

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church HOLY COMMUNION

Transfiguration of Our Lord February 11, 2024

You are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the ELCA, we believe that the gospel is God's gift to all people, shared unconditionally and without regard to race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic or family status, age, physical or mental abilities, outward appearance, or religious affiliation. We seek racial equality and justice. In this way, we live into the truth written in Ephesians (2:14)—that Christ breaks down the dividing walls between us and makes us one.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Joys & Concerns

** 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, \(\Psi\) one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

Amen.

Trusting the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,

you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security.

We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

Hear the good news:

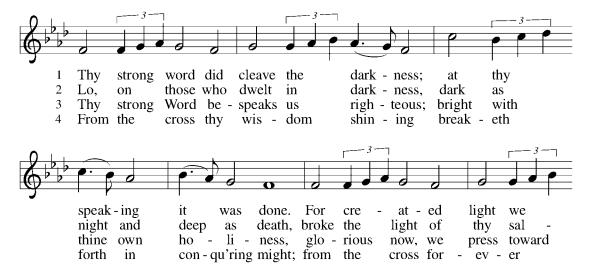
We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In ♣ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

Amen.

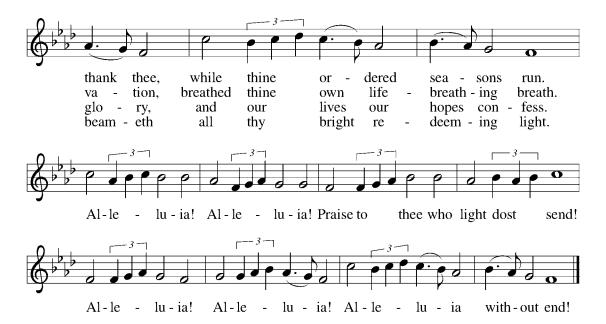
** Gathering Hymn

Thy Strong Word (Verses 1, 3, 6)

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5 Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim, throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name. Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944

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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.

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** Kyrie



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** Hymn of Praise



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** Prayer of the Day

Assisting Minister leads the prayer of the day and the assembly responds: Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12 (p. 328-329)

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

³Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

⁴He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

⁶The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (p. 1052-1053)

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Please see gospel acclamation above.

Sermon

Mark 9:2-9 (p. 919)

Glory to you O Lord. Praise to you O Christ.

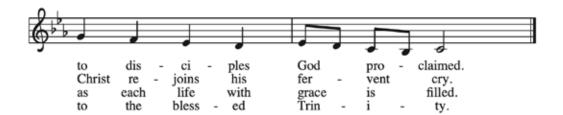
The Rev. Susan Loney

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Dazzling Presence on the Mountain



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Text: Paul E. Hoffman, b. 1956 Music: WAVERLY, Karen E. Black, b. 1960 Text and music © 2015 Augsburg Fortress

** 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 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 of the People

Each portion of the prayer ends with:

Response: God of grace, receive our prayer.

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Meal

** Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

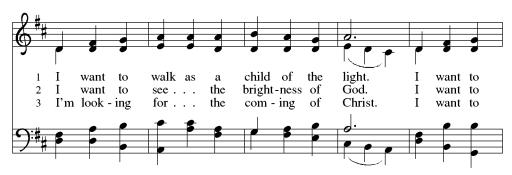
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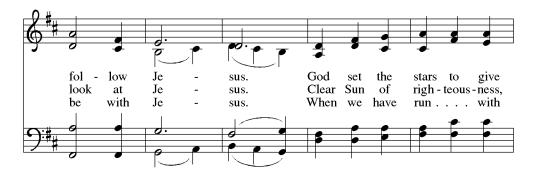
Each week we give thanks to God for things that God has given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions. A financial donation to the church is not a requirement, but is freely given to support the work of the congregation in the community. For your convenience, St. Stephen's offers the opportunity to give on-line through text message. Type "Funds" to 302-257-6155 to make any donations.

** Offering Song

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 815





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Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

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** Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister leads the offering prayer and the assembly responds: Amen.

** Dialogue

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.

** Preface

** Holy, Holy, Holy



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** Thanksgiving at the Table

 $Holy, mighty, and merciful \ Lord.... be \ all\ honor\ and\ glory, now\ and\ forever.$

Amen.

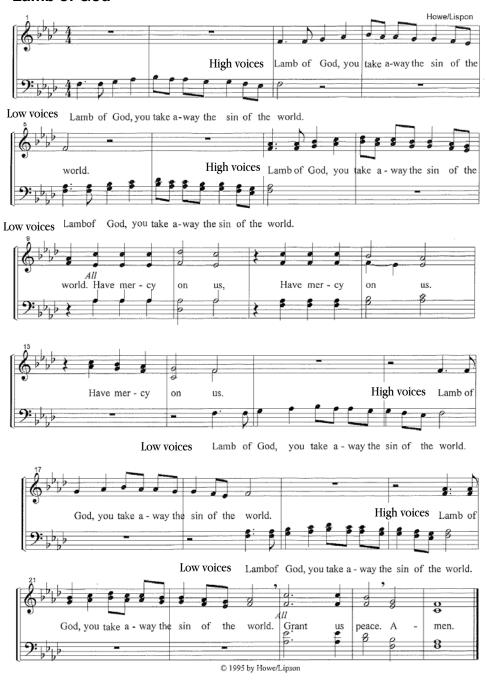
** Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

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Lamb of God



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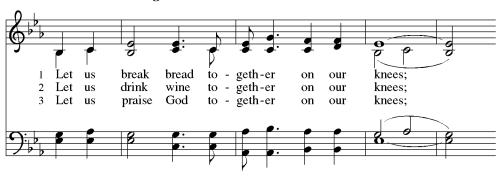
Communion

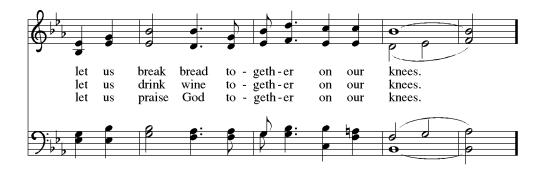
Holy Communion is a free gift of God's grace and love. Everyone is welcome to share in this meal. If you wish to receive words of blessing, instead of or in addition to the Bread and Cup, simply tell the minister. Wheat and GF wafers are available as are red wine and amber juice.

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

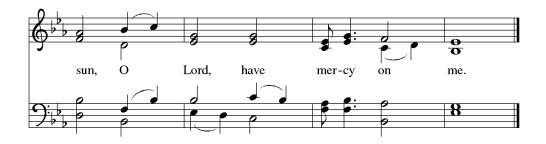
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Text: African American spiritual Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Communion Blessing

Announcements

Sending

We are sent into the world to serve.

Post Communion Prayer

Together, let us pray.

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

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** Blessing

** Sending Hymn

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

ELW 318



Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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** Dismissal

Go in peace, To Love, To Invite, To Serve. You are God's Beloved! Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The chancel flowers are given by Gary & Sue Gooden in honor of Boy and Girl Scouts.

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Assisting Minister/Lector:

Ann Dransfield

Usher:

John Rodammer

Altar Guild:

Michele Torchia

Camera:

Rick Feltman

Ministers:

The people of St. Stephen's

Concerts at St. Stephen's



Classical Pieces, Spirituals and Hymn Sing

Joanne R. Hench, organist Sunday, February 18 | 4 pm

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