



# 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.



***January 11, 2026***  
***Baptism of Our Lord***

## **For Your Prayers –Jan 12-18, 2026**

### **Lectionary readings for this week:**

***Mon – Jan 12:*** Genesis 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 89:5-37

***Tue – Jan 13:*** Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 8:4-13; Psalm 89:5-37

***Wed – Jan 14:*** Isaiah 51:1-16; Matthew 12:15-21; Psalm 89:5-37

***Thu – Jan 15:*** Isaiah 22:15-25; Galatians 1:6-12; Psalm 40:1-11

***Fri – Jan 16:*** Genesis 27:30-38; Acts 1:1-5; Psalm 40:1-11

***Sat – Jan 17:*** 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 5:1-11; Psalm 40:1-11

***Next Sunday:*** Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

***Join your prayers for healing*** with God's desires for **Ingrid Brown, Preston Burton, Kristin Carter, Bob & Ginny Cummings, Edith Haecker, Sharon Jacobs, Rita Kristiansen, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, Jim Ogborn, Carl and Mitchell Stauffer, and George Vonderheide.**

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

***Pray for these loved ones of our congregation:*** Sam Areheart, Randy Altona, Phyllis Andrews, Carl Baker, Lori Bardey & family, Charles Baugh, Donald and Carol Baum, Robi Bayard, Jeffrey Berry, Sr., Lila Bradley, June Brantley, Carol Bergh, Mary Bloom, Richard Boger, Doug Bolick, Kay Braman, Bob Britcher, The family of Scott Hadly, Charee Hampton, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Kim, Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Lisa Hill, Doris Hillenbrand, Michelle Holdsworth, Jaxon Ireland, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Pat Layton, Marnah Lund, Keara Mahony, Trish Macerelli, Laura Margolin, Barry and Mabel Martin, Ellen Martin, Mabel Mater, Jack Mayfield, Jackie Mazzone, Tom Mifflin, Jimmy Mitchell, Liz Montalvo, Jim Monteith, Bob Myers, Jeanette Osborn, Maricel Paulin, The Peterson family, Janet Popelas, Coral Pumley, Scott Radley, Kurt Recktenwald, Carol Sue Repass, Brian Ritter, Lou Schuster, Pamela Sharp, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soultoukis, Kenneth & Laura Spencer, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, Janis Stevenson, George and Jewel Thomas, Karli Wallace Thompson, Jenn Tyson, Matt Weilmuenster, and Elaine Wrich.

# *Baptism of Our Lord*

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

**Welcome**

**Centering Music**

*Wade in the Water*

Michael Hassell

**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, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

God's grace upon grace flows over you.

☩ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.

Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

**Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

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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- (Haitian)**

Ky - rie e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Ky - rie e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Sau-vez-moi la vie, O Jé-sus je vous prie, Ky-ri - e.

Sau-vez-nous la vie, O Jé-sus je vous prie. Ky-rie\_e-le - i - son,

Chris-te e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
Ky - rie\_e - lei - son.

## Prayer of the Day

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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

### First Reading

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

### Psalm 29



- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. REFRAIN**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup> **the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,**

and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice | of the LORD

bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;**

**the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. REFRAIN**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;**

**the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

<sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength | to your people;

give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. **REFRAIN**

## **Second Reading**

**Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God’s inclusive forgiveness in Jesus’ name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter’s preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

## **Gospel Acclamation (Syrian)**



Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah,



hal - le-lu-jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah!

## **Gospel**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God’s child.*

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

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

**Sermon:** *Baptism as Collective Liberation*

Pastor Jon Nelson

**Hymn of the Day** *Crashing Waters at Creation*

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### **Prayers**

*Each petition concludes: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

## **III. Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ**

### **Offering Invitation**

Our bodies are like trees, not machines—requiring sunlight, the blanket of night, rootedness, connection, and nourishment. We are meant neither to rise and grind nor hang our hats on personal productivity. We are, like the fawn, meant to rest and play. Come, bring forth your offerings, that we might give one another the gift of living into our creaturely selves.

**Offering of Music** *The Baptism of Jesus*

Austin C. Lovelace

### **Offertory Prayer**

God of the Oppressed, accompany us as we undo ways of harm within and without. Imagine with us a future of ease and interdependence. Fortify us for the work of change. Celebrate with us the ways radical compassion is already moving, is already troubling waters of new life. Bless our offerings, our resources, and our gifts to uninhibited thriving. **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 ... and join their unending hymn: **(Argentine Santo)**

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.  
your glo - ry fills all heav - en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .  
. . . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

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

**Holy Communion** *When receiving Communion, either stand or kneel at the Rail. Pastor will distribute the bread and a Communion Assistant will come with a tray of pre-filled cups of wine and grape juice. The juice will be in the middle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available as an alternative to bread. All are welcome to the Lord's Supper.*



(Finnish)

*Oi Ju - ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, jo - ka pois o - tat maa-il-man syn - nin,*  
O Lamb . . of God, you take a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .

*ar - mah-da mei-tä, ar - mah-da mei-tä, ar - mah-da mei-tä.*  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

*Oi Ju - ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, jo - ka pois o - tat maa-il-man syn - nin,*  
O Lamb . . of God, you take a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .

*ar - mah-da mei-tä, ar - mah-da mei-tä, ar - mah-da mei-tä.*  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

*Oi Ju - ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, jo - ka pois o - tat maa-il-man syn - nin,*  
O Lamb . . of God, you take a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .

*an - na meil-le rau - ha, an - na meil-le rau - ha ja siu - na - uk - se - si.*  
grant . . us your peace, . . grant . . us your peace, your peace, O Lamb of God.

**Communion Hymns***Come to the Water of Life*

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*Born, Reborn*

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

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**IV. Sending: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*****Sending Hymn***When Jesus Came to Jordan*

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**Blessing**

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Dismissal** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude***Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Robert J. Powell

# Hail to the Lord's Anointed



- 1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
- 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
- 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
- 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive  
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to  
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,  
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and  
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are  
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from  
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a

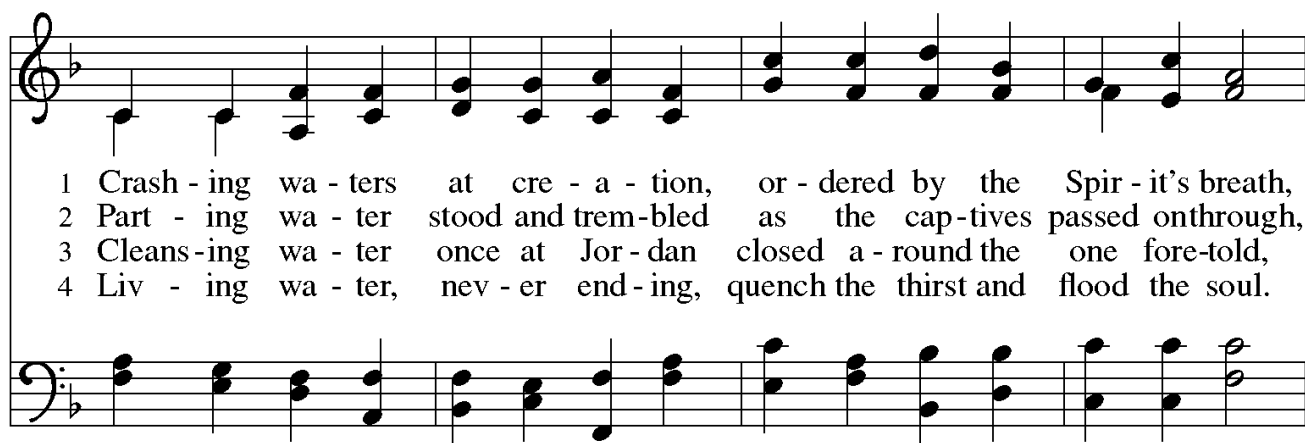


rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 pre - cious in your sight.  
 hill to val - ley flow.  
 king - dom with out end.

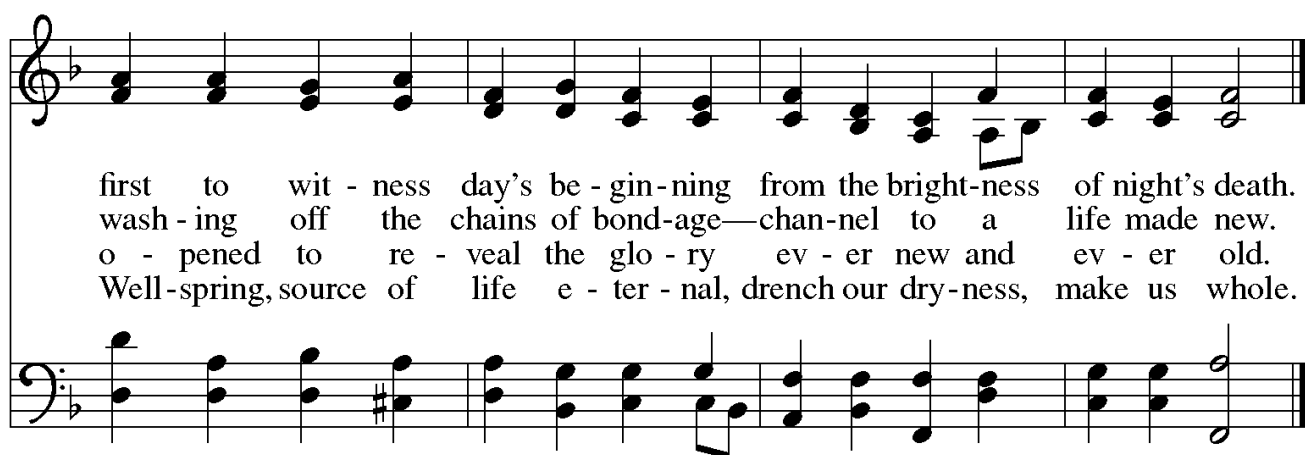
Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Music: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

# Crashing Waters at Creation



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed onthrough,  
3 Cleans-ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore-told,  
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end-ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin-ning from the bright-ness of night's death.  
wash - ing off the chains of bond-age—chan-nel to a life made new.  
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

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# Come to the Water of Life

1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for  
 2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for  
 3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for  
 4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for

love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,  
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,  
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,  
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943  
 Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever  
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# Born, Reborn

*Refrain*

Born, re - born! Born, re - born! Formed, re - formed!

Souls with glad - ness now a - dorned! Born, re - born! Born, re - born!

Formed, re - formed! Praise our God for - ev - er - more!

1 Drown us. Drown us. Raise us. Raise us.  
2 Name us. Name us. Heal us. Heal us.

*Refrain*

Mark us. Mark us. Claim us! Claim us!  
Wash us. Wash us. Seal us! Seal us!

Text: Justin Rimbo, b. 1980  
 Music: BORN, REBORN, Justin Rimbo  
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# When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,  
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000  
 Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune  
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## **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](http://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 to the Glory of God!



## Information & Upcoming

**St. Stephen Preschool Registration** for the 2024-2025 year is now open to members of St. Stephen, who receive a *10 percent discount on tuition!* Please contact Preschool Administrator **Jessica Kimball** in the Preschool Office for more information.

**Have Fun and Support our St. Stephen Preschool** during our annual Winter Carnival **Sunday, February 1, 2:00 – 4:00 PM**. Want to help with Winter BINGO, Ice Fishing, Winter Putt-Putt, Penguin Bowling, and more? Would you like to bake a festive cake or cookies! Please sign up in the gathering space.

**Our annual congregation meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 12:30 PM**.

### **Community Meal**

Join the preschool for a community meal on **January 12th from 5:30-7:00PM**. We will have several chili options, vegetables, bread, and desserts! We would love for members of the congregation to share in this meal with our families. No cost, though there will be a free-will offering to help support the Linda Laity Hite endowment fund. **Please sign up on the insert or contact the office** so we know how many to plan for.

### **Winter Book Study**

**Beyond the Bonnet: Little Women Thematic Study** Join us this January for a unique five-week exploration of Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* led by Elara Strand. This study looks beyond the plot to examine the history, morality, and social influences of the March sisters' world, and how those themes still speak to us today. Sessions begin the week of **January 12th** with two convenient times: **Mondays at 7:00 PM** or **Tuesdays at 2:00 PM**. Participants should be familiar with the story (book or film) beforehand. We will be using the Penguin Classics edition. All perspectives are welcome as we discuss everything from the Civil War to the "Battle of the Sexes."

### **All Committee Meeting**

The Church Council is requesting that all committees gather for a potluck lunch and meeting **following the 11:00AM service on Sunday, January 18th**. Pizza and drinks will be provided (gluten-free option guaranteed); you are welcome to bring a side or dessert (or nothing). We look forward to reviewing the first half of the program year and planning for 2026!

### **Women's Retreat at the Beach: March 20-22**

We have rented a large house (with an elevator) in Sandbridge, Virginia Beach, for our Spring 2026 Women's Retreat from Friday, March 20 - Sunday, March 22. Save the dates! More information and registration will be out before the end of January.

## **St. Stephen Calendar: January 11-18, 2026**

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

### **SUNDAY, January 11~ Baptism of Our Lord**

- 8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 8:30 AM Worship – Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)**
- 9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 9:45 AM AOB (Library/Conference room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship – Communion**

### **MONDAY, January 12**

- 10:00 PM Staff meeting (Pastor Jon’s Office)
- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference room)
- 12-2:30PM Kitchen Keepers
- 3:00 PM Finance meeting (Library/Conference room)
- 5:30 PM Community Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Book Study: Little Women (Library/Conference room)

### **TUESDAY, January 13**

- 2:00 PM Book Study: Little Women (Library/Conference room)
- 6:00 PM Stephen Minister Class (Library/conference room)

### **WEDNESDAY, January 14**

- 8:55 AM Yoga (Gathering space)
- 10:00 AM Women’s Retreat Meeting (Library/Conference room)
- 5:00 PM Girl Scouts (Preschool Room)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### **THURSDAY, January 15**

- 5:30 PM Handbell rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 5:15 PM Faith5 Meal (Fellowship Hall)

### **FRIDAY, January 16**

### **SATURDAY, January 17**

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference room)
- 5:30 PM Al-Anon (Gathering Space)

### **SUNDAY, January 18~ Second Sunday after Epiphany**

- 8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 8:30 AM Worship – Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)**
- 9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 9:45 AM 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class (Pastor’s Office) & AOB (Library/Conference room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)

**11:00 AM    Worship – Communion**  
**12:15 PM    All Committees Meeting (Fellowship Hall)**

### **Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today**

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) Corey Knestrick  
.....(11:00) Alina Dabel  
Altar Guild ..... (8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel  
..... (11:00) Nancy Egloff and Pam Buckley  
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Nancy Carter (11:00) Tobias and Liam Janke  
Bread Baker..... Amy Bergh  
Cantors ..... (8:30) Paula Agor (11:00) Jane deSolms  
Communion Assistants ..... (8:30) Susan Bosworth and Ellen Bushman  
..... (11:00) Jennifer Dabel and Alina Dabel  
Flower Delivery .....Karen Nester  
Greeters/Hosts .....(8:30) Rosie Frey (11:00) Chris Punchard  
Lectors..... (8:30) Thom Recktenwald (11:00) Russ Dabel  
Pastor.....Pastor Jon Nelson  
Tellers.....  
Ushers..... (8:30) Tom and Sandy Peterkin (11:00) Russ Dabel and Jim Weilmunenster

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E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Church Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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