



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.



Transfiguration of Our Lord
March 2, 2025

For Your Prayers –March 3-9 , 2025

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Exodus 35:1-29 Acts 10:9-23a Psalm 35:11-28

Tuesday: Ezekiel 1:1—2:1 Acts 10:23b-33 Psalm 35:11-28

Wednesday: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thursday: Exodus 5:10-23 Acts 7:30-34 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

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

Saturday: Exodus 6:1-13 Acts 7:35-42 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Next Sunday's Lessons: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (11) Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **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, 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: Susan, Charles Baugh, Donald and Carol Baum, Gary Baumgarten, Robi Bayard, Sally Blackburn, June Brantley, Mary Bloom, Tim Brown, Raymond Bunn, Karin Cavanaugh, Chris Clarke, Amaree Cluff, Ruth Ann Coski, Judy Craun, 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, Trish Macerelli, Laura Margolin, Jack Mayfield, Doug MacKenzie, Jimmy Mitchell, 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 Soultoukis, Kenneth & Laura Spencer, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, George and Jewel Thomas, Charley Underdahl, Brenda Webster, Caleb Winig, and Elaine Wrich.

Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

Welcome

Centering Music

Fairest Lord Jesus

Joel Raney

Prayer of Confession

(by Moira Laidlaw, on Liturgies Online. Based on Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-9, Luke 9:28-36)

Lord Jesus Christ, God's glory and love shone through you that day on the mountain and you persisted in revealing that glory and love through your words and deeds; through your life of humble service. We hear again these wonderful words of God "You are my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!" We confess our failure to listen to you because of the influence on our lives of the gods of this world. When this happens our attitudes conceal rather than reveal your glory and your love.

If we conceal your love because our pursuit of other priorities prevents us from seeing and serving people in need: **forgive us, Lord.**

If we conceal your glory because all we reflect is our own self-centeredness: **forgive us, Lord**

If we conceal your truth through our lack of credible witness: **forgive us, Lord.**

If we conceal your justice through our failure to empower those who are powerless: **forgive us, Lord.**

If we conceal your mercy because of our hard and unforgiving attitudes: **forgive us, Lord.**

If we conceal your compassion because of our prejudice and intolerance: **forgive us, Lord.**

Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse our lives of all shameful attitudes of mind and heart so that we reveal your glory in and through all we do and say and are. This we pray in your name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (based on 2 Corinthians 4:6)

It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness" who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. The good news is that we are not only enlightened by our belief in Christ, we are cleansed and we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Gathering Song

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

ELW 317

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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

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

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our 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*

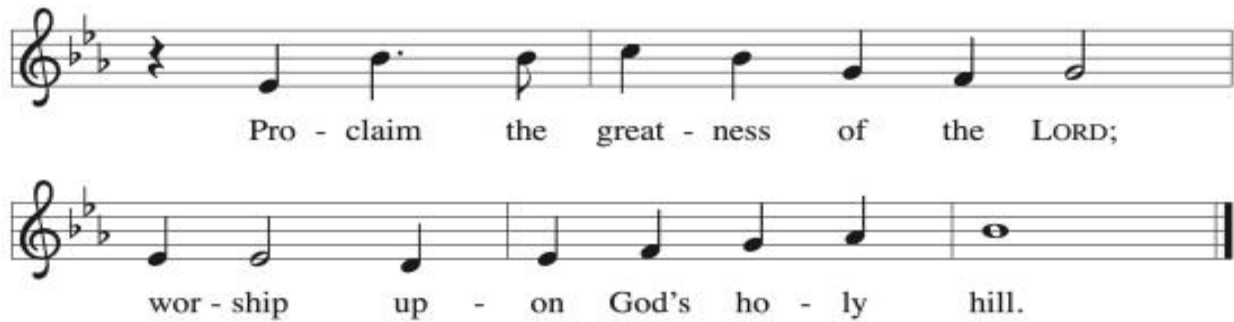
Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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



¹ The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

² **The LORD, | great in Zion,
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. *Refrain***

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;
God is the | Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon
your | name, O LORD,**

they called upon you, and you | answered them,

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One. *Refrain*

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord,

the Spirit. ^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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 9:28-36 [37-43a]

The conversation about Jesus’ suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus’ identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

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

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. ³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only

child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹ Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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

Sermon

God’s Weighty Glory
Silence for prayer and reflection.

Pastor Jon Nelson

Hymn of the Day

Dazzling Presence on the Mountain

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Affirming Our Faith *(20th century South African creed)*

Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom.

We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.

True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ. **This is our faith. This is our hope. Amen.**

Prayers

Each petition concludes, “God of grace.” Response: **“hear our prayer.”**

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

Offering

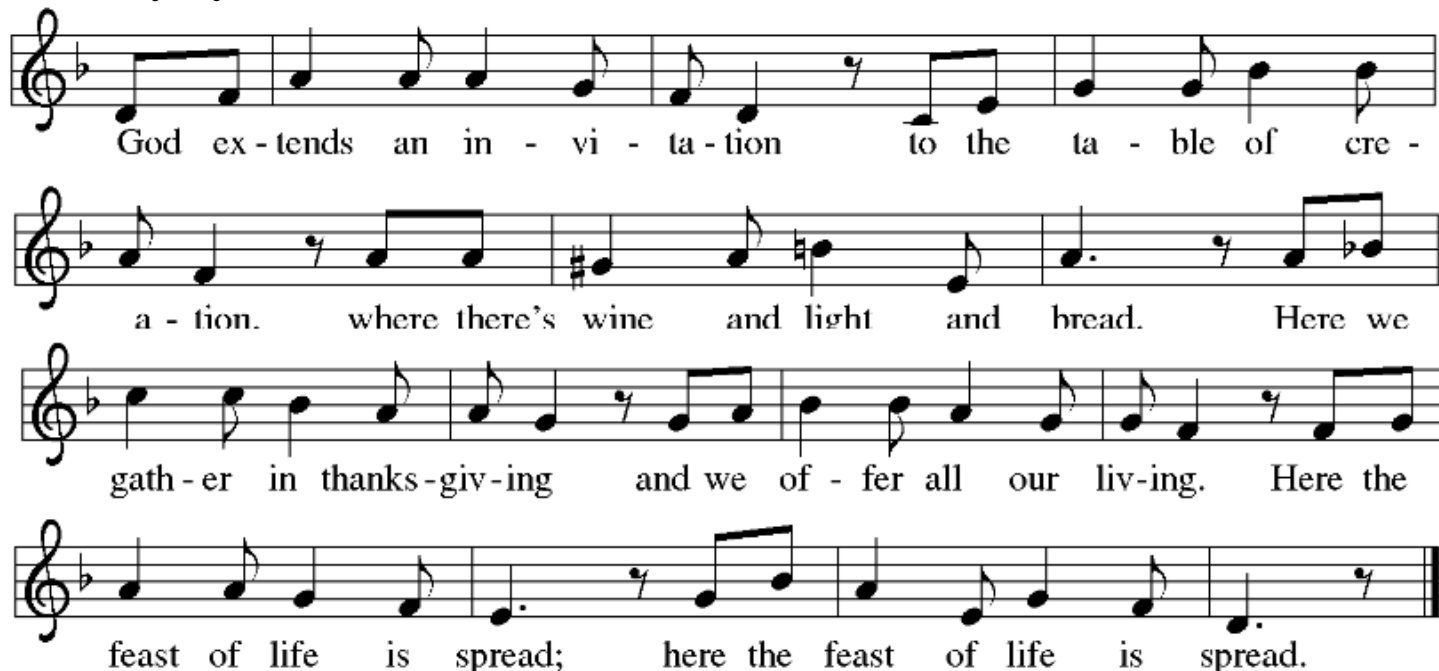
Offerings are gathered for the mission of the church: preaching and teaching the good news of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ, and caring for the poor. During the offering, the table is set for the Lord’s Supper.

Offering Music

Christ Upon the Mountain Stands

Robert W. Lehman

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 in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our brokenness should give way to your own weighty glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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

Come, Beloved of the Maker

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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

We Are Marching in the Light

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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

This Little Light of Mine

Mark Hayes

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in
 2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph-ets and the law
 in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
 sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.

join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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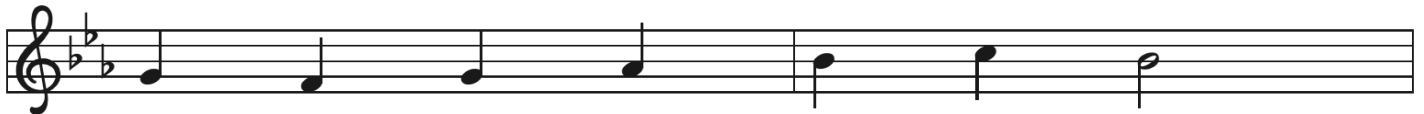
Dazzling Presence on the Mountain



1 Daz - zling pres - ence on the moun - tain: hu - man eye had
 2 From this mount of mys - tic splen - dor to the cross Christ
 3 From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his
 4 Let our praise ring from each moun - tain, in - to deep - est



nev - er seen such a won - der, such re - splen - dence,
 press - es on; here no Mo - ses nor E - li - jah,
 world, re - deemed; as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions,
 val - leys pour, where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice,



heav'n and earth in cloud con - vene.
 on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - dorn.
 brings us now to sights un - seen.
 we a - dore Christ ev - er - more.



"This is my Son, the be - lov - ed," thun - d'rous voice from
 "Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy," was one's pen - i -
 Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - pas - sion: these the booths he
 To the Son, God's own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it



cloud ex - claimed. Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion,
 ten - tial sigh. With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance,
 bids us build, that the earth he loves may flour - ish
 end - less - ly, may the church's praise be lift - ed



to dis - ci - ples God pro - claimed.
 Christ re - joins his fer - vent cry.
 as each life with grace is filled.
 to the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', nyen' kwen - khos'

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ oo _____

We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba
 We are march - ing

oo
 oo

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Come, Beloved of the Maker



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



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



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

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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 Janice & Jim Mayfield to the glory of God.

Reminder: Building Access During Preschool Hours: Please remember not to let anyone into the building with you between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM, while our preschool program is in session. For anyone who does not have a key fob, please have them ring the doorbell, and one of our staff members will assist them in gaining entry. This is a crucial safety measure to ensure that only authorized individuals are allowed in the building. We keep detailed records of all our families and are familiar with who is permitted to enter. Please use the Office side door if possible and avoid using the Front Red doors during preschool hours. Thank you for understanding the importance of this policy and for helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

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

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!

- **6:30 PM:** Lenten Midweek Service. “The 5 Senses”

❖ **March 12- Sight**

❖ **March 19- Sound**

❖ **March 26- Scent**

❖ **April 2- Touch**

❖ **April 9- Taste**

Maundy Thursday : 6:30 PM at St. Stephen:

Pastor Gerry Johnson will preach

Good Friday: 6:30 PM at Our Saviors:

Pastor Jon Nelson will Preach

Easter Vigil: 8:00PM at St. Stephen

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.

Kitchen Keepers will meet the first Monday every month at **3:00PM**. If you are interested in helping, please show up at the church.

Liberation Theology reading group. Starting in March **we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00PM** to discuss a reading from Liberation Theology. We will begin by gathering on Thursday, March 13th ready to discuss Part One of “A Theology of Liberation” by Gustavo Gutierrez (available to check out from openlibrary.org). For an email reminder, sign up on the insert.

St. Stephen Calendar March 2- 9, 2025

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

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)
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on Facebook live)
5:00 PM LSA Bible Study & Dinner (College Room)

MONDAY, March 3

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

TUESDAY, March 4

- 8:00 AM Women’s Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)
1:30PM Book Study “Killers of the Flower Moon” (Library/Conference Room)
5-7 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, March 5

- 8:55 AM Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 PM Soup and Bread Supper (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service (Worship Space)
7:00 PM Chancel Rehearsal (Worship Space)
7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, March 6

- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)
11:00 AM Bulletin Review (Library/Conference room)
6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Class

FRIDAY, March 7

SATURDAY, March 8

- 2:00 PM “Killers of the Flower Moon” Movie watch and discussion (Fellowship hall)
5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference Room)
5:30 PM Al-ANON Family Meeting (Gathering space)

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Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....	(8:30) John McCurry
.....	(11:00) David Nelson
Altar Guild	(8:30) Rosalie Frey and Diane McCurry
.....	(11:00) Pam Buckley and Heidi Flatin
Audio-Visual Team.....	(8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) Mike Morgan
Bread Baker.....	Karen Schlicht
Cantors	(8:30) Ellen Bushman (11:00) Jon Hallman
Communion Assistants	(8:30) Diane McCurry and Rosalie Frey
.....	(11:00) Sandy Croushore and Emily Rossiter
Flower Delivery	Rosemary Stimson
Greeters/Hosts	(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00) Ned Neidlinger
Lectors.....	(8:30) Reed Nester (11:00) Rosemary Stimson
Pastor.....	Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers.....	Jane Gingerich, Ursula Recktenwald and Russ White
Ushers.....	(8:30) Tom and Sandy Peterkin (11:00) George Bass and Sonya Lim

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Telephone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

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I belong to _____

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