

***“People of Christ
Making a
Difference”***

**The Confession of
St. Peter**

January 18, 2026

**8:30 AM &
11:00 AM**

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S!

A nursery is provided for children through age 4 for both worship services and for infants and toddlers during Sunday School. The nursery is located at the end of the hall on the right side.

Children's bags can be found in the "Kid's Corner" of the narthex.

Restroom facilities are located down the hall on the left side.

First Aid, Emergency Equipment, and a wheelchair are located down the hall on the right by the stairwell.

If for any reason you must leave the sanctuary, the service is live streamed in the Agape Sunday School classroom. Any usher will be glad to direct you.

Listening devices and larger print bulletins are located in the narthex.

Ushers are also available to assist you.

If you are a visitor feel free to sign-in using the QR code. Here's how it works:
Point your camera at the image, tap the link that appears on your screen, and share whatever information you desire. Thank you! Hope to see you again soon!



GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND THE PEACE

PRELUDE

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

Wilbur Held

(We Stand)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

GATHERING HYMN

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

ELW 618

1. Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er-more, ev - er-more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might-y arm, might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er-more, ev - er-more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

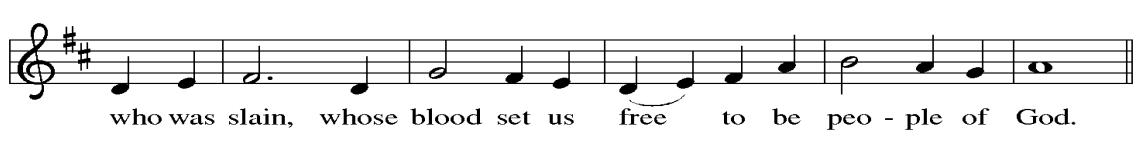
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

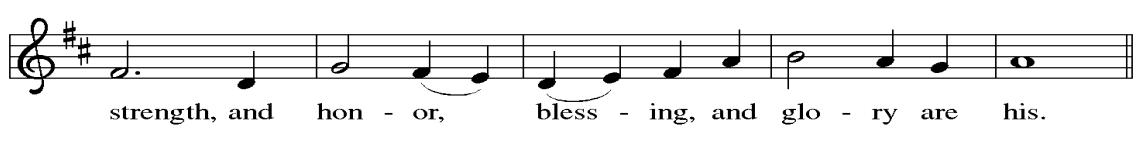
Refrain



This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb

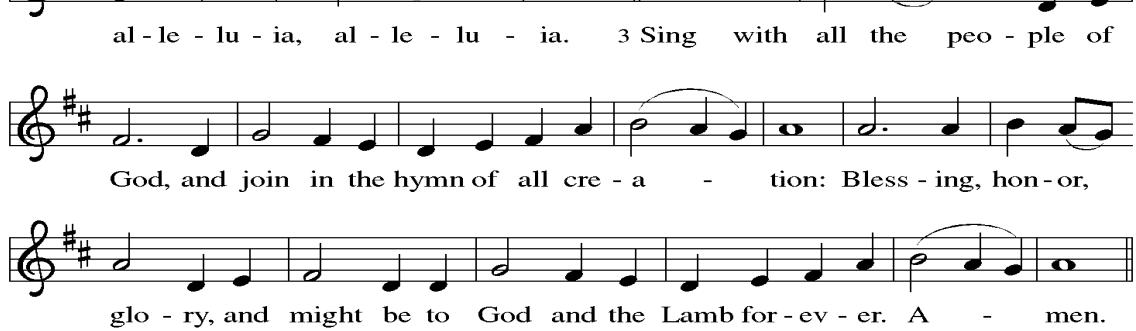


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo- ple of God.
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

Refrain



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has begun his reign. Alleluia - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.
 Allelu - ia, Allelu - ia, Alle - lu - ia.

THE SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(We Sit)

FIRST READING

Acts 4:8-13

⁸ Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to [the authorities.] "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹² "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." ¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 18:1-6, 16-19



My God, my rock, you are worthy of praise.

¹ I love you, O ¹ LORD my strength,
O LORD my stronghold, my crag, ¹ and my haven;

² **my God, my rock in whom I put my trust,**
my shield, the horn of my salvation, ¹ and my refuge. R

³ I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy ¹ to be praised,
and so shall I be saved ¹ from my enemies.

⁴ **The breakers of death rolled ¹ over me,**
and the torrents of oblivion made ¹ me afraid.

⁵ The cords of Sheol en- ¹ tangled me,
and the snares of death were ¹ set for me.

⁶ **I called upon the LORD in my distress and cried out to my ¹ God for help.**
From the heavens the LORD heard my voice; my cry ¹ reached God's ears. R

¹⁶ You reached down from on ¹ high and grasped me;
you drew me out ¹ of great waters.

¹⁷ **You delivered me from my strong enemies and from those who ¹ hated me,**
for they were too might- ¹ y for me.

¹⁸ They confronted me in the day of ¹ my disaster;
but you, LORD, were ¹ my support.

¹⁹ **You brought me out into an ¹ open place;**
you rescued me because you delight- ¹ ed in me. R

SECOND READING

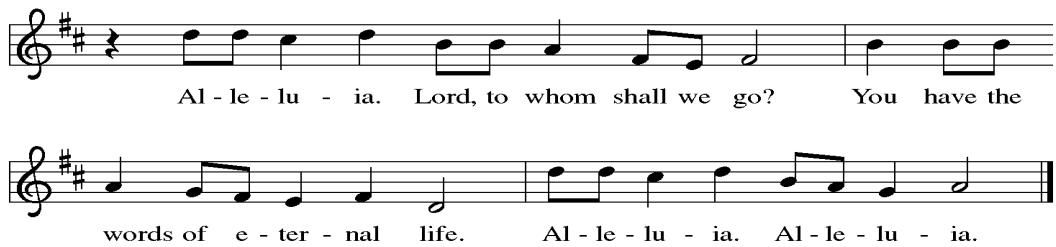
1 Corinthians 10:1-5

¹ I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(We Stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-19

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(We Sit)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Jason

SERMON

Pastor Jason

(We Stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"By All Your Saints" (Stzs 1, 2, 7, and Last)
(Sung to the tune of "Lead On, O King Eternal")

ELW 420

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blessed!
For you arose victorious that they might wear the crown
and share the light of glory reflected from your throne.

Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the noble throng
who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song
for these passed on before us, we sing our praise anew
and, walking in their footsteps, would live our lives for you.

We praise you, Lord, for Peter, so eager and so bold,
thrice falling, yet repentant, thrice charged to feed your fold.
Lord, make your pastors faithful to guard your flock from harm,
and hold them when they waver with your almighty arm.

Give praise to God Almighty, and worship God the Son,
and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(We Sit)

OFFERING

God calls us to be generous stewards for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by putting your offering in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, giving online (sslc.org or use the QR Code) or through the Givelify app. If you would like more details on direct deposit giving please contact our Parish Administrator, Mrs. Tonya Reynolds, at (803) 359-6562.



VOLUNTARY

Grazioso

Georg Philipp Telemann

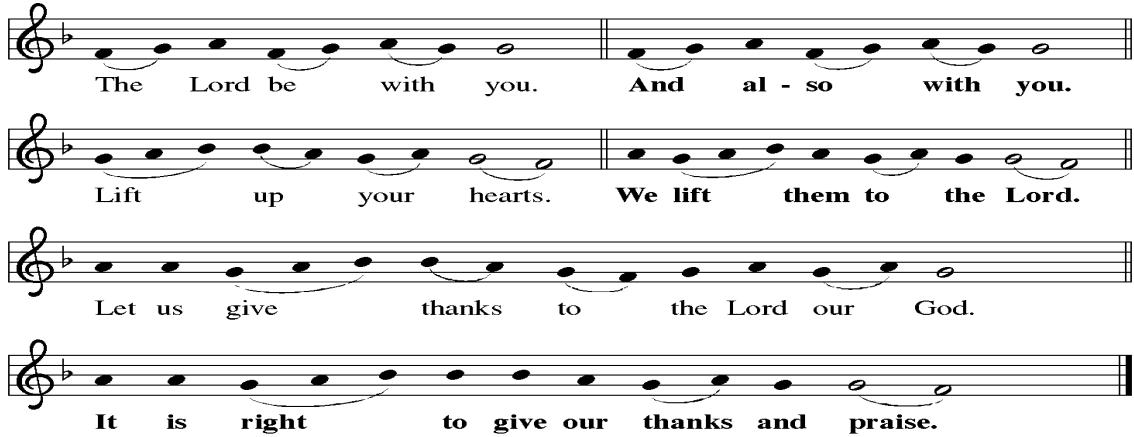
(We Stand)

OFFERTORY

ELW 854

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

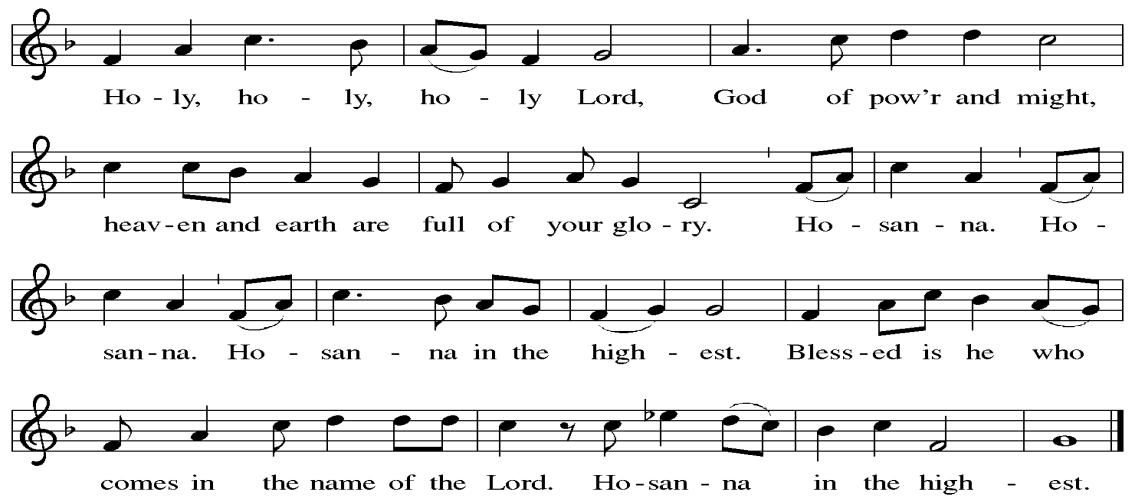
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

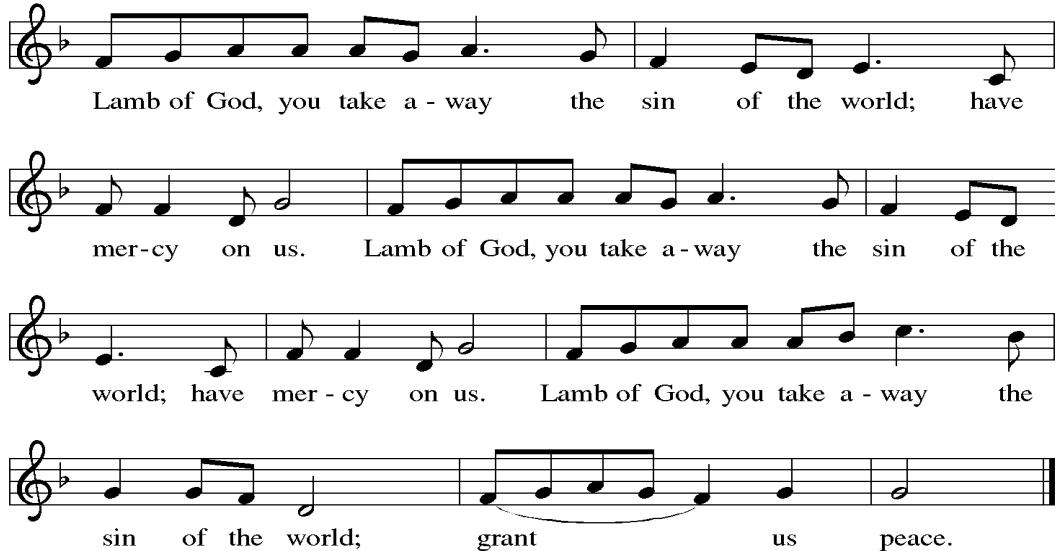
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

(We Sit)

THE AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

RECEPTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Christ welcomes you to this Holy Meal of the Baptized! We receive communion this morning at the center aisle. Communion will be brought to the front rows for those who wish to remain seated. Children who commune should be assisted by adults near them. Those unable to partake of wine or wheaten bread are assured of our Lord's presence in, with, and under each element alone. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Music

"Communion"

Charles Callahan

*The Congregation is encouraged to participate in the following Communion Hymn.
The hymn can be found in the back portion of the LBW (Green) Hymnal in your pew rack.*

Communion Hymn

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

LBW 327

(We Stand)

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"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 my an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit me to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown 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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Brightest and Best of the Stars"

Wayne Wold

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of sister/aunt, Reesa McCroey's, 77th birthday today and in memory of Betty F. Gibson by Gay, Rhett, and Katy.

SERVING TODAY:

Ushers: (8:30) Eric Wessinger, Ivan Black, Pat Bowen, Bill Carroll, Aaron Rawl, Deon Fink, Vernon Hester, Blaine Richardson, and Chad Geary;
(11:00) Alon Cox, Heyward Addy, Roy Welch, Brian Paeth, Doug Harper, and Matt Martin

Cantor: Shawn Lackey

Greeters: (8:30) Neil Brown; (11:00) Kay Keener

Readers: (8:30) Michael Ettlemyer; (11:00) Marilyn Fattman

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Bobby Martin; (11:00) Heyward Addy

Order of St. Stephen's: (8:30) [A] Luke Wenzel [C] Alaina Wenzel;
(11:00) [A] Eli Maxheimer [C] Audrey Lewis

The Church Staff

Website: www.sslc.org

The Rev. Jason T. Antley	The Rev. Ralph G. Hill
Mrs. Shannon Burnett, Director of Family Life	Mrs. Tonya Reynolds, Parish Administrator
Ms. Susan Wilson, Director of Music/Organist	Mrs. Julie Tworzyanski, Preschool Director
Mrs. Sylvia Looney, Organist Emeritus	

Sunday School Information:

Locations for Children's Classes

Locations for Adult Classes

Nursery – Room #105	Agape Adult Class Room #102 (Closest to Narthex)
2—4 year olds & 5K – Room #103	Saints & Sinners with PJ and PR Room #203 (Large Upstairs Room)
1st—5th Grade – Room # 216	Women Digging Deeper Parlor
6th—8th Grade – Room #212	For those not attending a Sunday School class but waiting on a child to get out of one, feel free to sit in the Social Hall!
9th—12th Grade – Room #217	If you are interested in beginning a new Sunday School class please contact Mrs. Shannon.

If you are not receiving the weekly announcements and monthly newsletter via email and would like to receive them, please email Shannon (Shannon@sslc.org) so she can add you to the distribution list.