



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.



February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

For Your Prayers –February 23-March 1, 2026

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – Feb 23 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18 ;Psalm 32

Tue – Feb 24 Genesis 4:1-16;Hebrews 4:14–5:10;Psalm 32

Wed – Feb 25 Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28;Matthew 18:10-14;Psalm 32

Thu – Feb 26 Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7;Psalm 121

Fri – Feb 27 Micah 7:18-20;Romans 3:21-31;Psalm 121

Sat – Feb 28 Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10;Psalm 121

Next Sunday: Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 (1, 2) Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17

Join your prayers for healing with God’s desires for **Preston Burton, Kristin Carter, Ginny Cummings, Craig Eichfeld, Edith Haecker, Sharon Jacobs, Rita Kristiansen, Terri Larsen, 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, Lori Bardey and 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, Raymond Bunn, Ruth Ann Coski, Amaree Cluff, Judy Drezek, The family of Scott Hadly, Charee Hampton, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Kim, Joan and Laurie Heintzeman, 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, Jackie Mazzone, Tom Mifflin, Jimmy Mitchell, Liz Montalvo, 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, Helen Soutoukis, Vasili Soutoukis, Kenneth & Laura Spencer, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, Janis Stevenson, Lara Templin, George and Jewel Thomas, Karli Wallace Thompson, Jenn Tyson, Matt Weilmuenster, Elaine Wrich, and Lynda Wright

First Sunday in Lent

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

Welcome

Centering Music

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

David Cherwien

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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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**

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

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

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.
mer - cy. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Psalm 32



Mer-cy em - brac - es those who trust in the LORD.

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer. REFRAIN**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;**

when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

⁸ **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye. R**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you.”

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Lenten Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

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

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ” ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ” ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Sermon:

Limitedness

Pastor Jon Nelson

Hymn of the Day

The Glory of These Forty Days

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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

Humans do not live by bread alone, but, oh, how we need bread! We need sustenance—food, water, relationships, beauty, a sense of purpose. We gather our resources today so that our communities might not only be sustained, but live in soulful freedom.

Offering of Music:

(8:30) *Forty Days of Lent*

Brian Childers

Matins choir

(11:00) *Kyrie*

John Leavitt

Chancel choir

Offertory Prayer

Bless our gifts to the wellbeing of our communities and our planet home, Steadfast Provider. Expand our creativity, that we might care for each other collaboratively—sharing power, resources, and joy. **Amen.**

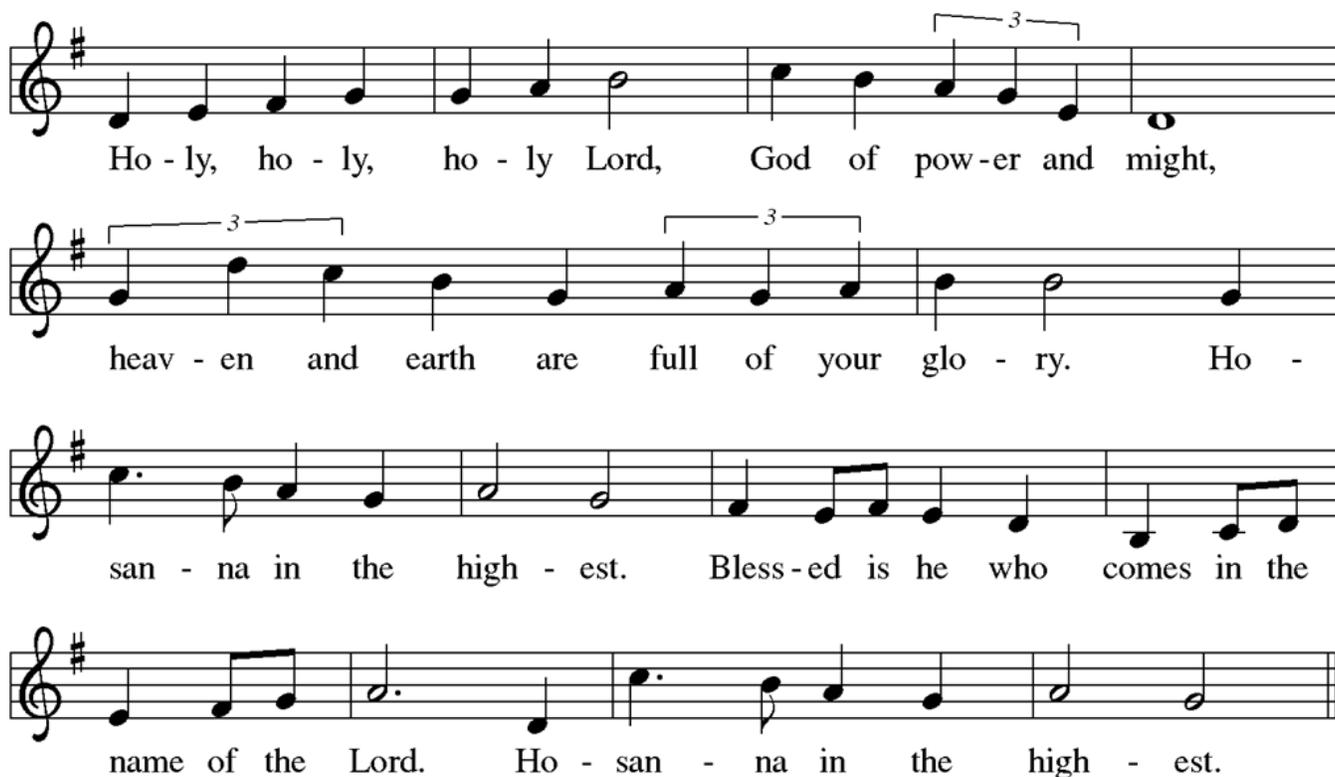
The Great Thanksgiving

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Eucharistic Blessing

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your...

...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

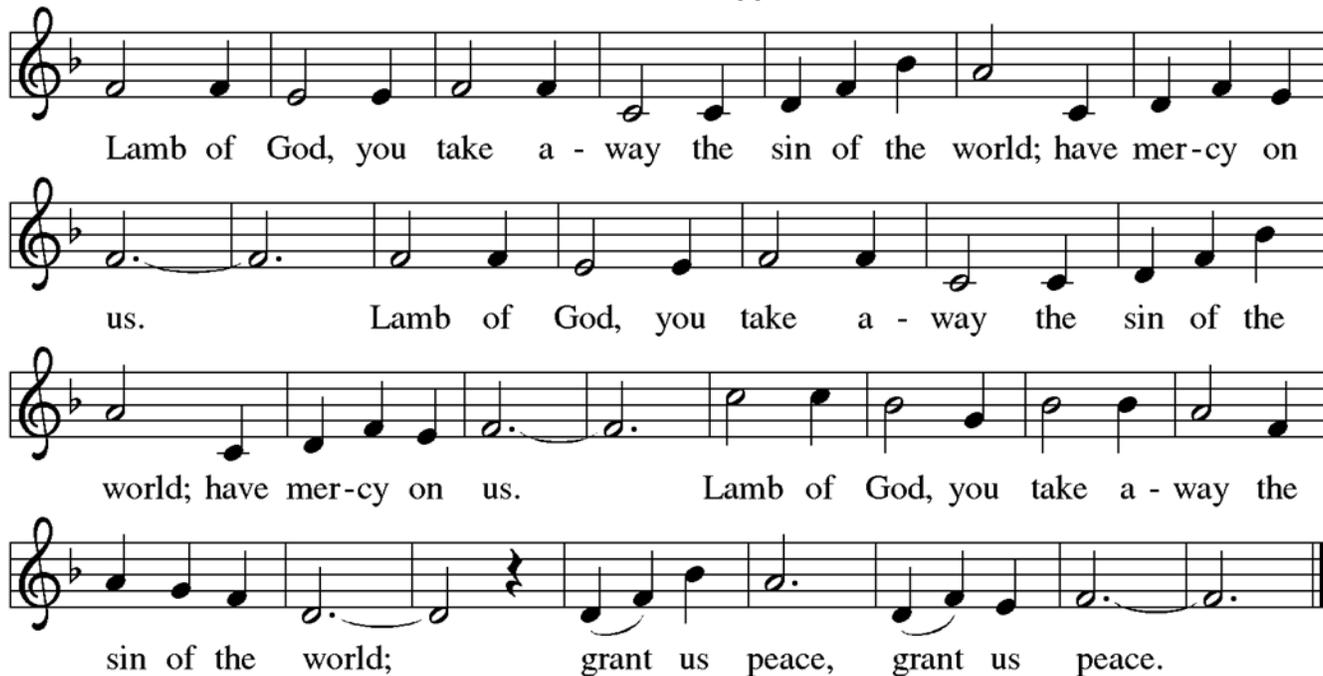
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **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.

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.*



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

Communion Hymns

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Leader
Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

All
Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

Leader or All

Now, Lord, you have set your ser - vant free, free to go in peace as you have

All

prom - ised. Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

Leader or All

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

All

Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

Leader or All

a light to en - lighten the nations, and the glory of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

All

Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

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

Blessing

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Mark Hayes

Preparing for our Lenten Mid-Week Series: Walking Wet

“Walking Wet” Lenten Reflection Questions:

- How do you define the word ‘neighbor’?
- Read [John 13:21-30](#) and notice that the ‘he’ referred to in John 13:31 is Judas. How does the meaning of this passage change when you know that the words are spoken right after Judas leaves to betray Jesus to the authorities?
- What does it feel like to be loved by God?
- What does it look like to love others as Jesus loves us?

“Walking Wet” Catechism Connection:

Read Luther’s Table Blessings in the Small Catechism on page 1167 in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal.

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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543
 Outside USA: Text from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906. All rights reserved.

When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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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.

Have Fun and Support our St. Stephen Preschool during our annual Winter Carnival **Sunday, February 22, 2:00 – 4:00 PM.**

Yoga Pause

Due to circumstances out of our control, we will be pausing yoga classes until April 1st Stay tuned for news of the return.

Information & Upcoming

Wednesday evenings in Lent, February 25, March 4, 11,18 and 25th at St. Stephen:

- **5:30 PM** – Soup and Bread supper in the Fellowship Hall
 - **Sign up** to bring soup and/or bread on the poster in the Gathering Space!
 - **Sign up** on the insert sheet if you plan to attend

6:30 PM: Evening Prayer

Easter week Schedule

April 2, Maundy Thursday at St. Martin's Episcopal Church

April 3, Good Friday worship at St. Stephen

April 4, the Easter Vigil at St. Martin's Episcopal Church

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April 5, Easter Sunday St. Stephen

- **8:30 AM, 11:00 AM – Festival Easter worship**

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 for the weekend or \$20 for the day and completed registration form is due to the office no later than March 1st.

Soft Plastic Collection

We will no longer be collecting soft plastic for the Master Gardeners.

Faith Formation Help Needed! Our Faith Formation now meets three times a month on Thursdays for a meal and a lesson. Pastor Jon would welcome some help providing the meals! Are you available and willing to cook an evening meal for our families with young children?

Communal Life: LSA Sunday Dinners. Want to get to know our LSA members? Host a meal for them! Sign up to host a Sunday evening meal for LSA on the chart in the Gathering Space. If you haven't hosted before, instructions are available.

Seeking Volunteer(s) to Help St. Stephen Dining Small Groups

We are looking for a volunteer (or co-volunteers) to take over putting the St. Stephen dining small groups together, which involves a few steps three times a year: 1) asking Parish Administrator Hollie Jones to put sign-up notices in the Sunday bulletin every four months, 2) dividing up the names of those who sign up, and 3) emailing each group point person at the beginning of each four-month time period with instructions for getting the group together. Virtually all these steps are doable via email. If you appreciate the dining group experience and want to help keep it going, or just have an interest in a volunteer role you can do from home, please reach out to Alison Carney (alisoncarney@verizon.net) or Ina Berkey (ina.berkey@cox.net). Sample emails and instructions will be provided as needed!

On Sunday March 15 Grace Inside will be here between services to share about the prison ministry and how our community can provide support and care to this ministry.

LSA will meet with the congregation between services on Sunday March 1 to share their experiences and ways the community can be involved to support them

St. Stephen Calendar: February 22- March 1 , 2026

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

SUNDAY, February 22~ First Sunday in Lent

- 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
6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College room)

MONDAY, February 23

- 12:15 PM Staff meeting (Pastor Jon office)
1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference room)
4:30 PM Stephen Minister meeting (Library/Conference room)

TUESDAY, February 24

- 6:00 PM-8:00 PM Stephen Minister Training (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, February 25

- 8:55 AM Yoga (Gathering space)
5:00 PM Girl Scouts (Preschool Room)
5:30 PM Soup Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM Lenten evening service (Worship Space)
7:00 PM Chancel choir rehearsal (Worship space)
7:00 PM AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, February 26

- 5:15 PM Faith5 Meal (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Worship space)

FRIDAY, February 27

SATURDAY, February 28

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

SUNDAY, February 29~ Second Sunday in Lent

- 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
6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College room)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer..... (8:30) Bill Dichtel
..... (11:00) Harvey Nelson
Altar Guild (8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
..... (11:00) Nancy Egloff
Audio-Visual Team.....(8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) David Nelson
Bread Baker..... Amy Bergh
Cantors(8:30) Paula Agor (11:00) Nick Jobe
Communion Assistants (8:30) Karen Shoberg and Diana Tiller-Dichtel
..... (11:00) George Bass and Harvey Nelson
Flower DeliveryDiane McCurry
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00) Alison Carney
Lectors.....(8:30) Susan Williamson (11:00) Christina Nelson
Pastor.....Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers..... Tom & Sandy Peterkin and Sandy Croushore
Ushers.....(8:30) Reed and Karen Nester (11:00) Sonya Lim and Russ Dabel

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

Pastor Jon Nelson (320-295-8861)

Karen Ives – Director of Music (757-229-6688)

Hollie Jones – Parish Administrator (229-6688)

Jessica Kimball – Preschool Director (229-6688)

LSA Pastor Gerry Johnson(703)209-3599

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Doing Ministry in the World

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Feb 22, 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.

Prayer Requests

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Name: _____

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

Name: _____

____ I/ We need a name tag _____ .

____ I/We will be attending soup suppers # _____

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In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Thanks for: _____

No Dedication _____

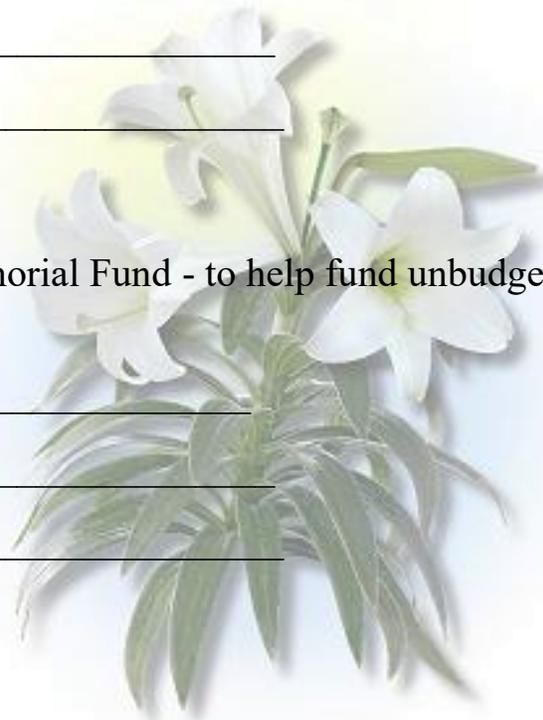
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