



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 18, 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany

For Your Prayers –Jan 19-25, 2026

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – Jan 19: Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28; Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 40:6-17

Tue – Jan 20: Isaiah 53:1-12; Hebrews 10:1-4; Psalm 40:6-17

Wed – Jan 21: Isaiah 48:12-21; Matthew 9:14-17; Psalm 40:6-17

Thu – Jan 22: 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 1:11-24; Psalm 27:1-6

Fri – Jan 23: 1 Samuel 9:27—10:8; Galatians 2:1-10; Psalm 27:1-6

Sat – Jan 24: 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13; Luke 5:27-32; Psalm 27:1-6

Next Sunday: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **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, Amaree Cluff, Judy Drezek, 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, Valerie Smith, 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.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

Welcome

Centering Music

Lamb of God
Thom Rectenwald, Flute

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

The Only Son from Heaven

ELW 309

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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

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

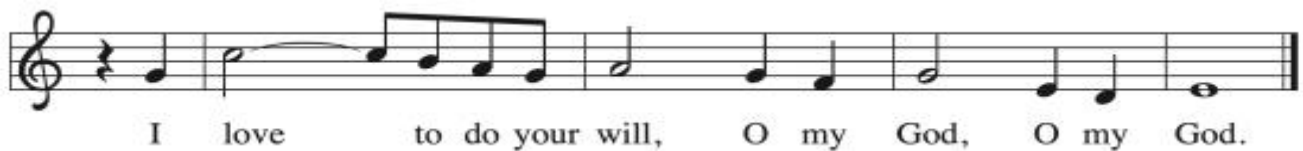
Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God." ⁵ And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— ⁶ he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.

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

Psalm 40:1-11



¹ I waited patiently up- | on the LORD,
who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

² **The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.**

³ The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.

⁴ **Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!**

They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies. REFRAIN

⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be
com- | pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;**

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required. REFRAIN

⁷ And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸ **'I love to do your will, O my God;**

your law is deep within me.'"

⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰ **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;**

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

¹¹ You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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!

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

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

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.” ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.” ³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

Sermon:

My Cause is with the Lord

Pastor Jon Nelson

Hymn of the Day

Lamb of God

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Prayers

Each petition concludes: Merciful God, hear our prayer.

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

Offering Invitation

No accumulation of resources squirreled away for the few! No backlog of reparations unpaid! But the free flow of resources to those dominated by systems of greed! The rushing forth of Holy Enough-ness to all beings everywhere! We gather our offerings today to create the world of which we dream.

Offering of Music

I Dream a World (Text by Langston Hughes)
St. Stephen Choirs : Thom Recktenwald, Flute

Nancy M. Raabe

Offertory Prayer

Prophet and scholar, James Baldwin, said “If I love you, I have to make you conscious of the things you don’t see.” God of Revelations, may this offering be used to fill in the gaps of what

we can not yet imagine. May we become conscious of possibility in our communities. May we envision expansive ways of being together infused with freedom and pleasure. **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)

The musical score is written for a vocal soloist and piano accompaniment. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are in Finnish and English.

System 1:

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; . . .

System 2:

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.

System 3:

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; . . .

System 4:

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.

System 5:

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; . . .

System 6:

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.

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***How Marvelous God's Greatness*ELW 830
Bulletin pages 15**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*How Marvelous God's Greatness*

Edwin T. Childs

The Only Son from Heaven



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers,
 2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, oh, bright and ho - ly morn!
 3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it to know and love you more,
 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you with God the Ho - ly Ghost,



by God the Fa - ther giv - en, in hu - man form ap - pears.
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, the Christ, the vir - gin - born,
 in faith to stand un - shak - en, in spir - it to a - dore,
 and Je - sus, we a - dore you, O pride of an - gel - host:



No sphere his light con - fin - ing, no star so bright - ly
 grim death to van - quish for us, to o - pen heav'n be -
 that we, through this world mov - ing, each glimpse of heav - en
 be - fore you mor - tals low - ly cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing as he, our Morn - ing Star.
 fore us and bring us life a - gain.
 prov - ing, may reap its full - ness there.
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Text: Elizabeth Cruciger, 1500–1535; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–1874, alt.
 Music: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

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Lamb of God

Your Only Son



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Now Behold the Lamb



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

Text: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970

Music: NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB, Kirk Franklin

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Come and See

What are you look - ing for? Come,

see, come and see. What are you

look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39
 Music: COME AND SEE, Robert A. Hobby
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How Marvelous God's Greatness

1 How mar - vel - ous God's great - ness, how glo - ri - ous God's might!
 2 Each ti - ny flow'r-et whis - pers the great life - giv - er's name;
 3 The o - cean's vast a - byss - es in one grand psalm re - cord
 4 The star - ry hosts are sing - ing through all the light - strewn sky

To this the world bears wit - ness in won - ders day and night:
 the might - y moun - tain mass - es his maj - es - ty pro - claim;
 the deep mys - ter - ious coun - sels and mer - cies of the Lord;
 of God's ma - jes - tic tem - ple and pal - ace courts on high;

in form of flow'r and snow - flake, in morn's re - splen - dent birth,
 the val - leys deep are hymn - ing God's shel - ter for his own;
 the ic - y waves of win - ter are thun - d'ring on the strand;
 when in these out - er cham - bers such glo - ry gilds the night,

in af - ter - glow at eve - ning, in sky and sea and earth.
 the snow - capped peaks are point - ing to God's al - might - y throne.
 and grief's chill stream is guid - ed by God's all - gra - cious hand.
 oh, what tran - scen - dent bright - ness is God's e - ter - nal light!

Text: Valdimar Briem, 1848–1930; tr. Charles V. Pilcher, 1879–1961, alt.
 Music: DEN BLOMSTERTID NU KOMMER, *Koralpsalmboken*, Stockholm, 1697
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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)
- ❖ 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 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**.

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 18-25, 2026

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

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 6th 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)

MONDAY, January 19

Office and Preschool Closed

- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference room)
- 7:00 PM Book Study: Little Women (Library/Conference room)

TUESDAY, January 20

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

WEDNESDAY, January 21

- 8:55 AM Yoga (Gathering space)
- 5:00 PM Girl Scouts (Preschool Room)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, January 22

- 5:15PM Faith5 Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship Space)

FRIDAY, January 23

SATURDAY, January 24

- 9:00AM Choral Guild Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference room)
- 5:30 PM Al-Anon (Gathering Space)

SUNDAY, January 25~ Third 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 6th Grade Class (Pastor’s Office) & AOB (Library/Conference room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship – Communion**
- 12:30 PM Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer..... (8:30) Jeff Bushmire
..... (11:00) David Nelson
Altar Guild (8:30)
..... (11:00) Nancy Egloff
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Tim Judy and Nancy Carter (11:00) Tobias and Liam Janke
Bread Baker..... Paul Kristiansen
Cantors (8:30) Karen Shoberg (11:00) Jim Larsen
Communion Assistants (8:30) Chris & Randy Punchard
..... (11:00) Heidi Flatin and Lori Harms
Flower DeliveryNelia Lamoureux
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) Chris Punchard (11:00) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Lectors..... (8:30) Karen Nester (11:00) Cyndy Touhasaent
Pastor.....Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers.....
Ushers..... (8:30) Brian Agor and Bill Dichtel (11:00) Corwin Knestrick and Glenn Joppa

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January 18, 2026

Name: _____

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City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Guests Only:

I belong to _____

Church Address _____

Please check as many as pertain:

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- _____ First time guest
- _____ Regular guest
- _____ Guest (out of town)
- _____ Student at William & Mary
- _____ Looking for a church home
- _____ Desire to speak with pastor
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