



# 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 25, 2026***  
***Third Sunday after Epiphany***

## For Your Prayers –Jan 26- February 1, 2026

### Lectionary readings for this week:

**Mon – Jan 26:** Judges 6:11-24;Ephesians 5:6-14;Psalm 27:7-14

**Tue – Jan 27:** Judges 7:12-22;Philippians 2:12-18;Psalm 27:7-14

**Wed – Jan 28:** Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26;Luke 1:67-79;Psalm 27:7-14

**Thu – Jan 29:** Deuteronomy 16:18-20;1 Peter 3:8-12;Psalm 15

**Fri – Jan 30:** Deuteronomy 24:17—25:4;1 Timothy 5:17-24;Psalm 15

**Sat – Jan 31:** Micah 3:1-4;John 13:31-35;Psalm 15

**Next Sunday:** Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 (1) 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12

**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.

**We hold in prayer** the family and friends of Joe Beene, especially Joyce, as they grieve his death.

**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, 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, Lissa 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, 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 Souloukis, 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.

## *Third Sunday after Epiphany*

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

#### **Welcome**

#### **Centering Music**

*Reflection on Beach Spring*

Thom Rectenwald, Flute

Anne Krentz Organ

#### **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.**

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**

*Thy Strong Word*

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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.

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

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

### First Reading

**Isaiah 9:1-4**

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

### Psalm 27:1, 4-9



The    LORD    is    my    light    and    my    sal - va - tion.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup> One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD. **REFRAIN**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup> My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation. **REFRAIN**

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*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 4:12-23

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples..*

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

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— <sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father

Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.<sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

**Sermon:** *Following Foolishness* **Pastor Jon Nelson**

## Prayers

*Each petition concludes: Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

### III. Thanksgiving for Baptism: *God grounds us in the promises of Baptism*

## Offering Invitation

We gather our offerings—money, resources, skills, time, and gifts—that together, all may have enough. We gather our offerings, in the shadow of wealth-hoarding nations, to co-create an alternate reality of shared abundance. Let us bring forth our gifts in resistance and praise!

## **Offering of Music: *The Son of God, Our Christ***

## Anne Krentz Organ

St. Stephen Choirs : Thom Recktenwald, Flute (Congregation sings **last stanza**)

Where'er we find our witness should be made,  
whate'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,  
that we may gladly give for thee our best  
and find each task divinely sent and blest.

## Offertory Prayer

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God and mighty Lord, we give you thanks, for you nourish and sustain us and all living things with the gift of water.

In the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and you created heaven and earth. By the waters of the flood you saved Noah and his family. You led Israel through the sea out of slavery into the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection your Son set us free from sin and death and opened the way to everlasting life. We give you thanks, O God, that you have given us new life in the water of baptism. Buried with Christ in his death, you raise us to share in his resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit. May all who have passed through the water of baptism continue in the risen life of our Savior. To you be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

**Hymn**

*Come, Beloved of the Maker*

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### **Confession of Faith**

There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.  
United in Christ, let us confess the faith we hold in common.  
**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 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.**

### **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.**

### **Greeting of Peace**

The Lord Jesus prayed for the unity of his disciples.  
We look for the day when the church will shine forth  
in unity at his holy supper.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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

**Sending Hymn**

*O God of Light*

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**Blessing**

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

**Dismissal**

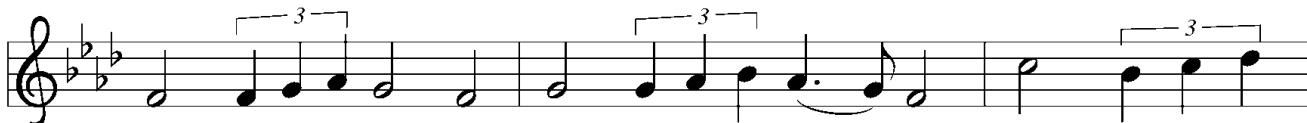
Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*O God of Light*

Jacob B. Weber

# Thy Strong Word



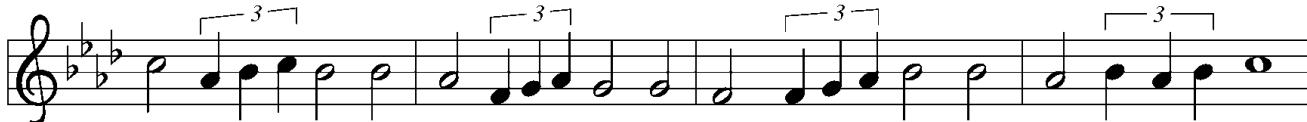
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 mouths to speak thy holy name.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 May the light which thou dost send  
 fill our songs with alleluias,  
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 to thee laud and honor be.  
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 glory, glory be to thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944  
 Text © 1969 Concordia Publishing House

## Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

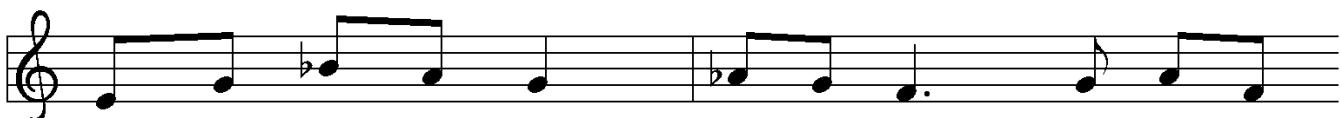
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.
 The basso continuo line consists of sustained notes on the G and B strings of a bass guitar or cello."/>

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

# Come, Beloved of the Maker



1 Come, be - lov - ed of the Mak - er, come, be -  
2 See the Morn - ing - star now beck - on to those  
3 Fol - low to the birth of new - ness; fol - low  
4 There we too will burn and bright - en, God's re -  
5 Christ, bright im - age of the Mak - er, God, whose



hold the First - born One; see re - vealed cre - a - tion's  
bound to doubt and night; "Fol - low me," Christ calls in  
to the life of peace; fol - low to the hill of  
splen - dent work be - gun; glo - ry will as - cend and  
glo - ry none may pass, Spir - it, sun of love and



splen - dor wel - come, "come from dark - ness in - to the sun.  
an - guish; fol - low to the gar - den light."  
height - en, crown - ing us with glo - rious sun.  
spla - dor, bear us in - to light at last.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: JILL, David Cherwien, b. 1957

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# O God of Light



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,  
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;  
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,  
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - - fect day.  
who wrote with ea - ger or re - - luc - tant pen.  
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - - ior's face.  
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

Text: Sarah E. Taylor, 1883–1954, alt.

Music: ATKINSON, H. Barrie Cabena, b. 1933

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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 "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 by Chris and Randy Punchard to the Glory of God!

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

**EnCircle** will be here today between services in the Fellowship Hall.

## 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.

### 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 continue 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, Feb 8th**. 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. Registration forms are available in the Gathering space. A \$50 deposit and completed registration form is due to the office no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## St. Stephen Calendar: January 25- February 1, 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 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 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**  
12:30 PM Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### **MONDAY, January 26**

12:30 PM Kitchen Keepers  
1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference room)  
7:00 PM Book Study: Little Women (Library/Conference room)

### **TUESDAY, January 27**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, January 28**

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 29**

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

### **FRIDAY, January 30**

### **SATURDAY, January 31**

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

### **SUNDAY, February 1~ Fourth 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)  
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2:00 PM Preschool Winter Carnival

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

Acolyte/Crucifer.....	(8:30) Amy Bergh
.....	(11:00) Pam Buckley
Altar Guild .....	(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
.....	(11:00) Pam Buckley
Audio-Visual Team.....	(8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) David Nelson
Bread Baker.....	Sharon Powell
Cantors .....	(8:30) Ellen Bushman (11:00) Christina Nelson
Communion Assistants .....	(8:30) Amy & Brian Bergh
.....	(11:00) Keith & Nancy Egloff
Flower Delivery .....	Marie & Harvey Nelson
Greeters/Hosts .....	(8:30) Beth Grant (11:00) Alison Carney
Lectors .....	(8:30) Reed Nester (11:00) Keith Egloff
Pastor.....	Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers.....	Tom & Sandy Peterkin and Sandy Croushore
Ushers.....	(8:30) Jeff and Lisa Bushmire (11:00) George Bass and Russ Dabel



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(*St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement*)

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

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***January 25, 2026***

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

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

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