



# St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

## HOLY COMMUNION

Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 15, 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**

We are called to witness to what we have seen and heard.

## 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**

*O Morning Star, How Fair How Bright! (Verses 1-3, 6)*

ELW 308



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here

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



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
heav'n-ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
our voices gaily blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
the Lord we love is first and last,  
the end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
transport us to that happy place  
beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
for the day of your returning.

**\*\* 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. Ky-ri-e e lei-son.

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

15 son. Women Ky-ri-e e lei - son Women Ky-ri-  
Men Ky-ri-e e lei - son Ky-ri-e e lei-son

22 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 - 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**

Isaiah 49:1-7 (p. 665)

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm**

Psalm 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently upon the LORD,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!  
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none  
can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can  
count.

<sup>6</sup>**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not  
required.**

<sup>7</sup>And so I said, "Here I am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup>**'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep within me.'**"

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

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

<sup>10</sup>**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your  
faithfulness and your deliverance;**  
**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (p. 1038)

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

## \*\* Gospel Acclamation



*Repeat alleluia*



## \*\* Gospel

John 1:29-42 (p. 966-967)

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

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

## \*\* Gospel Acclamation

*Please see above.*

## Sermon

The Rev. Mark Walters

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

**\*\* Hymn of the Day**

*Lamb of God*

ELW 336



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb 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  
P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with  
4  
you. P Lift up your hearts, \_\_\_\_\_  
7  
C We lift them to the Lord, P Let us give thanks to the Lord  
10  
our God; C It is right to give God - thanks and praise.  
13  
P It is indeed right and salutary.....un- end - ing hymn: --

\*\* 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 treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of 13 measures. Measures 1-2 contain the first line of lyrics. Measures 3-4 contain the second line. Measures 5-6 contain the third line. Measures 7-8 contain the fourth line. Measures 9-10 contain the fifth line. Measures 11-12 contain the sixth line. Measure 13 contains the seventh line. The score 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 all ....both 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

# Sending

*We are sent into the world to serve.*

### \*\* Blessing

### \*\* Sending Hymn

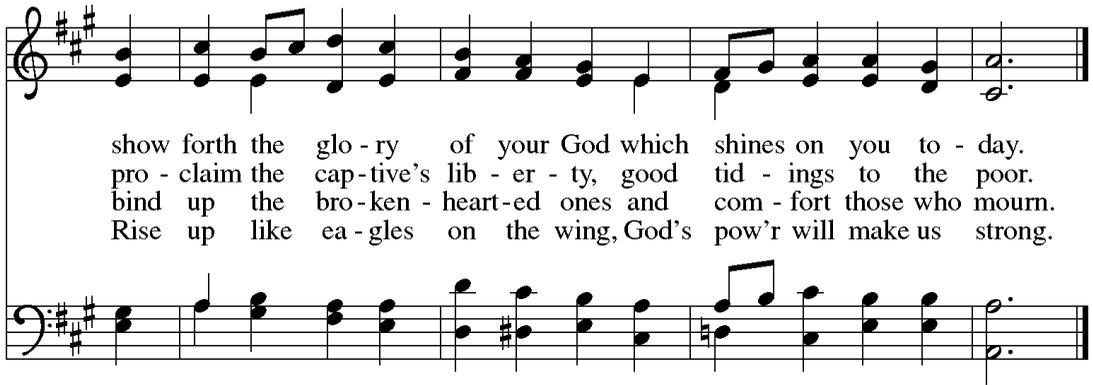
*Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

ELW 314

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

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



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

**\*\* Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

*Chancel flowers are given by Yvonne Lehm  
in honor of Cyndi, Yvette, Michael and Eric's birthdays on January 19th, 20th & 21st*

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. May God go with you today and everyday.

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