



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Baptism of Our Lord
January 8, 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

Our Scripture readings focus on the power of God's Spirit—in Jesus' life and in ours.

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:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

** Gathering Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

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

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

**** 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 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 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 42:1-9 (p. 657)

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

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

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43 (p. 1002-1003)

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

**** Gospel Acclamation**



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**** Gospel**

Matthew 3:13-17 (p. 879)

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
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**

When Jesus Came to Jordan

ELW 305



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

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**** 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.

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** 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.

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**** Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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 - a 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!

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 13 measures. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence in the 13th measure. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score is attributed to Daniel D. Howe.

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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.

** 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

Howe/Lispon

1
Women Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

Detailed description: This is the first system of musical notation for the 'Lamb of God' hymn. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the top line and a bass clef on the bottom line. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Women Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the' are written below the staff. A measure number '1' is placed above the first measure.

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

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

Detailed description: This is the second system of musical notation. It continues the melody from the first system. The lyrics 'Men Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world.' are written below the staff. A measure number '5' is placed above the first measure. The second system also includes the lyrics '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.

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

Detailed description: This is the third system of musical notation. It continues the melody. The lyrics 'Men Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world.' are written below the staff. A measure number '9' is placed above the first measure. The final system includes the lyrics 'world. All Have mer - cy on us, Have mer - cy on us.'.

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Have mer - cy on us. Women Lamb of

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

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.

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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.

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Communion Hymn

How Beautiful on the Mountains

Isaiah 52:7

for Clarence & Janet Morrill

Daniel D. Howe

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

Chords: E, B, A, A, D, G, D

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

Chords: em, A, D, A, G, A, G

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

Chords: D, em, A, D, G, A, D

preach the gos-pel of peace. — How beau-ti - ful on the moun -

Chords: A, D, em, A, D, A, G, A

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

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tains are the feet of those who bring good news.

G d em A D

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

ACS 942

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Refrain

** Dismissal

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

Postlude

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*Chancel flowers are given by Bob & Sue Linderman
in loving memory of Bob's wife, Ann Linderman*

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