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<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b>Buildings/Grounds</b> , TJ Oliveri
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b> , Val Sullivan
<b>Outreach</b> , Mike Martinez
<b>Edu. &amp; Discipleship</b> , Andrea Notley

# ST. STEPHEN LUT

## Christmas Less

### FIRST SUNDAY



January

10:00

*We welcome John-Mark S*

# Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church in America  
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Friday, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Wednesday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm; emergent care as  
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Lori Zengel, Office Manager  
All Members, Ministers

## Everyone!

If you need assistance in finding anything, one of our

ice building to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

Unisex bathrooms are available through the kitch-

chool meets each Sunday at 9 a.m..

ten age during the worship service. Please check

**Receive the sacrament. Lutherans believe that bread and wine of Holy Communion. Come to the altar to receive a blessing. To your chest. If you are not able to come a meal will be brought to you.**

g the liturgy.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship book and

*Reconciling in Christ congregation, which regardless of their sexual orientation, their parents, siblings or friends.*

## PRAYER R

**New concerns:** Shirley Sommer, resting at home, fractured her pelvis and tail bone from a fall.

**For the sick:** Woods NeSmith, living with AL (Blake Simmons); Isabelle Taylor (granddaughter with rheumatoid arthritis and Primary Immunodeficiency Stuart and Doug Mann), diagnosed with leuke

**In treatment for cancer:** Kris Knab; Sandy S (Colin Hackley); Rosalinda Wright; Pastor Vick

**For health and protection:** Jennifer (daughter) and newborn daughter, Lorelei.

**For thanksgiving:** the affirmation of wedding

**For prisoners:** Femi, Daniel, D'Andre, and E

**Other concerns:** Karen Olson; Blanche White

**Church concerns:** Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Schaefer; St. Stephen's Congregational Community Reconciling Works; Grace Lutheran Church (Gainesville); Rev. Eric Zubler, seeking a c

**World concerns:** Refugees from the Middle East, all people affected by the fires in North Ca

**January 1 - 8**

Sunday Church School  
Bible Study  
Sunday of Christmas  
Rehearsal  
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Church School  
Study  
Sunday of Christmas

**First Sunday**  
January  
**Christmas Lessons**

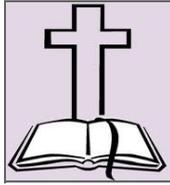
**WELCOME**

*Stand as you are able.*

**GATHERING CAROL**

**ELW 269** *Once in Royal David's City*

**Lord Sunday:**



**DIALOGUE**

Leader The people who walked in darkness

**C The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness has not**

L Those who lived in a land of darkness  
on them light has shined.

**C We have beheld Christ's glorious  
glory as of the only Son from**

L To us a child is born, to us a son

**C In the Word was life,  
and the life was the light of**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new life  
lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
**Amen.**

*Remain seated for the lessons and carols.*

<b>January 1</b>	<b>January 8</b>
Nesmith	Pr. Mary Nesmith
Dr. Driitt	Kirsten Ebbesen
/A	Susan Warren
Harrison	Anna Amundson
Warren	Tim Larson
Harrison	Gladys Kane
Olson	Sandy Sampson
s Kane	Billie Reardon
Warren	Rita Ford
s Kane	Jeff Norcini
Handschy	Judi McDowell
Davis	Susan Warren
/A	Anna Amundson
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n a great light; those who lived in a land of  
ou have multiplied the nation, you have  
h joy at the harvest, as people exult when  
n, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod  
day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the  
n blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and  
od, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His  
ll be endless peace for the throne of David  
d it with justice and with righteousness from  
of the LORD of hosts will do this.

oming

e one of the little clans of Judah, from you  
Israel, whose origin is from of old, from

e when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and  
the majesty of the name of the LORD his  
shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5</sup>and he

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**BLESSING**

*We receive the blessings of*

L May the Word that Mary brought to b

C **Amen.**

L May the Word that Joseph cradled in

C **Amen.**

L May the Word that angels proclaimed

C **Amen.**

L And the blessing of almighty God, the  
upon you and remain with you always

C **Amen.**

**SENDING CAROL**

**290** *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

**DISMISSAL**

A We believe out loud that God's mission  
C **to be an active community that welcomes  
their faith and gifts with everyone,**

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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ame among the poor to bring the riches of  
with your gifts, let them be blessings for  
h all the earth and heaven, we shout for joy  
st our Lord.

let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**your name, your kingdom come, your  
. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive  
o sin against us. Save us from the time of  
ne kingdom, the power, and the glory are**

**THIRD READING**                      **Luke 1:26-35,**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent to Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph. <sup>28</sup>The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his greeting; this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called Son of God, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of David his father. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>The angel said to her, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the one to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>Do not be afraid, Mary, for you are with God and are favored by him. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible for you who are with God." <sup>38</sup>And she conceived and gave birth to her firstborn son. <sup>39</sup>She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

R            The word of the Lord.  
C            **Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**  
**ELW 265**            *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven*

**FOURTH READING**                      **Luke 2:1-7**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and census taken throughout the Roman Empire. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went to the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David where he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>5</sup>He went there to be registered with Mary, the girl engaged to him; she was with child and came for her to deliver her child. <sup>6</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

R            The word of the Lord.  
C            **Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**  
**ELW 276**            *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

the fields, keeping watch over their flock by  
re them, and the glory of the Lord shone  
e angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for  
oy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day  
ah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you:  
and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly  
avenly host, praising God and saying,

ors!"

heaven, the shepherds said to one another,  
g that has taken place, which the Lord has  
e and found Mary and Joseph, and the child

*Glory*

was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He  
me into being through him, and without him  
e into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was  
darkness, and the darkness did not

e was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify  
im. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he  
hich enlightens everyone, was coming into the  
ame into being through him; yet the world  
own, and his own people did not accept him.  
his name, he gave power to become children  
he will of the flesh or of the will of man, but

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among  
of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**

**ELW 510** *Word of God, Come Down*

*Stand as you are able.*

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

L Glory to God in the highest,

C **and peace to God's people on earth.**

L Blessed are you, Prince of Peace.

You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C **Send your gift of peace to all nations.**

L Blessed are you, Son of Mary.

You share our humanity.

C **Have mercy on the sick, the dying  
and all who suffer this day.**

L Blessed are you, Son of God.

You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C **Reveal yourself to us in your holy  
that we may bear your light to all the world.**