

Presiding Minister  
Organist (8:30)  
Praise Team (9:30)  
  
Video  
Lector

### Worship Participants

Pr. Lyle Snyder  
Mary Hauschild  
Seth Boerboom, Jeff Allen, Josh Johnson,  
Lindsay Leibfried, Jake Olsen, Bill Cowden  
Craig Holland (9:30)  
Jolene Breczinski (9:30)

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Sun., Dec. 27**  
8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion  
9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion  
9:30 AM Worship Live Stream on YouTube

**Mon., Dec. 28**  
7:00 PM Al-Anon (Library)

**Tues., Dec. 29**  
6:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics

**Wed., Dec. 30**  
12:00 PM 12@12

**Thurs., Dec. 31**  
10:00 AM Worship on Studio 1

**Fri., Jan 1.**  
6:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.  
7:00 PM Worship on Studio 1

**Sat., Jan. 2.**  
9:30 AM Karen 7th Day Adventist

**Sun., Jan. 3.**  
8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion  
9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion  
9:30 AM Worship Live Stream on YouTube

### Church Staff

Lyle Snyder .....	Pastor	Seth Boerboom.....	Pianist
Seth Boerboom .....	Parish Associate	Judy Hoeft.....	Pianist
Lauren Winn .....	Financial Assistant	Melinda Grohs .....	Preschool Director
Judy DeCramer.....	Organist	Lisa Rosenboom.....	Assistant Teacher
Mary Hauschild.....	Organist	Melissa Doose.....	Assistant Teacher
Gunvar Dombek.....	Organist		



**1301 South Fourth Street,  
Marshall, MN 56258**

**Office Hours by Appointment  
Office: 507-537-1516**

**Website:**  
[www.ststephenmarshall.org](http://www.ststephenmarshall.org)

**Email:**  
[ststephen@ststephenmarshall.org](mailto:ststephen@ststephenmarshall.org)

#### **In Partnership With:**



**Southwestern Minnesota Synod**  
Bishop Jon V. Anderson

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries**  
Director Marvin Nysetvold

**SMSU Campus Ministry**  
Jeff Greathouse, Campus Minister

**ELCA Global Mission Partner**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**in Southern Africa**  
Bishop Phemba Buthelezi



*Proclaiming and Serving Jesus Christ*

**First Sunday in Christmas  
December 27th, 2020**

**† Worship with Holy Communion**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Prayers**

**We remember in prayer  
these and all others we  
name in our hearts:**

- Ardy Green (loss of hearing in right ear)
- Ben Brennecke (Covid, friend of Howard & Donna Kor)
- Duane Sanow (Brother of Brenda Vannostrand, brain cancer)
- Bernadette Stassen (mother of Dan Stassen, in hospice)
- Jolene Breczinski (leg sprain)
- Karen Kupfer (cancer, mother of Ronda Bursell)
- Marie Seeman (breast cancer, recovering from surgery)
- Margaret Asmussen (Mother of Lisa Spartz, surgery/stroke)
- Mary Leonard (aunt of Ashley Grams, colon cancer and urothelial carcinoma)
- MaryJo Hennen (friend of Arlyss Hovland, diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia)
- Pastor Delwayne Hahn (former St. Stephen Interim Pastor, being treated for acute myeloid leukemia)
- Pat Grannes (mother of Kari Matson, cancer and not receiving treatments)
- Phil Green (nephew of Roger Green, has ALS)
- Rachel Hirdler (niece of Sandy Hoffbeck, continuing chemotherapy for Osteosarcoma)
- Russ Boelter (father of Stacy West, stomach cancer)
- Rollie Winter (Beginning Treatment for Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma)
- Steve Knutson (on going treatment for Multiple Myeloma)
- Family of Dallas Lemme (Father of Caitlin Redding)

#### **Streaming Worship**

We will regularly be streaming our 9:30 a.m. worship service live online on our YouTube channel.

## TODAY'S READINGS

### First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10--62:3

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
<sup>62:1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

### Second Lesson

Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

### Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:22-40

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord,

"Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup>"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.