



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.



Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Feb 23, 2025

For Your Prayers – Feb 24- March 2 , 2025

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Genesis 33:1-17; 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 ;Psalm 38

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 24:1-22 ;1 Corinthians 11:17-22,27-33 Psalm 38

Wednesday: Leviticus 5:1-13; Luke 17:1-4 ;Psalm 38

Thursday: Deuteronomy 9:1-5 ;Acts 3:11-16 ;Psalm 99

Friday Deuteronomy 9:6-14 ; Acts 10:1-8 ;Psalm 99

Saturday: Deuteronomy 9:15-24; Luke 10:21-24 ;Psalm 99

Next Sunday's Lessons: Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 (9) 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2
Luke 9:28-36[37-43a]

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

Pray for those unable to come to worship: **Ailene Bartlett, Martin Bleck, Birdie Burton, 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, Robi Bayard, Sally Blackburn, June Brantley, Mary Bloom, Tim Brown, Raymond Bunn, Karin Cavanaugh, Chris Clarke, Amaree Cluff, Ruth Ann Coski, Judy Craun, Ginny Cummings, Judy Drezek, Becky Drury, Darrin and Rosemary Dunn, Tanya Fritz, Hollis Fulton, David Gade, Joel Gillespie, Greg Gildner, Joan and John Goodhart, Jonathan Hallman, 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, Judy Leister, Marnah Lund, Keara Mahony, Jim Monteith, Laura Margolin, Jack Mayfield, Doug MacKenzie, The Keith Meins family, Liz Montalvo, Mia Monteith, Ed Moninger, Kim Morris, Bob Myers, Jeanette Osborn, Coral Pumley, Kurt Recktenwald, Kurtis Schultz, Lou Schuster, Sam Scovill, Inge Seiter, Pamela Sharp, Vasili Soutoukis, Kenneth & Laura Spencer, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, George and Jewel Thomas, Charley Underdahl, Brenda Webster, Caleb Winig, and Elaine Wrich

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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

Welcome

Centering Music *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* Mitchell and Sandra Eithun

Handbell ringers: 8:30 Sandy Johnson, Paul Reier, George Martin, Sandy Reed-Bryant

11:00 Kris Eichelberger, Jane DeSolms, Marj Gottschalk, Terri Larsen

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.**

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

Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .
mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on
us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Gloria



Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

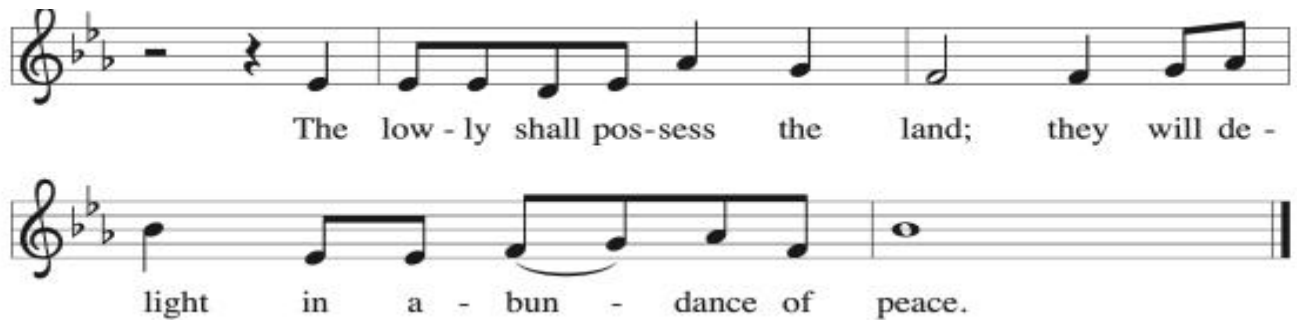
⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to

poverty.”¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40



¹ Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.

² **For they shall soon wither ¹ like the grass,
and like the green grass ¹ fade away.**

³ Put your trust in the LORD ¹ and do good;
dwell in the land and ¹ find safe pasture.

⁴ **Take delight ¹ in the LORD,
who shall give you your ¹ heart's desire. Refrain**

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust ¹ in the LORD,
and see what ¹ God will do.

⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear ¹ as the light
and the justice of your case like the ¹ noonday sun.**

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait ¹ patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in ¹ evil schemes.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on - ¹ ly to evil. Refrain**

⁹ For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos - ¹ sess the land.

¹⁰ **In a little while the wicked shall ¹ be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will ¹ not be there.**

¹¹ But the lowly shall pos - ¹ sess the land;
they will delight in abun - ¹ dance of peace.

³⁹ **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from ¹ you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in ¹ time of trouble.**

⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and ¹ rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you ¹ they seek refuge. **Refrain**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

Gospel Acclamation

A-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

A-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

A-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya,
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,

a-le-lu-ya! A-le-lu-ya!
al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

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

[Jesus said:] ²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

Sermon

The Platinum Rule
Silence for prayer and reflection.

Pastor Jon Nelson

Hymn of the Day

In All Our Grief

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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.

Offertory Hymn

God Extends an Invitation

God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -
 a - tion. where there's wine and light and bread. Here we
 gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the
 feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Offertory Prayer

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.**

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 ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,
 God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,
 God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on
 earth. Blest is he who comes in the
 name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.
 Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

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.

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

Communion Hymn

Mercy, We Abide in you

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Blessed Be God, Who Forgives

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

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

Sending Hymn

O Day of Peace

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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

O Day of Peace

Mark Sedio

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

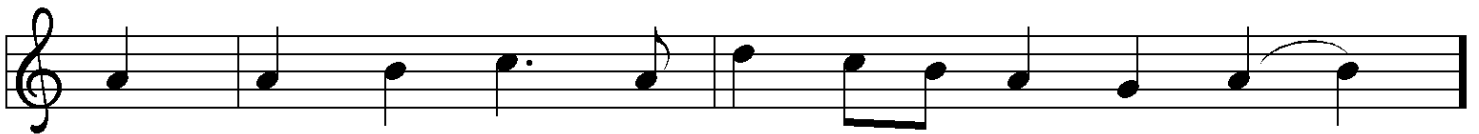
In All Our Grief



1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.
2 Help us to put a - side the an - gry word,
3 You did not e - ven spare your on - ly Son.
4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,



O God, you know all that we think or do,
the clench - ing fist, the wish and will to hurt.
He lived our griefs and bore all e - vil done,
then let us know that you in truth are near



you know the pain we put each oth - er through.
Teach us the way in which love best is served.
but through his cross, re - demp - tion has been won.
and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

Refrain



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, grant us peace.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: FREDERICKTOWN, Charles R. Anders, b. 1929

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Mercy, We Abide in You

Refrain — All *Fine*

Mer - cy, we a - bide in you. Stir in us, we pray.

Leader

1 In peace, may we as - sem - ble. In
 2 For all who suf - fer in war, for
 3 We are bro - ken, long - ing for peace, for -

Assembly

Hm Stir in us, we

peace, may we u - nite. In peace, may we be
 all who strug - gle for com - fort, for all who slum - ber in
 give - ness, flow a - mong us. May we be rec - on -

pray. Stir in us, we pray.

Refrain

whole.
 ease.
 ciled.

Move with - in each heart.

Stir in us, we pray.

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957
 Music: MERCY, WE ABIDE, Bret Hesla
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Blessed Be God, Who Forgives

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Bless-ed be God, who for - gives all our sins, who
heals all our ills, who crowns us with mer - cy and love.

Text: *Life Passages*, Renewing Worship 4
Music: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960
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O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.
as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease,
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: JERUSALEM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918

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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 Bill Dichtel and Diana Tiller-Dichtel to the glory of God.

Bingo & Potluck. It's been a while since we have had FUN together, SO...**today February 23** we will meet for food and fun. **We'll start with Bingo at 4:00PM followed by a potluck ~5:00PM.** Bring a dish to share and a white elephant prize for our BINGO game. It should just be something you have left around your house and can be for children, teenagers, or adults.

Upcoming

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5

- **12:15 PM:** Ashes-to-Go. Please call the church when here. 757-229-6688
- **6:30 PM:** Worship at St. Stephen, featuring the invitation to observe Lent, ashes, and Holy Communion.

Wednesday evenings in Lent, March 12th, 19th, 26th April 2nd, 9th and 16th at St. Stephen:

- **5:30 PM** – Soup 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:** Lenten Midweek Service.

National Cathedral Trip. We are gauging interest in a trip to the National Cathedral in Washington DC for a tour in early May. Sign up on the bulletin insert to express your interest and get details as they are planned. Cost will be ~\$70, including bus, tour, and lunch.

Support our St. Stephen Preschool fund at our Shrove Tuesday PJs & Pancakes Supper Tuesday, March 4th from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 per person(children 2 and under are free) for fellowship and pancakes. Our Preschoolers invite you to join in their fun as they wear their PJs to have dinner! Can you help in the kitchen or with ticket sales? Please mark the green sheet if you are able to attend and if you are able to help.

Gardening! It's time to start thinking about getting into the garden again. The daffodils are starting to bud! We are always looking for more folks to join the team. We divided the number of volunteers into teams and assign weeks. On your team's week you are responsible for weeding, watering and dead heading the flowers beds around the church and the meditation garden. Many hands make for light work and being in the garden is great therapy! Let Chris Punchard know if you're interested in joining a team, or contact the office.

Service Mowers As the weather will get warmer next month and the church grass will start growing, we will need to think about our mowing season. So if anyone would like to have some fun for about an hour, we could use some volunteers who will be needed to perform this mowing task. With the size of the mowing team, it usually works out that you would only have to mow 2-3 times the whole season. So if you would like to join a fun group, please contact Randy Punchard or sign up on the insert.

St. Stephen Calendar Feb 23-March 2, 2025

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

SUNDAY, Feb 23

- 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 AoB/HS/Adult Ed.: SMCC Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 AM Faith Formation: Lesson/Music (Undercroft/Preschool Room)
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on Facebook live)
4:00 PM Bingo and Potluck (Fellowship Hall)
5:00 PM LSA Bible Study & Dinner (College Room)

MONDAY, Feb 24

- 10:00 PM Staff meeting (Pastor Office)**
1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)
3:00 PM Stephen Ministry meeting
7:00 PM Book Study “Killers of the Flower Moon” (Library/Conference Room)

TUESDAY, Feb 25

- 1:30PM Book Study “Killers of the Flower Moon” (Library/Conference Room)
6:00 PM Preschool Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, Feb 26

- 8:55 AM Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM Chancel Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, Feb 27

- 11:00 AM Bulletin Review (Library/Conference room)
5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (worship space)
6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Class

FRIDAY, Feb 28

SATURDAY, March 1

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

SUNDAY, March 2

- 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 AoB/HS/Adult Ed.: Catechism (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 AM Faith Formation: Lesson (Undercroft/Preschool Room)
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11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on Facebook live)
5:00 PM LSA Bible Study & Dinner (College Room)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....	(8:30) Sandy Peterkin
.....	(11:00)
Altar Guild	(8:30) Amy Bergh and Diane McCurry
.....	(11:00)
Audio-Visual Team.....	(8:30) Steve & Beth Grant (11:00) Charles Osborn
Bread Baker.....	Janice Svendsen
Cantors	(8:30) Randy Punchard (11:00) Marj Gottschalk-Trone
Communion Assistants	(8:30) Tom & Sandy Peterkin
.....	(11:00) Keith & Nancy Egloff
Flower Delivery	Karen Nester
Greeters/Hosts	(8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) Alison Carney
Lectors.....	(8:30) Sandy Peterkin (11:00) Cyndy Touhsaent
Pastor.....	Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers.....	Tom & Sandy Peterkin and Sandy Croushore
Ushers.....	(8:30) Reed & Karen Nester
.....	(11:00) Sonya Lim, Christopher Turner and Glenn Joppa

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