

# 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.



Second Sunday after Epiphany Jan 19, 2025

### For Your Prayers – Jan 20-26, 2025

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

Monday: Isaiah 54:1-8 Romans 12:9-21 Psalm 145

*Tuesday*: Song of Solomon 4:1-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-17 Psalm 145 *Wednesday*: Song of Solomon 4:9—5:1 Luke 5:33-39 Psalm 145

Thursday: Isaiah 61:1-7 Acts 8:18-24 Psalm 19

Friday Nehemiah 2:1-10 Romans 12:1-8 Psalm 19 Saturday: Nehemiah 5:1-13 Luke 2:39-52 Psalm 19

Next Sunday's Lessons Acts 9:1-22 Psalm 67 (3) Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 21:10-19

<u>Join your prayers for healing</u> with God's desires for Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Bob & Ginny Cummings, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Donna Kittelson, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, Helen Nelsen, Paul Reier and George Vonderheide.

<u>Pray for those unable to come to worship</u>: Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Pat Janot, Marilyn Johnson, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Susan, Charles Baugh, Donald and Carol Baum, Eleftheria Beck, Tom Beck, Sally Blackburn, June Brantley, Linda Bonfiglio, Mary Bloom, Tim Brown, Karin Cavanaugh, Chris Clarke, Amaree Cluff, Ruth Ann Coski, Judy Craun, Ginny Cummings, Judy Drezek, Becky Drury, Darrin and Rosemary Dunn, Tanya Fritz, David Gade, Joel Gillespie, Greg Gildner, Joan and John Goodhart, Charee Hampton, Mark Harbison, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Bradley, Kim, Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Lisa Hill, Jaxon Ireland, Claudia Jacobik, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Jenn Kramer, Chantal Lacroix, Judy Leister, Marnah Lund, Trish and Sara and Matthew Macerelli, Keara Mahony, Laura Margolin, Jack Mayfield, Doug MacKenzie, The Keith Meins family, Liz Montalvo, Ed Moninger, John Moravetz, Kim Morris, Bob Myers, Jeanette Osborn, Coral Pumley, Kurt Recktenwald, Kurtis Schultz, Lou Schuster, Inge Seiter, Pamela Sharp, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, George and Jewel Thomas, Charley Underdahl, Brenda Webster, Caleb Winig, and Elaine Wrich

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

#### Welcome

**Centering Music** 

Now We Join in Celebration

**Donald Busarow** 

#### **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,

our creator,

our protector,

our wellspring of life. Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act

with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,

that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine."

In + Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God. Amen.

**Gathering Song** 

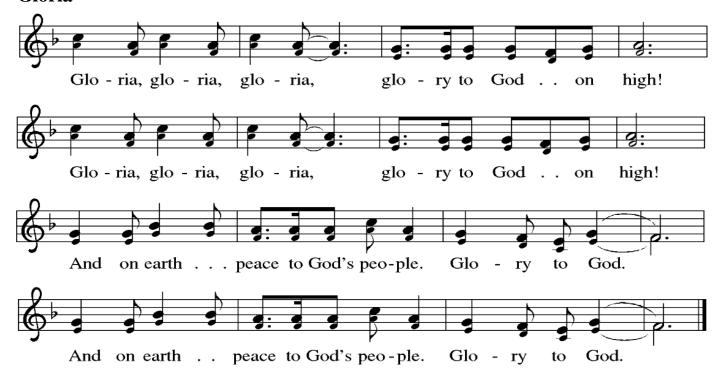
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW 310 Bulletin Page 12 **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**



#### Gloria



#### Prayer of the Day

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

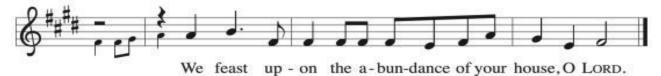
### II. Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

- <sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.
- <sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- <sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.
- <sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

**Psalm** Psalm 36:5-10



- <sup>5</sup> Your love, O LORD, reaches | to the heavens, and your faithfulness | to the clouds.
  - <sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like | the great deep; you save humankind and ani- | mals, O LORD. *Refrain*
  - <sup>7</sup> How priceless is your | love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow | of your wings.
  - <sup>8</sup> They feast upon the abundance | of your house; you give them drink from the river of | your delights.
  - <sup>9</sup> For with you is the | well of life, and in your light | we see light.
  - <sup>10</sup> Continue your lovingkindness to | those who know you, and your favor to those who are | true of heart. *Refrain*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

#### **Gospel Acclamation**



Gospel John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

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

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day** 

Essential Celebration
Silence for prayer and reflection.

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

Pastor Jon Nelson

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#### **Apostles' Creed**

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 power of 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

### **Prayers**

Each petition concludes, "God of grace." Response: "hear our prayer."

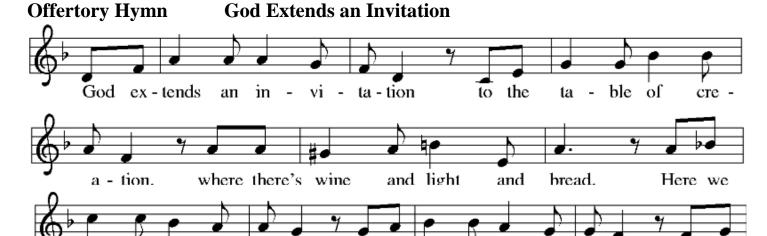
#### II. Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

### **Offering**

Offerings are gathered for the mission of the church: preaching and teaching the good news of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ, and caring for the poor. During the offering, the table is set for the Lord's Supper.

**Offering Music** 

8:30 Epiphany Carol 11:00 Come, Join in Cana's Feast Bruce Neswick Sally Ann Morris





### 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



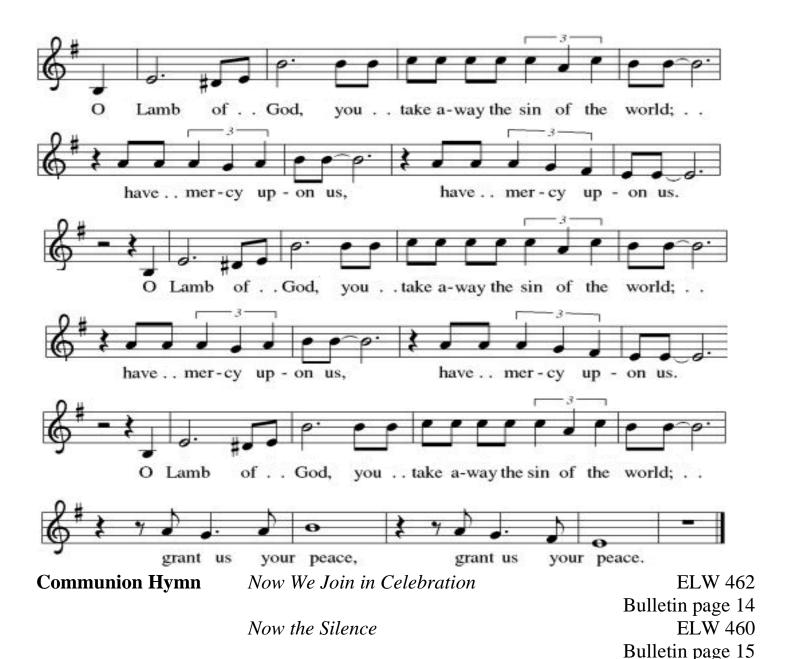
**Words of Institution** 

### 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. St. Stephen is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, so all are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper.



**Table Blessing** 

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.** 

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

**Sending Hymn** 

Arise, My Soul, Arise

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### **Blessing**

The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.** 

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** 

Now We Join in Celebration

**Edwin Childs** 

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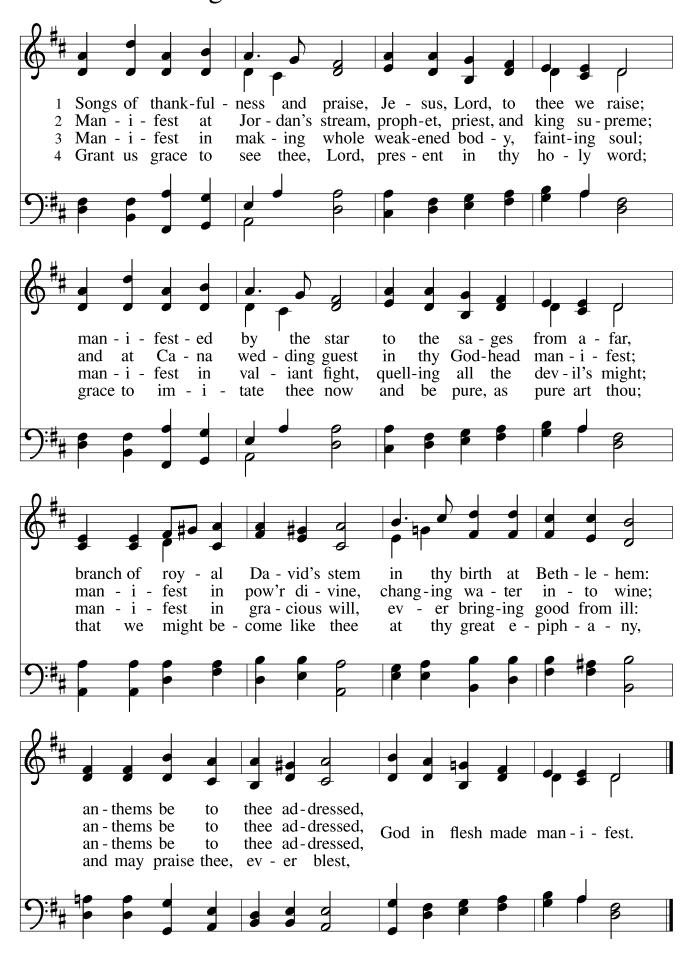
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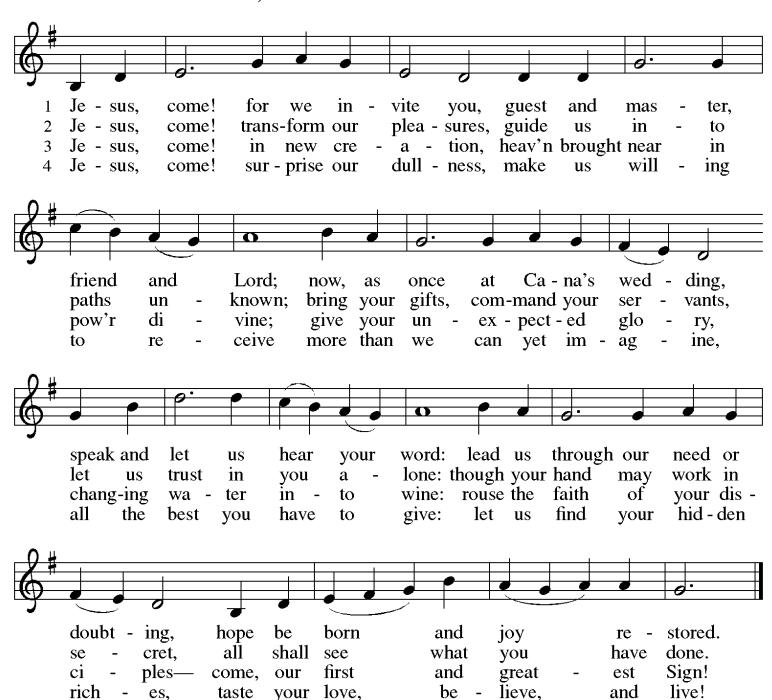
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## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



## Jesus, Come! For We Invite You



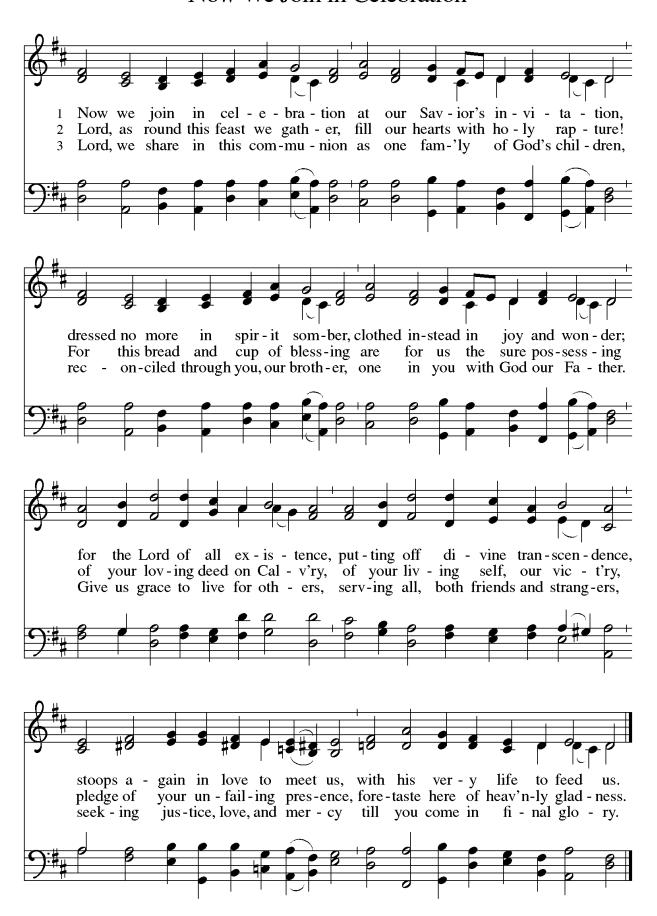
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### Now We Join in Celebration



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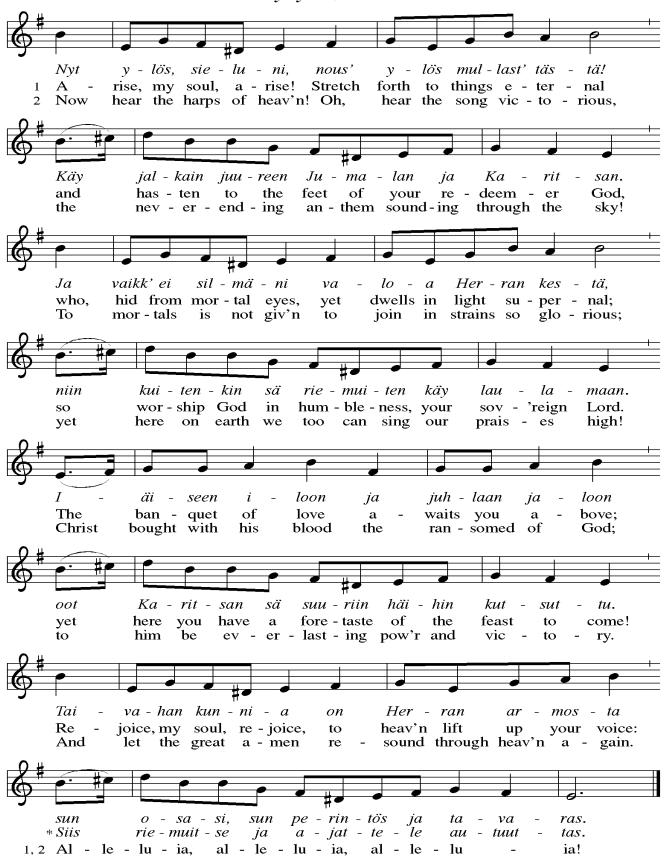
## Now the Silence



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### Arise, My Soul, Arise!

Nyt ylös, sieluni



<sup>\*</sup>The Finnish stanza repeats the last line of music.

### 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.

<u>Health Update</u>: 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 Pat and Stew Fretz in celebration of our 73rd wedding anniversary!

The preschool and church Office will be closed Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther king Jr day.

### **Upcoming**

<u>Have Fun and Support our St. Stephen Preschool</u> during our annual Winter Carnival Sunday, February 2, 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Tickets will be sold at the door. Bring family and friends.

<u>VA Synod Assembly Voting Members Needed</u>. The 2025 VA Synod Assembly will be June 13-15th. On top of the typical business of the Synod. At our January meeting St. Stephen will elect two voting members to attend Synod Assembly and two alternates (we will be electing one who identifies as male, and one who identifies as female) on behalf of St. Stephen. If you would like to be on the ballot at the January meeting for this position, please mark the White Sheet.

Our annual congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025 following the 11:00 AM worship service.

<u>Dining Small Groups Build Connections</u>: Sign Up Now For The Next Round, February - end of May 2025. Consisting of about 7-9 people, each dining group will set its own "approach" for meals, such as: dinner out, brunch or lunch at a group member's house, potluck after Sunday worship, take-out, etc. Do whatever works best for the group! Sign up on the bulletin insert or call the church office. Each group to meet three times between February and the end of May. Of course you are free to meet more often if that works for your group.

St. Stephen Volunteers needed as we partner with the Williamsburg United Methodist Church (WUMC) in this years Community Of Faith Mission(COFM) Homeless Emergency Shelter the week of February 16 – 23. As a Partner, St. Stephen has committed to staff and furnish meals for up to 25 Guests of the shelter for February 17 and 18. For each day, ten shelter staffing volunteers are required to fill varying shifts from 5:30PM until 8AM shifts (see sign-up schedule in the Gathering Space). Additionally, a minimum of two volunteers are needed to serve the dinner meal (5:30PM-8:30PM) and two volunteers are needed to serve the breakfast meal and distribute bag lunches (5:30AM-8AM). Again, the sign- up schedule is posted in the Gathering Space. Please sign up there or contact Hollie Jones at the church office if you are able to volunteer for any date(s) and shift(s), 757-229-6688.

<u>Cooks Needed</u> Since we shall be preparing a hot meal for supper and breakfast and a bagged lunch for the Guests, we need volunteers to cook and prep. Our Jeanne Garrison has graciously volunteered to coordinate food preparation and serving. Contact Jeanne, (423) 505-5397, or Hollie in the church office (757-229-6688) if you can help. More information is available in the Gathering space. All volunteers are required to have current Community of Faith Mission Training. (website, https://cofm.info, under the heading Host Sites & Darthers, Login, Password: Faith!)

### St. Stephen Calendar Jan 19-26, 2025

Our worship service is available on our website <u>www.saintstephenlutheran.net</u>, click on "Worship with Us" and "Services."

#### SUNDAY, Jan 19 - Second Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:00 AM Matins choir warm up (Worship Space)
- 8:30 AM Worship Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)
- 9:30 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 9:50 AM Adult Ed: Prayer for Xian Unity (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:50 AM AoB/HS: Catechism convo makeup (Library/Conference room)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation: Lesson (Undercroft/Preschool Room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship Holy Communion (livestreamed on Facebook live)

#### MONDAY, Jan 20

#### Office and Preschool Closed

1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)

#### TUESDAY, Jan 21

7:00 PM Preschool Committee Meeting (Library/conference room)

#### WEDNESDAY, Jan 22

- 7:00 PM Chancel Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### THURSDAY, Jan 23

- 11:00 AM Bulletin Review (Library/Conference room)
- 5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship Space)

### FRIDAY, Jan 24

### SATURDAY, Jan 25

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference Room)
- 5:30 PM Al-ANON Family Meeting (Gathering space)

### SUNDAY, Jan 26

- 8:00 AM Matins choir warm up (Worship Space)
- 8:30 AM Worship Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)
- 9:30 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 9:50 AM Adult Ed: Coffee & Conversation (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation: Music (Undercroft/Preschool Room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship Holy Communion (livestreamed on Facebook live)
- 12:00 PM Annual Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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

Acolyte/Crucifer	(8:30) Stan York
•	(11:00) Sonja Cave
	(8:30) Rosalie Frey
	(11:00)
	(8:30) Steve & Beth Grant (11:00) David Nelson
Bread Baker	Paula Agor
Cantors	(8:30) Ellen Bushman (11:00) Terri Larsen
Communion Assistants	(8:30) Stan York, Chris & Randy Punchard
	(11:00) Lori Harms, Sonja Cave
Flower Delivery	Karen Nester
Greeters/Hosts	(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00) Linda Vonderheide
Lectors	(8:30) Susan Williamson (11:00) Jeane Moore
Pastor	Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers	Jeanne Garrison and Linda Vonderheide
Ushers (8:30) Brian Agor and George Martin (11:00) Glenn Joppa & Jim Weilmuenster	

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### Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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## Welcome to St. Stephen Lutheran Church! Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Jan 19, 2025

Name:
For guests and members with changes:
Address (Home)
City/StateZip
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
Would like a Stephen Minister to contact me
Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

# **Prayer Requests**

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Please <b>add</b> to the prayer list in this month's bulletin and next month's <i>Quill</i> :
Name:
Please <b>remove</b> from prayer concerns:
Name:
I/We need a name tag:
I would like to be the Female voting member for the VA Synod
Assembly
I would like to be the alternate Female for the VA Synod Assembly
I would like to be the Male voting member for the VA Synod
Assembly
I would like to be the alternate for the Male for the VA Synod
Assembly
Dining Small Groups Sign Up:
Your Name (if signing up for more than one person, include names of all
participants):
Phone #:
Email:
I am willing to be the point of contact for my new dining small group: (circle
one)
Yes / No