



# St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

## HOLY COMMUNION

Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 23, 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 brings light to a dark world.

## 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**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW 661

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.

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

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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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.**

**\*\* 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.

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

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

**\*\* 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 9:1-4 (p. 624-625)

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm**

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and <sup>1</sup>answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”**

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

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

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (p. 1038)

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 4:12-23 (p. 879-890)

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. Barbara Melosh

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

\*\* Hymn of the Day

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

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



gown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

**\*\* 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.**

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

## 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

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!

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

**\*\* Offering Prayer**

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

**\*\* 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 *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**

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# Sending

*We are sent into the world to serve.*

## \*\* Blessing

## \*\* Sending Hymn

*Light Shone in Darkness*

ELW 307



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,  
2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;  
3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,  
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,  
Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"  
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!  
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

## \*\* Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Chancel flowers are given by Ralph & Susan Heiss  
in honor of Kyle Heiss' birthday*

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## **Participants in Today's Service**

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# Annual Meeting

*Sunday, January 29, 2022 at 11 am*

**Please join us!**