



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2023 • 9:30 am

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.

Masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated and boosted. If you are wearing a mask, you may lower it to receive communion.

Theme of the Day

God's ways are not our ways. Today's Scriptures call us to do things God's way by seeking justice and by living out God's foolish wisdom.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Joys & Concerns

** Confession & 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,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you so love,

forgive us,

that we may be reconciled to one another

for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God... We are forgiven in the name of ✠ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

**** Gathering Hymn**

Look who Gathers at Christ's Table

ACS 977

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

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

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and

vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es

all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

**** 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) *Women* Ky-ri-e e lei - son. *Women* Ky-ri-
Men Ky-ri-e e lei-son. *Men* Ky-ri-e e lei-son.

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

son. *Women* Ky-ri-e e lei - son *Women* Ky-ri-
Men Ky-ri-e e lei - son *Men* 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,

(Women) (Men)

A - rise and shine for

(All) the glo - ry of the Lord is ri-sen up on you!

FINE A - A - A -

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

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

**** 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

Micah 6:1-8 (p. 850)

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the
innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (p. 1038)

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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

**** Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu -

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 Matthew.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 880)

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

**** Gospel Acclamation**

Please see above.

Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Melosh

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

** Hymn of the Day

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

ELW 669

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system contains five numbered verses. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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

**** Apostles' Creed**

Let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess the Holy Trinity, one in essence and undivided.

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:	Merciful God,	receive our prayer.
	God, in your mercy,	hear our prayer.

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 never 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.

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

** Offering Song

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

ELW 312



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

** Offering Prayer

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

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

** Dialogue and Preface



1

4 **P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with

7 you. **P** Lift up your hearts, _____

10 **C** **We lift them to the Lord,** **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord

13 our God; **C** **It is right to give God - thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary.....un- end - ing hymn: --

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature (C). The music consists of five lines of notation. The lyrics are placed below the notes. Dynamic markings 'P' (piano) and 'C' (crescendo) are enclosed in boxes. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 God - thanks and praise. It is indeed right and salutary.....un- end - ing hymn: --'. The first line of music starts with a measure rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The second line starts with a half note G4, followed by a measure rest, then a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, and a half note B4. The third line starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a whole note G4. The fourth line starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The fifth line starts with a whole note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5.

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

** Holy, Holy, Holy

Daniel D. Howe

1
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - - - ly,

3
Lord God of pow - er and might, _____

5
Heav - en and earth are full of your

7
glo - ry, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the

9
high - est. Blest is the one who

11
comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na, Ho -

13
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na!

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, 6/8 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of 13 measures. The lyrics are placed below the notes. Measure 13 ends with a double bar line.

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** Thanksgiving at the Table: Time after Epiphany

Blessed are you, O Holy God: you are the Life and Light of allboth now and forever.

Amen.

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** Lord's Prayer

As we pray the Lord's Prayer together, we invite you to choose which version and language in which to pray. Several versions are printed on the laminated card for you.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

1 Howe/Lispon

Women Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

5 *Men* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world.

world. *Women* Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

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

9

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

13

Have mer - cy on us. *Women* Lamb of

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

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

17
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world. *Women* Lamb of
Men Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.
 21
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world. *All* Grant us peace. A - men.

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Communion

As Lutheran Christians we believe the words of Jesus, "This is my body, this is my blood given for you for the forgiveness of sin." If you desire to receive this gift, you are welcome to commune here. All who do not commune may come for a blessing. The ushers will invite the assembly from the front row to the back row to come to the chancel to receive communion from the pastor via the center aisle. Once you receive your communion, please use the side aisles to return to your pew. Please be sure to discard your cups in the trash bin on your way out of the church - please do not leave used communion cups in the pews or pew racks. If you prefer juice, please let the assisting minister know.

Communion Hymn

How Beautiful on the Mountains

Isaiah 52:7 for Clarence & Janet Morrill Daniel D. Howe

1
 How beau-ti-ful on the moun - tains are the feet of those who

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

8 *c m* A D A G A G

bring good news. How beauti-ful on the moun-tains are the feet of

15 *D* *e m* A D G A D

those who bring good news. Who pro-claim sal-va-tion, who

22 A D *e m* A D A G A

preach the gos-pel of peace. How beauti-ful on the moun-

29 *D* G d *e m* A D

tains are the feet of those who bring good news.

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Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Together, let us pray.

Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

Announcements

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

Sending

We are sent into the world to serve.

** Blessing

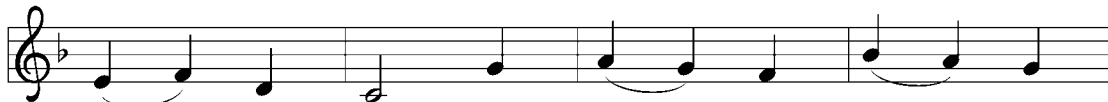
** Sending Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

** Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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*Chancel flowers are given by Gary & Sue Gooden
in loving memory of Woody Sprague*

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CHRIS GAGE

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CLAUDIO ESPEJO

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HONORS CONCERT*
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Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 2022 at 11 am

Please join us!