



# 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 8, 2026***  
***Fifth Sunday after Epiphany***

## For Your Prayers –February 9-15 , 2026

### Lectionary readings for this week:

**Mon – Feb 9:**2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10; Psalm 119:105-112

**Tue – Feb 10:**2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25;2 Corinthians 4:1-12; Psalm 119:105-112

**Wed – Feb 11:** Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30; Psalm 119:105-112

**Thu – Feb 12:** Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7; Psalm 2

**Fri – Feb 13:** Exodus 19:19b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28; Psalm 2

**Sat – Feb 14:**1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13; Psalm 2

**Next Sunday:** Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

**Join your prayers for healing** with God’s desires for **Preston Burton, Kristin Carter, Ginny Cummings, Edith Haecker, Dave Hoyer, 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 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, 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, 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.

## ***Fifth Sunday after Epiphany***

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

**Welcome**

**Centering Music**    *Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier*(Dearest Jesus, We Are Here)    J.S. Bach

### **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**            *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

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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, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]**

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

<sup>1</sup> Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments;  
they want God on their side.

<sup>3</sup> “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day  
and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup> You fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9a</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

[ <sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.]

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

### Psalm 112:1-9



<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD  
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;**  
**the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be | in their house,  
and their righteousness will | last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;**  
**the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion. REFRAIN**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will nev- | er be shaken;**  
**the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and | will not shrink,**

until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;  
they will hold up their | head with honor.

<sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;  
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. REFRAIN**

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup> and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

<sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [<sup>13</sup> And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup> Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. <sup>16</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

*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!

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

**Sermon:**

*Collective Righteousness*

Pastor Jon Nelson

**Hymn of the Day**

*Jesus, the Light of the World*

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**Prayers**

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

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

**Offering Invitation**

None of us can know the heart of God alone. To encounter Holy Mystery, we depend on each other, on the earth and its creations, and on the ones who came before and will come after us. Love takes on flesh in community. And so in gratitude for one another and all the Sacred gifts of this gathering, let us bring our offerings to God.

**Offering of Music: 8:30** *Shine On!*

Betty Ann Ramseth

**11:00** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

arr. Richard Erickson

**Offertory Prayer**

Spirit of Truth, you reveal the wisdom of God made secret by patterns and histories of dominance. You remove from our hearts and minds all that shrouds justice. Let your love be made evident in us. By your grace, may this community be like a city on a hill - a beacon of hope that cannot be hidden. **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.

*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.*

**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.**

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

**Sending Hymn**

*Go, Make Disciples*

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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**

*This Little Light of Mine*

Setting, Aaron David Miller

# Word of God, Come Down on Earth

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
 3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

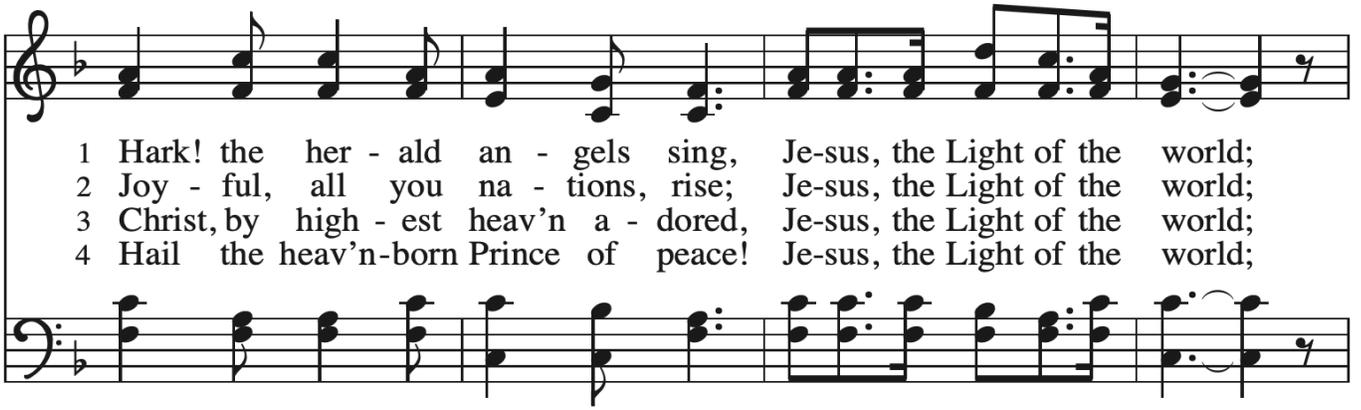
heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the  
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

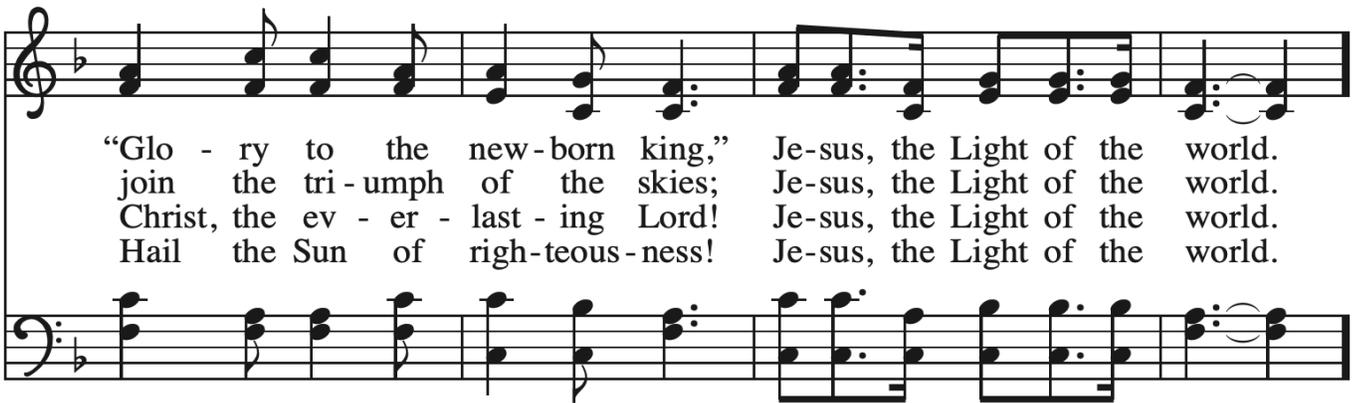
we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, si. b. 1919  
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673  
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# Jesus, the Light of the World



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;  
2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;  
3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;  
4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;

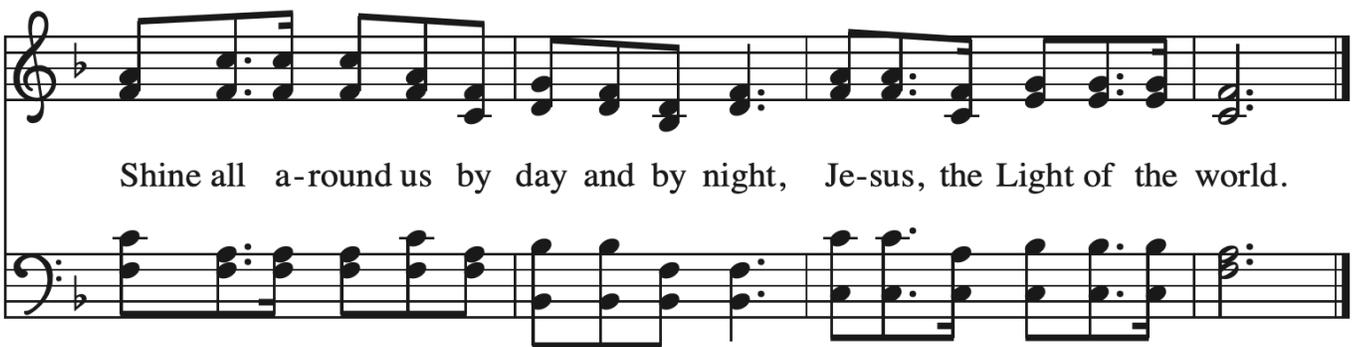


“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
Hail the Sun of right-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

## *Refrain*



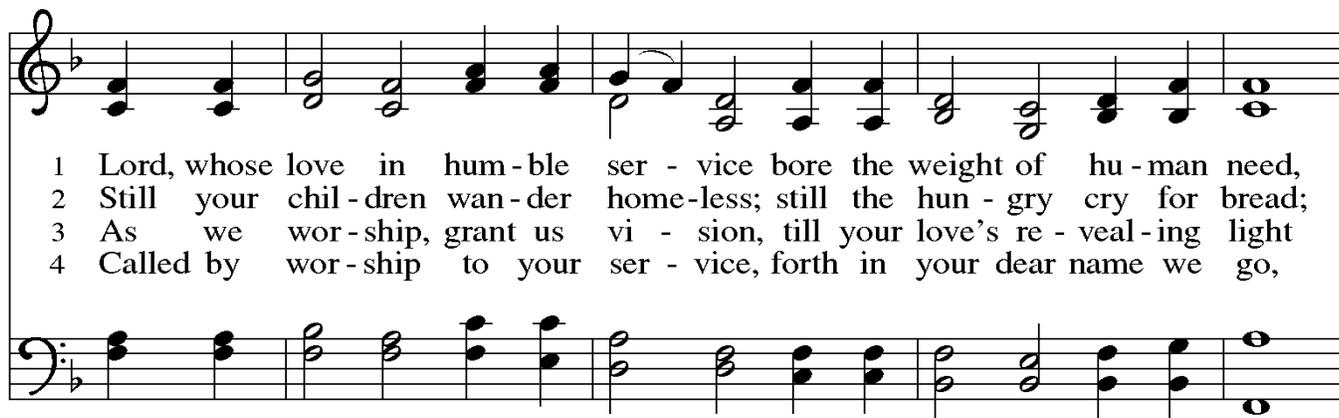
We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



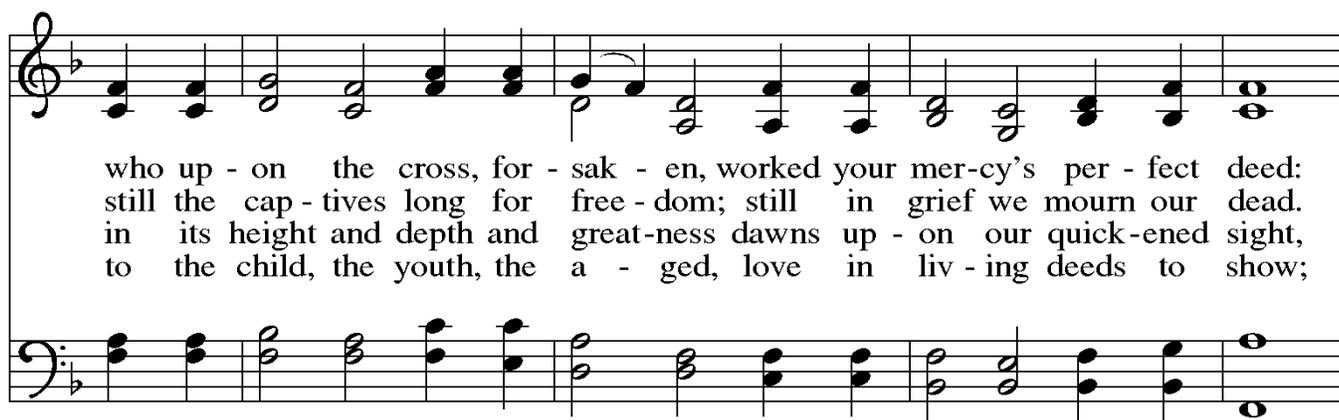
Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain  
Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

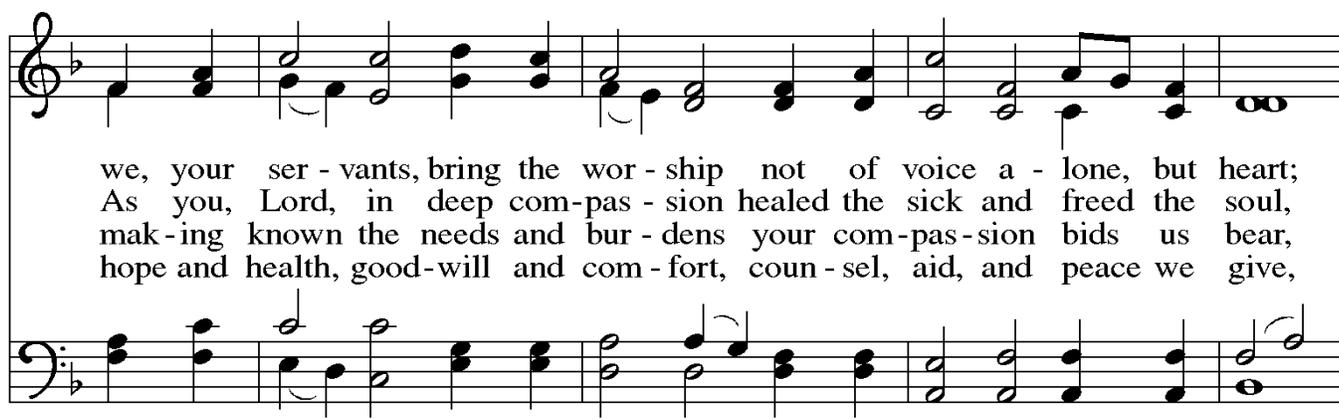
# Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



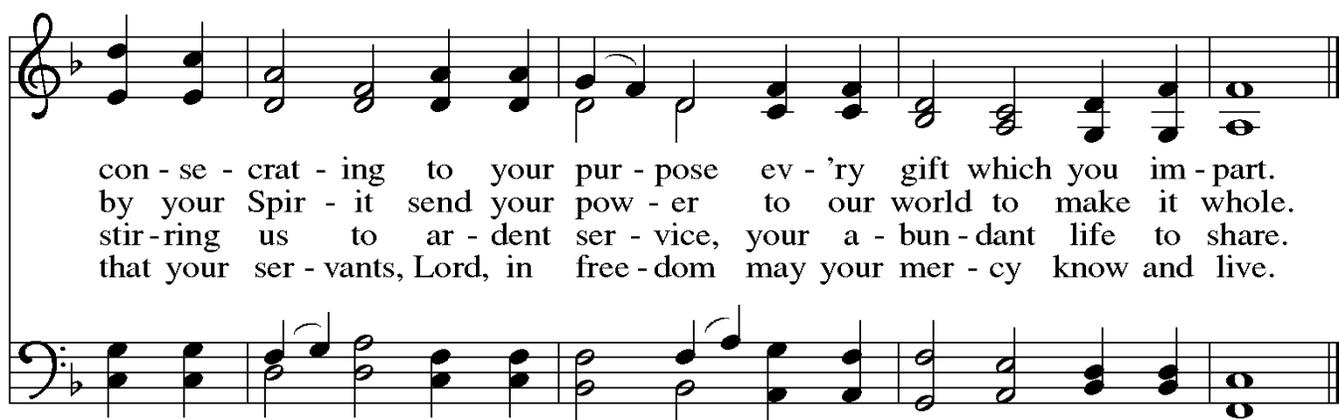
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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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 "pryground") 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 Karen Shoberg in memory of Larry Shoberg.

**Our annual congregation meeting** will be held today **Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 12:30 PM.**

## Information & Upcoming

**Have Fun and Support our St. Stephen Preschool** during our annual Winter Carnival **Sunday, February 22, 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."

### **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>.

**Women's Monthly Study** on **Thursday, February 12th** will be on Global Missions, led by Marie Nelson. Please join us at **1:00 pm** or **7:00 pm** in the library.

## St. Stephen Calendar: February 8-15 , 2026

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

### **SUNDAY, February 8 ~ 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)  
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**

### **MONDAY, February 9**

- 12:30 PM Kitchen Keepers  
1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference room)  
3:00 PM Finance committee (Library/ Conference Room)  
7:00 PM Book Study: Little Women (Library/Conference room)

### **TUESDAY, February 10**

- 10:15 AM Women’s retreat committee meeting (Library/ Conference room)  
2:00 PM Book Study: Little Women (Library/Conference room)  
6:00 PM Stephen Minister Class (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 PM Council Meeting (Library/conference room)

### **WEDNESDAY, February 11**

- 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, February 12**

- 1:00PM Women’s Study (Library/Conference room)  
5:15PM Faith5 Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship Space)  
7:00PM Women’s Study (Library/Conference room)

### **FRIDAY, February 13**

### **SATURDAY, February 14**

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

### **SUNDAY, February 15~ Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

- 8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)  
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## Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) Sandy Peterkin  
.....(11:00) Alina Dabel  
Altar Guild ..... (8:30) Nancy Eggloff  
..... (11:00)  
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Nancy Carter (11:00) Tobias and Liam Janke  
Bread Baker.....Paula Agor  
Cantors ..... (8:30)Karen Shoberg (11:00) Terri Larsen  
Communion Assistants .....(8:30) Sandy & Tom Peterkin  
..... (11:00) Marj Gottschalk-Trone and Cyndy Touhsaent  
Flower Delivery .....Nelia Lamoureux  
Greeters/Hosts .....(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00) Beth Grant  
Lectors..... (8:30) Paula Agor (11:00) Jon Hallman  
Pastor ..... Pastor Jon Nelson  
Tellers..... Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher and Jim Larsen  
Ushers.....(8:30) JR Lyons and John McCurry (11:00) Corey Knestrick and Russ Dabel

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