

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.

26th Sunday after Pentecost Nov 17, 2024 Lectionary readings for this week: *Monday:* Daniel 8:1-14 Hebrews 10:26-31 Psalm 13 *Tuesday*: Daniel 8:15-27 Hebrews 10:32-39 Psalm 13 *Wednesday*: Zechariah 12:1—13:1 Mark 13:9-23 Psalm 13 *Thursday:* Ezekiel 28:1-10 Acts 7:54—8:1a Psalm 93 *Friday* Ezekiel 28:20-26 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 Psalm 93 *Saturday*: Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18 John 3:31-36 Psalm 93 *Next Sunday's* Lessons: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93 (2); Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for Karen Arledge, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Marcie Clark, Bob Cummings, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Donna Kittelson, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, Helen Nelsen 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, Sharon Brown, Linda Bonfiglio, Mary Bloom, Amy Carl, Karin Cavanaugh, Chris Clarke, Amaree Cluff, Ruth Ann Coski, Judy Craun, Judy Drezek, Becky Drury, Darrin and Rosemary Dunn, Time Ebel, David Gade, Joel Gillespie, Greg Gildner, Joan and John Goodhart, 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, Marnah Lund, Trish and Sara and Matthew Macerelli, Keara Mahony, Laura Margolin, Jack Mayfield, Doug MacKenzie, The Keith Meins family, Liz Montalvo, Ed Moninger, Mya Moore, Kim Morris, Bob Myers, Silvana Oderisi, Coral Pumley, Kurt Recktenwald, Kurtis Schultz, Lou Schuster, Inge Seiter, Pamela Sharp, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, Brenda Webster, Caleb Winig, Elaine Wrich and Warren Wright.

26th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering MusicJesus, Still Lead OnDonald 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 refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

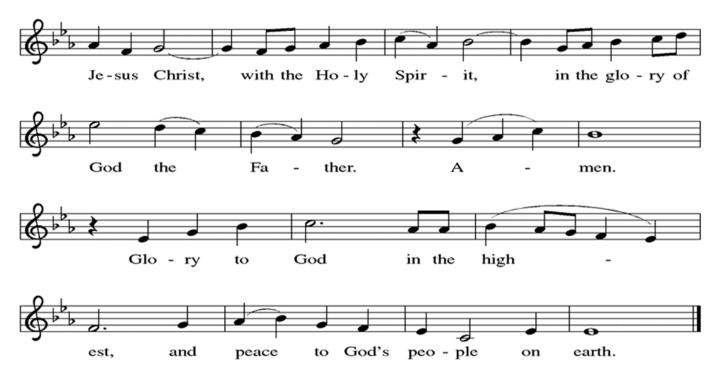
These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn Jesus, Still Lead On

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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.**





Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

¹ "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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

Psalm



for- [|] evermore. *Refrain*

Second Reading

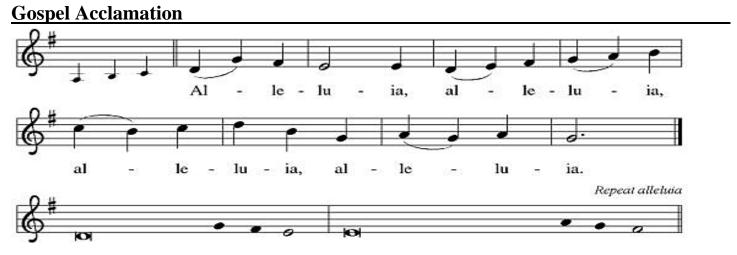
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," ¹⁷ he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] ¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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



Be alert | at all times,* praying that you may have the strength to stand before the | Son of Man. (Luke 23:36)

Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

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

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against

nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

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

Sermon	In nomine Iesu Silence for prayer and reflection.	Pastor James Nickols
Hymn of the Day	O God of Every Nation	ELW 713 Bulletin page 13

New Member Welcome

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Prayers

Each petition concludes, "Merciful God," Response: "receive our prayer."

III. 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 of Music	All Shall Be Well	Schulz-Widmar
	Marie Nelson, Cello	

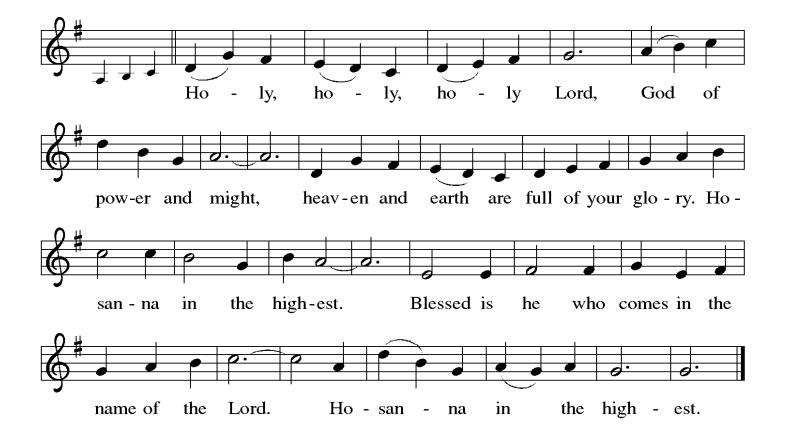
Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **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 on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



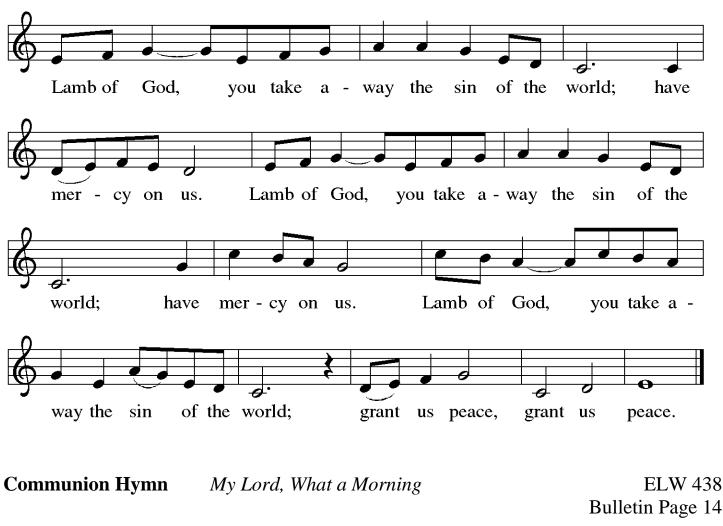
Words of Institution

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.



Nothing Can Trouble

Though the Earth Shall Change

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

Sending Hymn	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	ELW 632
		Bulletin page16

<u>Blessing</u> The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, + bless you now and forever. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. Thanks be to God.

Postlude O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Jan Bender

Thank you to our Guest Pastor James Nickols.

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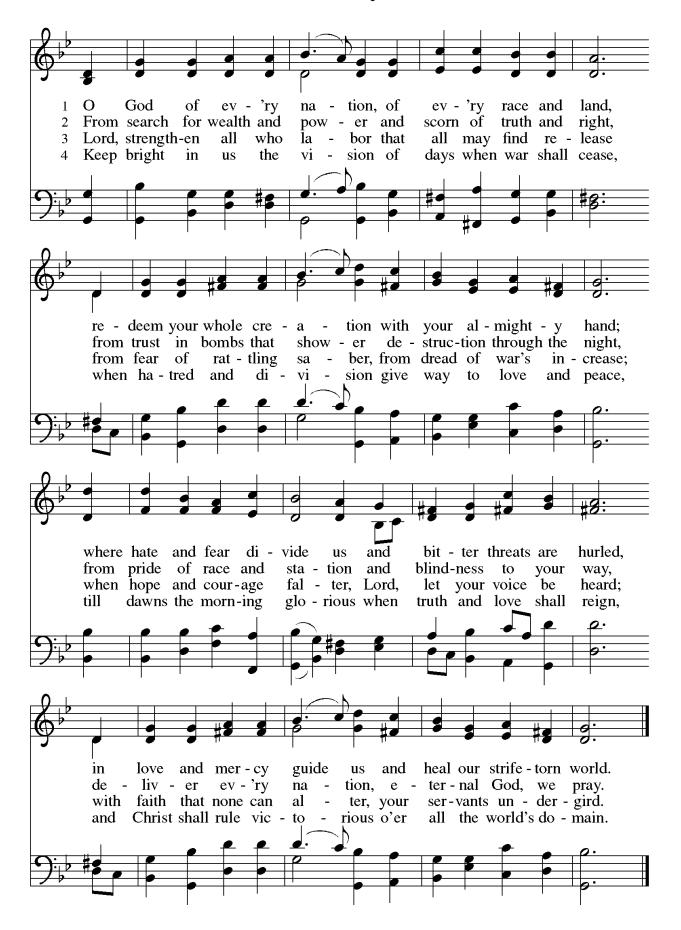
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Jesus, Still Lead On



O God of Every Nation



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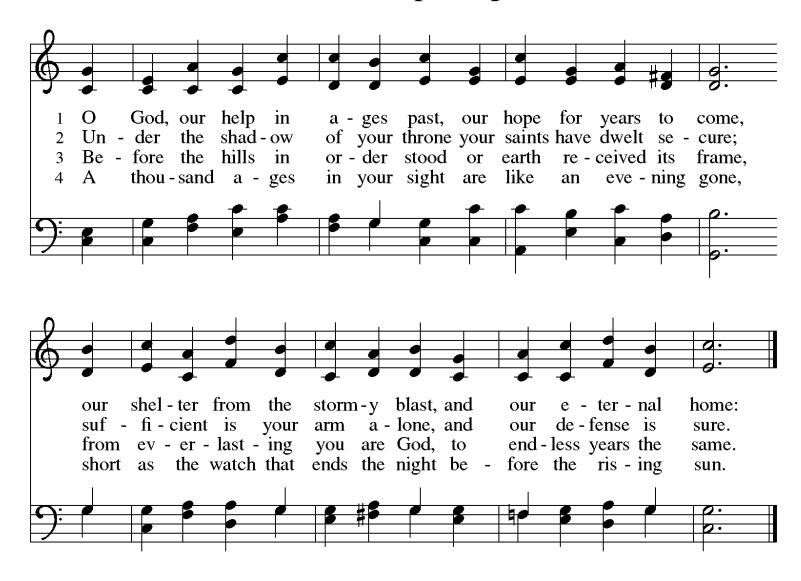
My Lord, What a Morning



Nothing Can Trouble Nada te turbe



O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

As We Gather

Restrooms & First Aid

- A gender-neutral, family restroom and a Women's restroom can be found in the hallway behind our Worship Space.
- Additional Men's and Women's restrooms can be found on the lower level of the church building.
- A first aid kit and an A.E.D. can be found hanging on the wall in the hallway behind our Worship Space.

Live-streaming

We regularly live-stream our services and cannot guarantee that you will not appear on our YouTube channel. Sitting in the East Wing or the NE section of the Worship Space will minimize your chances of being on screen. We can also bring communion to you if you inform an usher of that desire.

Parents! Thanks for bringing your children to worship.

- Did you know that intergenerational worship is the single most important activity encouraging children's faith formation? (See vibrantfaith.org)
- When parents and children need to take a break for a few minutes, there's a play area (aka "prayground") with toys and books in the East wing of the Worship Space.
- Age-appropriate activity bags are available in the Gathering Space ask an usher for assistance.

Assistance is Available for You:

- An induction loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T."
- ◆ Large print worship materials are available ask an usher.

Health Update: We always encourage you to monitor yourself for symptoms of illness and to worship from home if you are experiencing any. We have masks and hand sanitizer available for use in our building should you require.

What's Happening Today

Flowers this morning are given today by Bill Dichtel and Diana Tiller-Dichtel in memory of Bill and Ruth Dichtel.

<u>New members Welcome</u> during service today we will welcome new members to our congregation. We will have cake between services in the Gathering Spaces.

<u>Andy Ballentine</u> was in the Williamsburg Next Door Neighbors magazine (page 42-44) about the Bicycle Co-Op of Williamsburg and Books. He mentions St. Stephen and his journey that brought him to Williamsburg and to biking and giving back. <u>https://www.williamsburgneighbors.com/issues/november-2024/</u>

Upcoming

New Women's Group Beginning in January. We are kicking off a new monthly Women's Group in January! Momentum from our fall St. Stephen Women's Retreat inspired this path forward. The group's emphasis is to nurture one another on our faith journeys, continuing to explore and learn through spiritual development, study, discussion, and growth. Facilitated by St. Stephen member Sandy Johnson and using a shared leadership model, the group sessions will be on the second Thursday of each month. To best accommodate as many interested folks as possible, we will offer both an afternoon and an evening session. First Session: Thursday, January 9, 2025; Location: St. Stephen library; Choice of Times: 12:30-2:00 PM or 7:00-8:30 PM

No registration required. Just come and bring a friend! If you want to join the new group but foresee a barrier to accessibility keeping you from doing so, please let us know and we will do our best to support your participation. Questions? Reach out to Ina Berkey.

<u>Poinsettias and Jean Kuhn Memorial Fund</u>. Please let the Office know if you want to order poinsettias for Christmas Eve (\$21.00 each) and/or contribute to the Jean Kuhn Memorial Fund for Christmas. This fund helps with those ministries needing assistance during the year for which we have not budgeted. **Deadline for poinsettias is Monday, November 25.**

Preschool Spirit Night @ Blaze Pizza. Order from **Blaze Pizza** on **Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 4:00PM-9:00PM and mention St. Stephen Preschool** and we will receive 20% of your total bill from dine-in, take-out, or delivery. All funds raised will go towards our scholarship fund.

HART Multifaith Thanksgiving Service 7pm Sunday November 24th at Walsingham Academy. All are welcome.

<u>Church Office & Preschool Closed.</u> Both the Church Office and Preschool will be closed **Nov. 27-29** in observance of Thanksgiving.

<u>Committee chairs, Council officers and staff: Annual Reports for 2023</u> are due to the church office no later than Monday, December 23. Please send your annual reports electronically to Parish Administrator Hollie Jones

2024 TOY / GIFT DRIVE FOR GREATER WILLIAMSBURG AREA CHILDREN Buy a gift, It can be of your own choosing, any gift, safe, new, and not gift wrapped. It should be age-appropriate, including toys and small electronics (no gift cards). Bring the toys to St. Stephen and leave them in the gathering space or in the box outside the office. If you wish to donate money please make checks payable to St.



Stephen Lutheran Church and in the memo put WHOM toy drive. Cash donations should be in an envelope with the same designation in the offering plate or the locked mail box outside the church. Deadline is Dec 1st. Any questions please reach out to Jim Ivey.

St. Stephen Calendar -Nov 17-24, 2024

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

SUNDAY, Nov 17

- 8:30 AM Worship Holy Communion (live-streamed on our YouTube channel)
- 9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 9:50 AM Adult Ed: Native Nations: Standing Together for Civil Rights (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:50 AM AOB/HS: Spiritual Practice (College Room)
- 9:50 AM Faith Formation: Lesson (Preschool Room)
- 11:00 AM Worship Holy Communion
- 6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College Room)

MONDAY, Nov 18

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)
- 3:30 PM Stephen Ministry (Library/Conference Room)

TUESDAY, Nov 19

- 4-9:00PM Preschool Spirit Night (Blaze Pizza)
- 7:00 PM Preschool meeting (Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, Nov 20

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

THURSDAY, Nov 21

- 2:30 PM Kitchen Keepers (Kitchen)
- 12:00 PM Bulletin Review (Office)
- 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Worship Space)

FRIDAY, Nov 22

SATURDAY, Nov 23

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

SUNDAY, Nov 24 – Christ The King

8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion (live-streamed on our YouTube channel)

- 9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 9:50 AM Adult Ed: Coffee & Conversation (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:50 AM AOB/HS: Fun! (College Room)
- 9:50 AM Faith Formation: Music (Worship Space)

11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion

- 1:30 PM Music Recital (Worship Space)
- 3:00 PM Music Recital (Worship Space)
- 6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College Room)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer	
	(11:00) Sonja Cave
Audio-Visual Team	. (8:30) Nancy Carter and Tim Judy (11:00) Tobias Janke
Bread Baker	Heidi Flatin
Cantors	
Communion Assistants	
	(11:00) Margaret Steel and Sonja Cave
Flower Delivery	
Greeters/Hosts	
Lectors	
Preacher	Pastor James Nickols
Presider	Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers	Jeanne Garrison, Linda Vonderheide
Ushers	

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(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our BaptismsDoing Ministry in the WorldPastor Jon Nelson (320-295-8861)Doing Ministry in the WorldKaren Ives – Director of Music (757-229-6688)MusicDir@saintstephenlutheran.netHollie Jones – Parish Administrator (757-229-6688)Office@saintstephenlutheran.netJessica Kimball -Preschool Director (757-229-6688)Preschool@saintstephenlutheran.netPeninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (757-873-2273; counselors are in Williamsburg
on Thursdays)Doing Ministry in the World

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

Nov 17, 2024

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

Name:	
Please remo	e from prayer concerns:
Name:	
I/We ne	ed a name tag:
	sh to order # Poinsettias to decorate St. Stephen (\$21.00 each ordering poinsettias is Monday, November 25.
In Memory	of:
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unbudgeted	sh to support the Jean Kuhn Memorial Fund - to help fund social ministries.
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Plants will be available for you to take home after the 10:00 PM service on Christmas Eve or by arrangement (office: 757-229-6688)