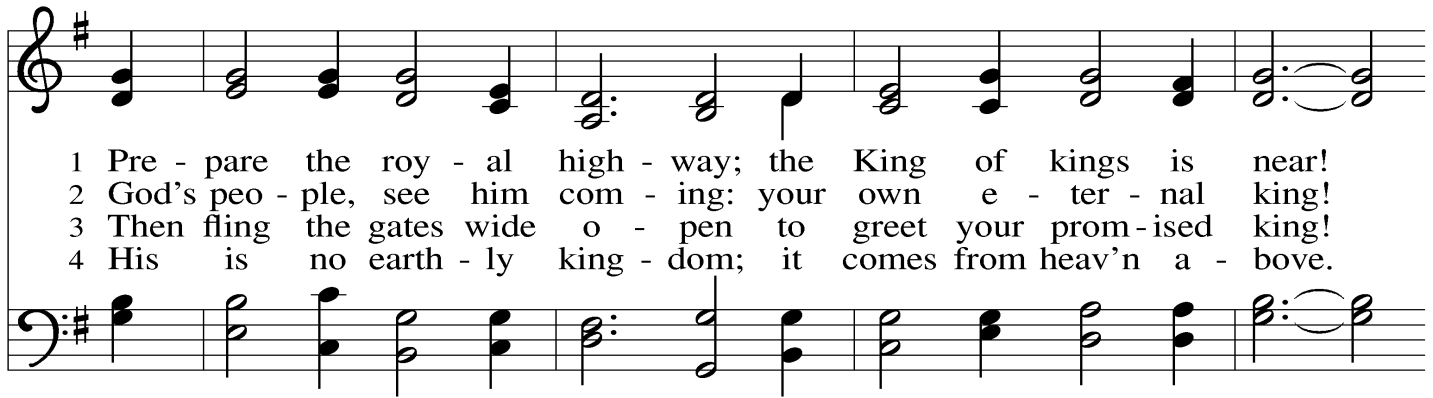
yes, I know.

know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know.

2 Oh, Jesus.  
 Jesus is coming.  
 Oh, yes, I know.

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# Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

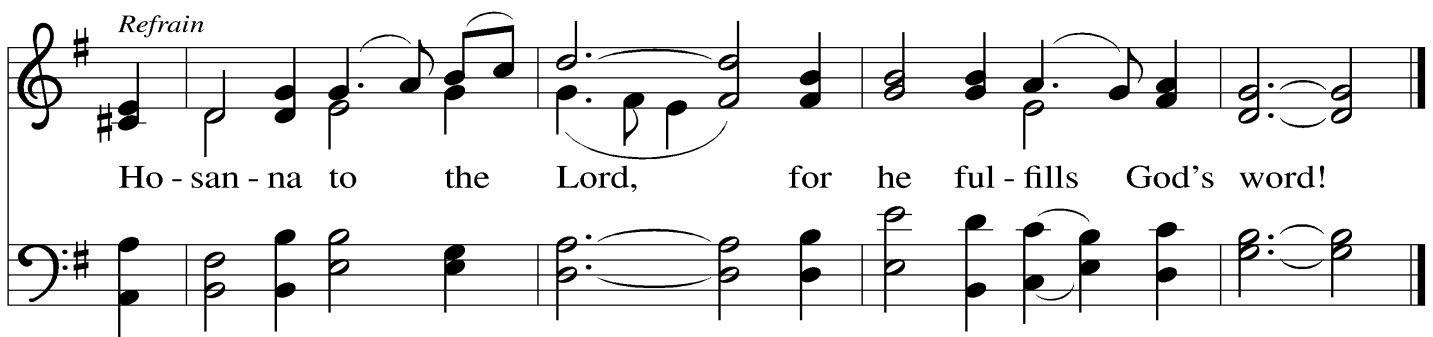


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

# Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus

## *Tú, Jesús, nuestra esperanza*



*Español:* 1 Tú, Je - sús, nues - tra es - pe - ran - za, ven y  
 2 Ven, y te - je un mun - do nue - vo ca - mi -  
*English:* 1 Come to be our hope, O Je - sus, come to  
 2 Come to build your new cre - a - tion through the



li - bra nues - tro ser. Ni - ño,  
 nan - do en la ver - dad, pa - ra  
 set your peo - ple free. From op -  
 road of ser - vant - hood; give new



na - ce en - tre no - so - tros, ven y da - nos tu po -  
 que, por fin, el pue - blo vi - va en ple - na li - ber -  
 pres - sion, come, re - lease us, grant us your true lib - er -  
 life to ev - 'ry na - tion, chang - ing e - vil in - to



der. Ven li - ber - ta pri - sio - ne - ros de in - jus -  
 tad. Ven, Je - sús, a - bre el fu - tu - ro de tu  
 ty. Come, re - lease from ev - 'ry pris - on those who  
 good. Come and o - pen our to - mor - row for your

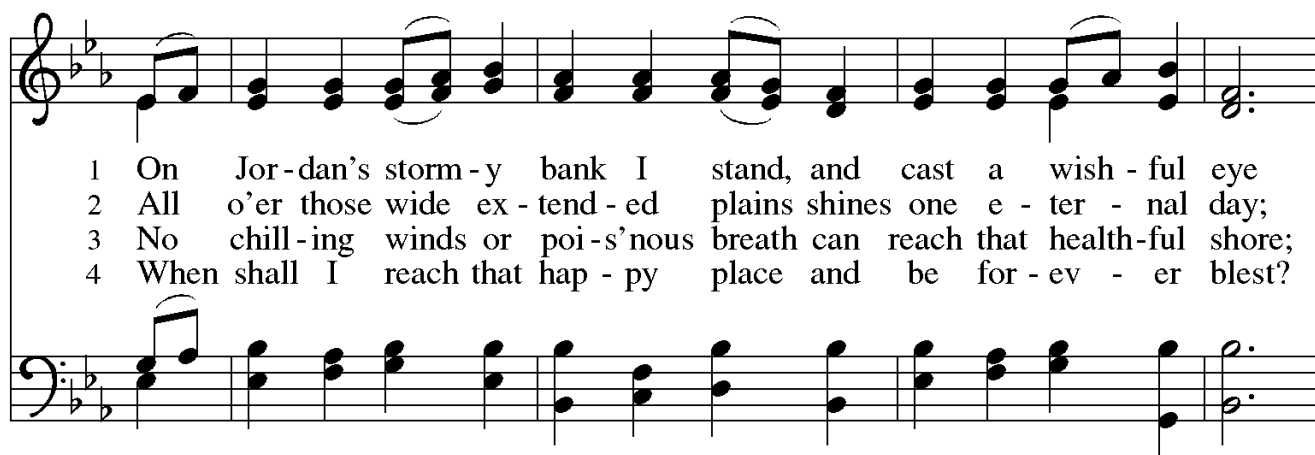


ti - cia y a - flic - ción; ven, re - ú - ne nues - tros  
 rei - no de a - le - gría. Ven, de - rrum - ba es - te gran  
 suf - fer in our land. In your love we find the  
 joy - ful reign so near. Take a - way all hu - man



pue - blos en a - mor y en com - pren - sión.  
 mu - ro que hoy se - pa - ra no - che y dí - a.  
 rea - son still to live and un - der - stand.  
 sor - row; give us hope a - gainst our fear.

# On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

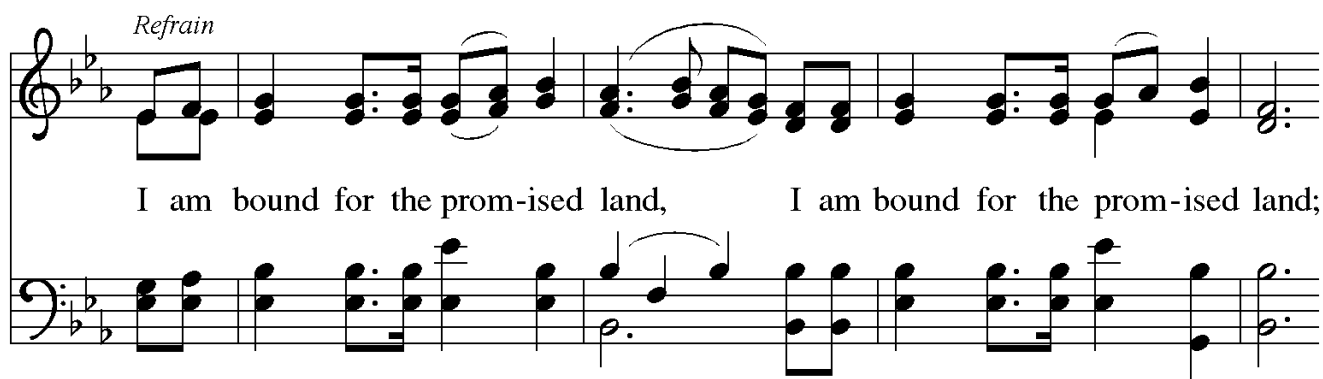


1 On Jor-dan's storm-y bank I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye  
2 All o'er those wide ex-tend-ed plains shines one e-ter-nal day;  
3 No chill-ing winds or poi-s'nous breath can reach that health-ful shore;  
4 When shall I reach that hap-py place and be for-ev-er blest?

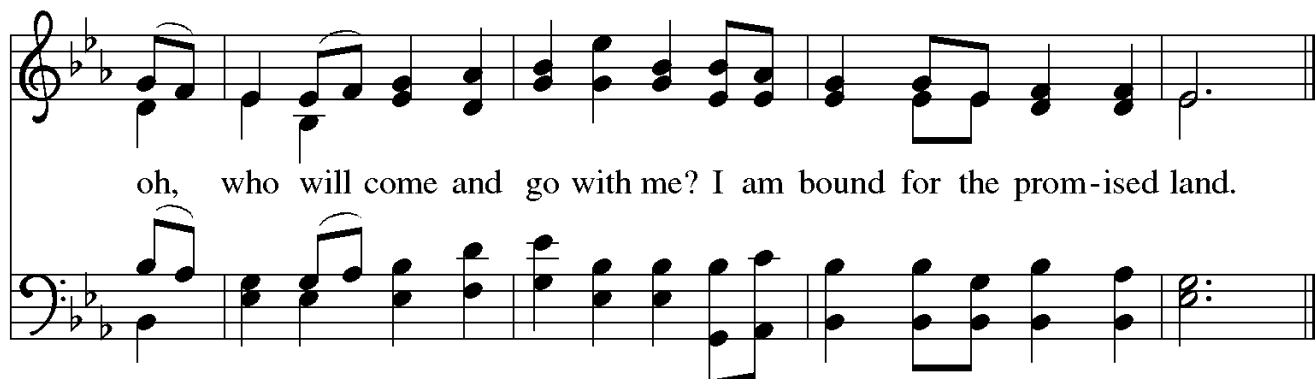


to Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie.  
there God the Son for-ev-er reigns and scat-ters night a-way.  
sick-ness and sor-row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.  
When shall I see my Sav-ior's face and in God's bos-om rest?

*Refrain*



I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land;



oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.



# 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 "prayground") 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 today by Amy and Brian Bergh in honor of our 29th wedding anniversary!



**Preschool FUNdraiser:** Ice Cream you scream we all scream for Ice Cream! Dec 1<sup>st</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>. The Preschool has partnered with a local ice cream company to offer pints of ice cream right in time for the holidays. All flavors of ice cream can be purchased online using the QR code and will be delivered to the church on Dec 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> for pick up.

**Christmas Baking Traditions.** Join us **in the Fellowship Hall today from 3-4PM** to share in one another's Christmas treat traditions. Bring your dough or batter and any

special tools and share your traditions with others! The church ovens will also be available for baking. Not a baker? Come for conversation and to try some treats! Rides available, contact Pastor Jon.

### Upcoming

**Christmas Decorating.** We would welcome help putting up Christmas decorations on **Saturday, December 21st, 10:00AM.**

**Committee chairs, Council officers and staff: Annual Reports for 2024** are due to the church office no later than **Monday, December 23.** Please send your annual reports electronically to Parish Administrator Hollie Jones

#### **A note from the financial secretary:**

All donations for 2024 must be received by **Sunday, December 29.** Any donations that come in after that date will be credited to 2025. And if you procrastinated it's not too late to turn in an estimate of giving card for 2025. Questions—you can reach me at [finsec@saintstephenlutheran.net](mailto:finsec@saintstephenlutheran.net) - Karen Nester, Financial Secretary

**New Women's Group Beginning in January.** Sessions will be on the second **Thursday of each month.** We will offer both an afternoon and an evening session. **First Session: Thursday, January 9, 2025; Location: St. Stephen library; Choice of Times: 12:30-2:00 PM or 7:00-8:30 PM. No registration required. Just come and bring a friend!** If you want to join the new group but foresee a barrier to accessibility keeping you from doing so, please let us know and we will do our best to support your participation. Questions? Reach out to Ina Berkey.

#### **Advent and Christmas Sunday & Midweek services**

- ❖ **8:30 Am & 11:00 AM** December 8 Advent 2
- ❖ **7:00 PM** Dec 11<sup>th</sup>-Restore Our Hope- midweek service
- ❖ **8:30 AM** December 15 Advent 3
- ❖ **11:00 AM** December 15 Advent 3 Children's Program
- ❖ **7:00 PM** Dec 18<sup>th</sup>-Restore Our Hope- midweek service
- ❖ **8:30 AM & 11:00 AM** December 22 Advent 4 (Caroling **3PM-5PM** meet at the church at 2:30 PM)
- ❖ **7:00 PM** Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve  
(Worship featuring sermon, choirs, and Holy Communion)
- ❖ **10:00 PM** Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve  
(Contemplative Worship Service with Holy Communion)
- ❖ **9:45 AM** Dec 29<sup>th</sup> Service of Lessons and Carols w/Holy Communion

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

**SUNDAY, Dec 8 – Second Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30 AM**    **Worship – Holy Communion (live-streamed on our YouTube channel)**  
9:30 AM    Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)  
9:50 AM    Adult Ed: Ministry Highlight (Fellowship Hall)  
9:50 AM    AOB/HS: Catechism Conversation (Library)  
9:45 AM    Faith Formation: Christmas Program rehearsal (Worship Space)  
**11:00 AM**   **Worship – Holy Communion**  
3:00 PM    Sharing Baking Traditions (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 PM    LSA dinner (College Room)

**MONDAY, Dec 9**

- 10:00 AM   Staff Meeting (Pastor’s Office)  
1:30 PM    Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)  
3:00 PM    Finance Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

**TUESDAY, Dec 10**

- 7:00 PM    Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**WEDNESDAY, Dec 11**

- 6:45 PM    Chancel Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)  
**7:00PM**    **Worship “Restore our Hope” (Worship Space)**  
7:00 PM    AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
7:30 PM    Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

**THURSDAY, Dec 12**

- 11:00 AM   Bulletin Review (Church Office)  
5:15 PM    Handbell Rehearsal (Worship Space)

**FRIDAY, Dec 13**

**SATURDAY, Dec 14**

- 9:00AM    Christmas children’s program rehearsal (Worship Space)  
5:30 PM    AA Meeting (Library/Conference Room)  
5:30 PM    AI-ANON Family Meeting (Gathering space)

**SUNDAY, Dec 15 – Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30 AM**    **Worship – Holy Communion (live-streamed)**  
9:30 AM    Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)  
9:50 AM    AOB/HS: Spiritual Practice (College Room)  
9:50 AM    Adult Ed: Q&A with the Pastor, Christmas Edition (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00 AM   Faith Formation: Christmas Program rehearsal (Worship Space)  
**11:00 AM**   **Worship – Holy Communion (Children’s program) (live-streamed)**

## Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) Stan York  
.....(11:00) Jeffery Berry  
Altar Guild..... (8:30) Rita Kristiansen  
..... (11:00)  
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) Mike Morgan  
Bread Baker..... Janice Mayfield  
Communion Assistants ..... (8:30) Ellen Bushman and Stan York  
..... (11:00) George Bass and Jeffery Berry  
Flower Delivery ..... Carol Wiers  
Greeters/Hosts.....(8:30) Paul & Rita Kristiansen (11:00) Susan Kauffman  
Lectors ..... (8:30) Karen Nester (11:00) Rosemary Stimson  
Preacher..... Pastor David Hindman  
Presider ..... Pastor Jon Nelson  
Tellers..... Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher, Jim Larsen  
Ushers..... (8:30) Jeff & Lisa Bushmire (11:00) Art Nelson & Glen Joppa

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