



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, ☩ 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)

ELW 511



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er

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thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

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.

** Please stand as you are able. **Items in bold are to be spoken by the assembly.**

**** Kyrie**

Daniel D. Howe

(organ) High voices Ky-ri-e e lei-son. *Women* Ky-ri-
Low voices Low voices
Ky-ri-e e lei-son. Ky-ri-e e lei-son.

e e lei-son. Chris-te e lei-son. e lei-son.
All

son. High voices Ky-ri-e e lei-son High Ky-ri-
Low voices Low voices
Ky-ri-e e lei-son Ky-ri-e e lei-son

e e lei-son *All* Ky-ri-e e lei-son

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**** Hymn of Praise**

Daniel Howe

A - rise and shine for your light has come,
High voices Low voices

A - rise and shine for

(All) the glo - ry of the Lord is ri - sen up on you! -
FINE
your light has come;

rise your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pri - son doors; pro -
rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born; bind
rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to day.
claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor. A -
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

To the beginning

D.C. al Fine

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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

Psalm 50:1-6

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

²**Out 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.

⁴**He 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!”

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

Second Reading

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

“Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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**** Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
4 ia. My word will ne - ver come back to me emp - ty,
7 but will ac - com - plish my will says the Lord - and the word be - came
10 flesh and dwelt a - mong us. Al - le - lu - ia,
13 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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**** Gospel**

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

Mark 9:2-9 (p. 919)

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

**** Gospel Acclamation**

Please see gospel acclamation above.

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Loney

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** Hymn of the Day

Dazzling Presence on the Mountain

ACS 917



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

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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.

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.

Offering

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

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

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light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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**

Daniel D. Howe

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
 Lord God of pow - er and might,
 Heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Blest is the one who
 comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na, Ho -
 san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na!

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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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High voices Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

Low voices Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world.

High voices Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

Low voices Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world.

All world. Have mer-cy on us, Have mer-cy on us.

High voices Lamb of

Low voices Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world.

High voices Lamb of

Low voices Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world.

All Grant us peace. A-men.

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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

ELW 471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence.

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

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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.

*Enjoy today's service? Visit our Facebook page and invite a friend, comment, or leave a review. Please text the word "welcome" to 855-965-5200 to be added to our email list.
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