



# **St. Stephen Lutheran Church**

**Love God, Love People, Form Faith.**

**One of 13,000 Stephen Ministry Congregations Around the World**

We believe that community is beautiful and messy and fulfilling and conflicted and...the POINT. God calls us together into community for the sake of one another, our neighbors, and creation. We don't always get it right, but we trust that when we center the love and grace that Jesus taught, we will get it right more often than not.

**You are welcome here!** We don't expect perfect, put-together people; we don't want you to conform to us and our ways; we want you to show up as who you are and to experience the love and grace of God as we have experienced it. And we hope that once you do, you will join us in sharing it with others too.

***Easter Sunday***  
***The Resurrection of Our Lord***

***April 20, 2025***

## **For Your Prayers – April 21-27, 2023**

### **Lectionary readings for this week:**

***Monday:*** Joshua 10:16-27 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

***Tuesday:*** Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a Revelation 12:1-12 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

***Wednesday:*** 2 Samuel 6:1-15 Luke 24:1-12 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

***Thursday:*** 1 Samuel 17:1-23 Acts 5:12-16 Psalm 150

***Friday:*** 1 Samuel 17:19-32 Acts 5:17-26 Psalm 150

***Saturday:*** 1 Samuel 17:32-51 Luke 24:36-40 Psalm 150

***Next Sunday's Lessons:*** Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 (8)1 Revelation 1:4-8John 20:19-31

**Join your prayers for healing** with God's desires for **Sue Bosworth, Susan Britcher, Kristin Carter, Bob & Ginny Cummings, Sharon Jacobs, Donna Kittelson, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer and George Vonderheide.**

**Pray for those unable to come to worship:** **Ailene Bartlett, Ed Brown, Ruth & Forrest Fenstermaker, Bob and Angie Groom, Pat Janot, Marilyn Johnson, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.**

**Pray for these loved ones of our congregation:** Susan, Randy Altona, Charles Baugh, Donald and Carol Baum, Gary Baumgarten, Robi Bayard, June Brantley, Sue Havola Berhs, Mary Bloom, Tim Brown, Raymond Bunn, Karin Cavanaugh, Chris Clarke, Amaree Cluff, Ruth Ann Coski, Judy Craun, Judy Drezek, Becky Drury, Darrin and Rosemary Dunn, Tanya Fritz, Hollis Fulton, David Gade, Joel Gillespie, Greg Gildner, Joan and John Goodhart, Jonathan Hallman, Charee Hampton, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Bradley, Kim, Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Lisa Hill, Nancy Hodge, Jaxon Ireland, Lynn Isenburg, Claudia Jacobik, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Jenn Kramer, Elaine Lane, Marnah Lund, Keara Mahony, Jim Monteith, Trish Macerelli, Laura Margolin, Jack Mayfield, Doug MacKenzie, Jimmy Mitchell, Liz Montalvo, Mia Monteith, Ed Moninger, Kim Morris, Bob Myers, Jeanette Osborn, Coral Pumley, Kurt Recktenwald, Stephen Rier, Brian Ritter, Sam Scovill, Pamela Sharp, Vasili Soultoukis, Kenneth & Laura Spencer, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, George and Jewel Thomas, Charley Underdahl, Brenda Webster, Penny Weld, Pat Whelan, Caleb Winig, and Elaine Wrich.

# *Easter Sunday*

## *The Resurrection of Our Lord*

### **I. Gathering: *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God***

**Welcome**

**Centering Music**

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

Setting, Mark Albrecht

**Call to Worship** (from enfleshed, “Liturgies that Matter”)

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

The tomb is empty! **How can it be?**

God’s Love did not die at the hands of the empire! **The Resurrected One is alive—**  
moving ahead, **meeting us on the road,**

leading us towards liberation. **Violence cannot threaten**

nor can the power-hungry silence **the workings of Radical Possibility.**

Love is Resurrected! **The Holy is ever-present,**

beckoning us towards collective flourishing. **Bloom new life, bloom!**

Jesus—ancestor of the Palestinian people, proclaimer of liberation in the face of tyranny, martyred one at the hands of empire—what do you have to teach us about New Life today? After your death, women who witnessed your Enduring Presence were not believed; open our hearts to the messages of those who offer hope. Awaken our imaginations that we might participate in beautiful possibility. Ignite our courage, that in the face of fear, we might cultivate Ways of Life. Teach us Radical Love, oh Resurrected One. Weave the lives of the martyred into our souls like a prayer shawl. Tuck New Life in our pockets like seeds. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Hymn 365

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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.**

## Hymn Of Praise

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.


All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us




free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and




strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the




hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and




might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## II. Word: *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

### **First Reading**

**Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader: "The Word of the Lord." Response: "Thanks be to God."*

Psalm Anthem

*Called by the Spirit*

Allen Pote

### **Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.*

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

*Reader: "The Word of the Lord." Response: "Thanks be to God."*

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel

**Luke 24:1-12**

*Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.*

*Response after announcement of the Gospel: "Glory to you, O Lord."*

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*Response at the conclusion of the Gospel: "Praise to you, O Christ."*

## Sermon

Showing Up  
*Silence for prayer and reflection.*

Pastor Jon Nelson

## Hymn of the Day

*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

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## **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**

*Each petition concludes, “God of grace,” Response: “**hear our prayer.**”*

## **III. Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ**

### **Offering**

*Offerings are gathered for the mission of the church: preaching and teaching the good news of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ and caring for the poor. During the offering, the table is set for the Lord’s Supper.*

**Offering of Music**     *Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia*     Noel Goemann  
Clarinet: Jeffery berry, Erika Cave and Josiah Hallman; Trumpet: Liam Janke

### **Offertory Prayer**

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

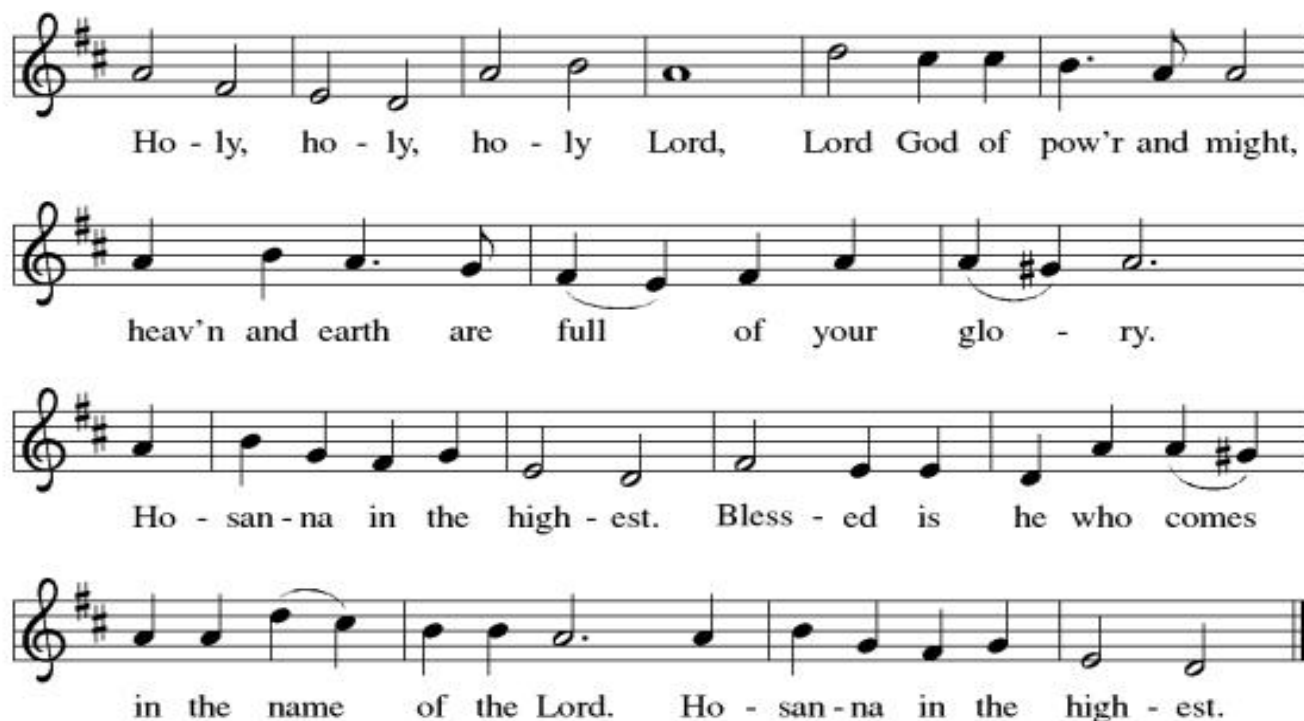
## The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**



## Holy Communion

When receiving Communion, either stand or kneel at the Rail. Pastor will distribute the bread and a Communion Assistant will come with a tray of pre-filled cups of wine and grape juice. The juice will be in the middle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available as an alternative to bread. St. Stephen is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, so all are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper.



**Communion Music**     *Christ Is Risen Christ Is Living*

Austin Lovelace

**Communion Hymn**     *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

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## Table Blessing

### Prayer after Communion

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

## IV. Sending: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

**Sending Hymn**     *Thine Is the Glory*

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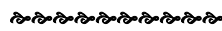
**Blessing**  
**The triune God,**  
**who was, who is, and who is to come,**  
**Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,**  
**light your way with resurrection dawn,**  
**now and always. Amen.**

**Dismissal**  
Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**                      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*                      Arr. Marianne Kim  
Ina Berkey, Piano

**A special thank you to our Orchaband:**

Bassoon: Linda Baumgarten  
Clarinet: Jeffery Berry, Erika Cave and Josiah Hallman  
Flute: Sonja Cave  
Trombone: Jennifer Dabel  
Trumpet: Liam Janke  
Violin: Ingrid Brown  
Cello: Marie Nelson



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# Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

# The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's  
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions  
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious  
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high  
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

# Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?  
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;  
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.  
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in D major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are numbered 1 through 5, corresponding to the five measures of the system.

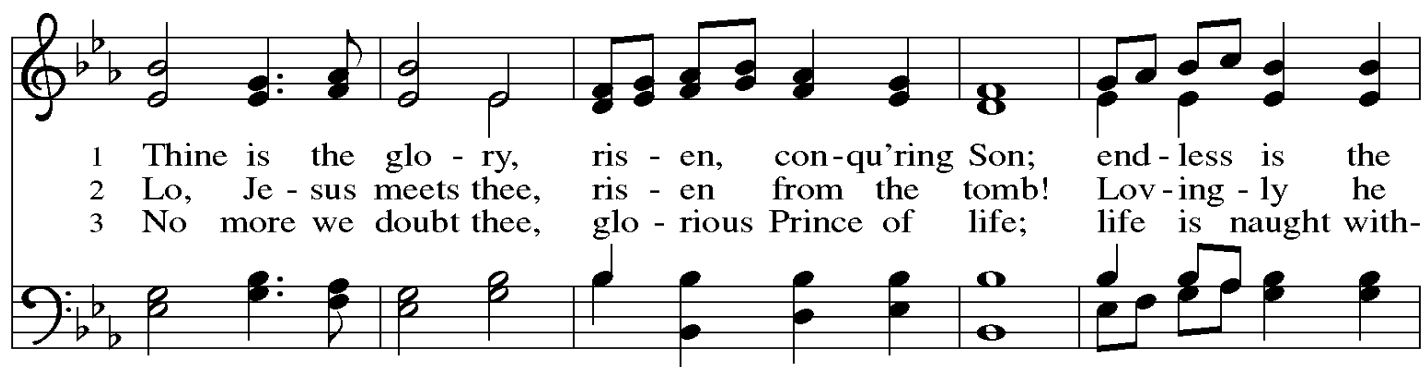
from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,  
Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,  
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;  
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.  
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written in five lines, corresponding to the five measures of the system.

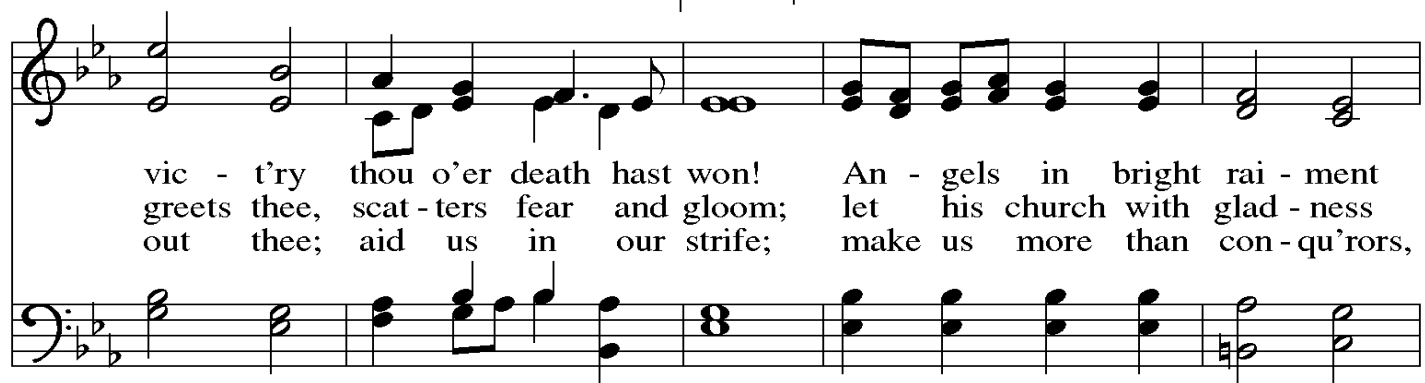
bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless-ings on his church be - low.  
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.  
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

The third system concludes the hymn. The melody and accompaniment end with a double bar line. The lyrics are written in five lines, corresponding to the five measures of the system.

# Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*



where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

## As We Gather

### Restrooms & First Aid

- ❖ A gender-neutral, family restroom and a Women's restroom can be found in the hallway behind our Worship Space.
- ❖ Additional Men's and Women's restrooms can be found on the lower level of the church building.
- ❖ A first aid kit and an A.E.D. can be found hanging on the wall in the hallway behind our Worship Space.

### Live-streaming

- ❖ We regularly live-stream our services and cannot guarantee that you will not appear on our YouTube channel. Sitting in the East Wing or the NE section of the Worship Space will minimize your chances of being on screen. We can also bring communion to you if you inform an usher of that desire.

### Parents! Thanks for bringing your children to worship.

- ❖ Did you know that intergenerational worship is the single most important activity encouraging children's faith formation? (See [vibrantfaith.org](http://vibrantfaith.org))
- ❖ When parents and children need to take a break for a few minutes, there's a play area (aka "prayground") with toys and books in the East wing of the Worship Space.
- ❖ Age-appropriate activity bags are available in the Gathering Space – ask an usher for assistance.

### Assistance is Available for You:

- ❖ **An induction loop** is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T."
- ❖ **Large print** worship materials are available - ask an usher.

**Health Update:** We always encourage you to monitor yourself for symptoms of illness and to worship from home if you are experiencing any. We have masks and hand sanitizer available for use in our building should you require.

## What's Happening Today

**Flowers this morning** are given to the glory of God by **Chris** and **Randy Punchard** in memory of Evelyn Byerly.

**Easter Potluck Breakfast** Our potluck Easter breakfast is between services **today**. Bring your dish or baked goods to the Fellowship Hall. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided.

## **Upcoming**

**The Church Office will be closed April 21.** For pastoral care, Pastor Jon can be contacted via cell phone.

**Refugee Family Sponsorship.** As can often happen in these situations, there was a long stretch of no action, followed by a sudden burst of it! We are excited that one portion of the family we have been trying to help out of Afghanistan has made it to the US. We know the first priority will be housing, quickly followed by furniture, groceries, diapers, and clothing. Please keep an eye out for ways you can help!

**The April Women's Monthly Bible Study** has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The afternoon group will meet at 1:00 pm in the Library, and the evening group will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking forward to our time together.

**Service Ministry Needs Help:** We are in need of people who would be interested in helping with the Greeter ministry. The biggest ask in this ministry is to arrive about 30 minutes prior to the start of the service. You would then stand at the door with your name tag on and greet people as they enter the church. If you are not a handshaker, you can bump fists or simply raise your hand to say “Hi, Good Morning, or Welcome”. Our greatest need is at the 11:00 am service. I ask that you prayerfully consider donating a small amount of time to this very important ministry. If interested, contact Diana Tiller-Dichtel at 757-232-5924 or email [dptiller221@gmail.com](mailto:dptiller221@gmail.com).

**Quilting group** will meet in the Library May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. If you were unable to attend the last meeting this is a great opportunity to come and discuss future dates and projects. All are welcome.

**New Member Lunch.** Have you transferred your membership but not been officially welcomed yet? Been considering joining but haven't yet? Join Pastor Jon for a **New Member/Transfer lunch on Sunday, May 18th**. Please indicate your interest in the bulletin insert.





**Easter Lilies are given to the  
Glory of God by:**

**Anonymous** to the Glory of God

**Trudi Arnold** in memory of Antero, Annikki and Olli Havola

**George Jr. and Gerri Bass** in memory of their parents

**Susan Britcher** in honor of Karen Ives

**Preston Burton** in memory of Roberta Burton in thanks for her life

**Sandy Croushore** in memory of John and Sylvia Croushore

**Jane deSolms** in memory of her parents, Bettie and Irv deSolms

**Heidi Flatin** to the Glory of God

**Jeanne Garrison** in memory of Jack Garrison

**Beth and Steve Grant** in memory of Inge Seiter

**David and Beverly Hoyer** in memory of family members lost this year – Bob, Ben, and Mark

**Lori Janke** in memory of Ann Bunn and Ruby Bunn

**Susan Kauffman** in memory of her parents, Carl and Helen Herzog

**Jan Lindblad MacQueston** in memory of her beloved husband, Bill MacQueston; Mildred and Arthur Lindblad; Alice, Harold, Ken and Jimmy MacQueston

**Paul and Martha Reier** in memory of their parents, John and Jean Reier, and Arche and Ruth Ennis

**Karen Shoberg** in memory of Larry and David Shoberg

**Jim Weilmuenster** in loving memory of Sue Blanks Weilmuenster and Linda Laity Hite

**James and Carol Weirs** in honor of teachers everywhere

**Tom and Sandy Witt** to the Glory of God

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**Erika Geier** in memory of Martin and Margaret Bleck

**Beth and Steve Grant** in memory of Inge Seiter

**Randy and Chris Punchard** in honor of their granddaughter's birthday

**Karen Sanderlin** in memory of her parents and brother

**Karen Shoberg** in thanks for family and friends

**Rosemary Stimson** in memory of Daniel Stimson and in thanks for countless blessings



## St. Stephen Calendar –April 20-27, 2025

*Our worship service is available on our website [www.saintstephenlutheran.net](http://www.saintstephenlutheran.net), click on “Worship with Us” and “Services.”*

### **SUNDAY, April 20 ~ Easter Sunday**

8:00 AM St. Stephen Choirs’ Joint Rehearsal (Worship Space)

**8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion** (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)

9:45 AM Easter Potluck Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

**11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion**

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### **MONDAY, April 21**

*Church Offices Closed ~*

### **TUESDAY, April 22**

10:00 AM Women’s Retreat Meeting (Library/Conference room)

### **WEDNESDAY, April 23**

8:45 PM YOGA (College Room)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### **THURSDAY, April 24**

1:00 PM Women’s Group Meeting (Library/Conference room)

5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship Space)

7:00 PM SMCC Meeting (Library/Conference room)

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### **FRIDAY, April 25**

### **SATURDAY, April 26**

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM AlAnon (Gathering Space)

### **SUNDAY, April 27 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion** (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)

9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class (Library/Conference Room)

10:00 AM Faith Formation: Music (Worship Space)

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## **Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today**

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) Corey Knestrick  
.....(11:00) Alina Dabel  
Altar Guild ..... (8:30)  
..... (11:00) Gerri Bass  
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Nancy Carter and Tim Judy (11:00) David Nelson  
Bread Baker..... Carol Wiers  
Communion Assistants ..... (8:30) Diane McCurry and Corey Knestrick  
..... (11:00) George Bass and Alina Dabel  
Flower Delivery .....  
Greeters/Hosts ..... (8:30) Rosie Frey (11:00) Alison Carney  
Lectors.....(8:30) John McCurry (11:00) Christina Nelson  
Pastor..... Pastor Jon Nelson  
Tellers..... Jeanne Garrison and Carol Brown  
Ushers.....(8:30) Reed & Karen Nester (11:00) Russ Dabel and George Bass

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*(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)*

**All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms**

**Pastor Jon Nelson (320-295-8861)**

**Karen Ives – Director of Music (757-229-6688)**

**Hollie Jones – Parish Administrator (229-6688)**

**Jessica Kimball – Preschool Director (229-6688)**

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\_\_\_\_ I/ We plan to attend the New Member/Transfer Lunch on May 18<sup>th</sup>

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