



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 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.

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.

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

** Gathering Hymn

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

ELW 247

O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ūi - im - gŭm
1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

** 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**

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 - 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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (p. 185)

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the LORD!

²**Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,**

³who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.

⁴**You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!

⁶**Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸**I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

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

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (p. 1039)

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

** 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 5:21-37 (p. 880-881)

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

** Gospel Acclamation

Please see above.

Sermon

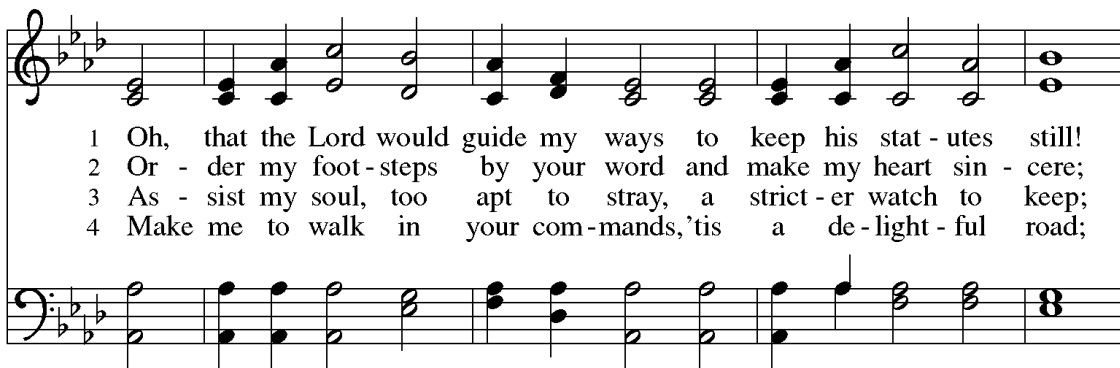
The Rev. Mark Walters

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** Hymn of the Day

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

ELW 772



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my 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.

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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 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.

** Offering Song

To God Our Thanks We Give

ELW 682

Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga,
To God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give,

re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na.
to God our thanks we give, our thanks to God we give.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 7/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. There are two systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are fermatas over the notes for 'ga' in the first line and 'na.' in the second line. There are also fermatas over the notes for 'ga' in the second line of the first system and 'na.' in the second line of the second system. There are also fermatas over the notes for 'ga' in the first line of the second system and 'na.' in the second line of the second system. There are also fermatas over the notes for 'ga' in the first line of the second system and 'na.' in the second line of the second system.

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**** Offering Prayer**

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

**** Dialogue and Preface**



The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature (C). The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. The score is divided into measures by bar lines, with measure numbers 4, 7, 10, and 13 indicated on the left. There are also measure numbers 1 and 2 at the beginning of the first staff. 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 letters 'P' and 'C' are enclosed in boxes and placed above the lyrics to indicate parts for the Priest and the Congregation respectively.

1
2
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: --

**** 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 allboth now and for-
ever.

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 *B* *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

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

ELW 544



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

** Dismissal

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

Postlude

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*Chancel flowers are given by Ralph & Sue Heiss
in honor of Tyler Heiss' birthday*

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