

# St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

### If you are seeking God you are welcome here.

If you have been hurt in a judgmental church, here you will not be judged. Here you will be nurtured in the grace and Good News that our salvation has been accomplished in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. *Here you may discover that, in fact, it is God who has been seeking you!* 

# Third Sunday of Easter



April 23, 2023

### For Your Prayers – April 24-30, 2023

### Lectionary readings for this week:

*Monday:* Judges 6:36-40; 1 Corinthians; 15:12-20; Psalm 114 *Tuesday*: Jonah 1:1-17; 1 Corinthians 15:19-28; Psalm 114 *Wednesday*: Jonah 2:1-10; Matthew 12:38-42; Psalm 114 *Thursday:* Isaiah 25:1-5; 1 Peter 1:8b-12; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 *Friday* Isaiah 26:1-4; 1 Peter 1:13-16; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 *Saturday*: Psalm Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 14:12-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 *Next Sunday's Lessons*: Acts 2:14a, 36-41;Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (13);1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

*Join your prayers for healing* with God's desires for **Joe Beene**, **Ed Brown**, **Kristin Carter**, **Karen Einarsen**, **Sharon Jacobs**, **Marilyn Johnson**, **Evelyn Kernan**, **Jim Mayfield**, **Susanna Owens**, **Linda Reuben and James Wiers**.

<u>Pray for those unable to come to worship</u>: Joyce Behlendorf, Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Edith Haecker, Pat Janot, Jeanne Nelson, Joanne Shue, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff

<u>Pray for these loved ones of our congregation</u>: Dawn Allen, Roberta Barbour, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, Nelson Blish, Mary Bloom, Ken Casilhas, Doug Crinklaw, Jerris & Tony DeKievit, Judy Drezek, Derald Edwards, Barbara Flatin, Dan Flatin, Joan & Frank Goodhart, Sue Ivey, Hilda Janke, The Kennedy family, Ron Luchetti, Marnah Lund, Doug Mayes, Detra Michaels, Gina Peterson, Betty Roth, David Shoberg, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, and Caleb Wing.

## Third Sunday of Easter

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

Welcome

Centering Music Day of Arising

David Cherwien

**Opening Prayer** (inspired by Luke 24:13-35, posted on The Church of Ireland website.)

Risen One, like those disciples on the road to Emmaus, we struggle to recognize you in the everyday journey of our lives. We seek your wisdom in the midst of the questions we have about the circumstances we find ourselves in—circumstances sometimes beyond our control, but often of our own making.

Open our eyes, Light of the World, to your work of transformation in and around us. As we walk with you day by day, may your new life be made manifest in what we say to others. Help us to understand the power of our words to hurt or to heal; give us the graciousness to make all our conversations holy. Just as we desire that our speaking be holy, may our seeing be holy as well. We are bombarded with images every day, O Christ, that shape our attitudes and behaviors.

As you opened the scriptures to the disciples and taught them everything, open our eyes to behold you in your Word, in the beauty of nature, the beauty of another human being and the beauty of sacred art. And in our seeing, help us to recognize and welcome the stranger in our midst. May our welcome be a celebration of the gifts and graces of persons who are different from us and not merely some token tolerance of an outsider.

You were known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. May your resurrection presence guide us in the decisions we make about what we take into our bodies—especially what we eat and what we drink. Help us to understand our eating and drinking as sacred events, not to be abused or approached mindlessly.

So often we forget, Holy One, that you invite us to abide with you; to have our lives hidden in you. We thank you that you travel with us in our joys and our concerns. **Amen**.

### 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.** 





O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

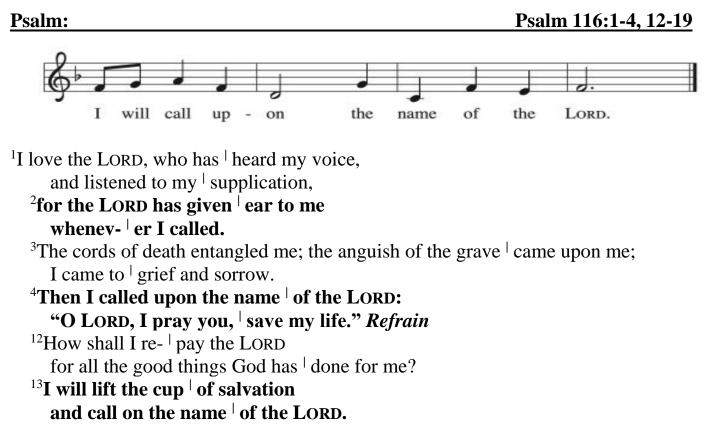
### II. Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

### **First Reading**

### Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." <sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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



<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows <sup>|</sup> to the LORD

in the presence of | all God's people.

### <sup>15</sup>Precious in your | sight, O LORD,

is the death | of your servants.

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me <sup>|</sup> from my bonds.

### <sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice <sup>|</sup> of thanksgiving and call upon the name <sup>|</sup> of the LORD. *Refrain*<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows <sup>|</sup> to the LORD in the presence of <sup>|</sup> all God's people,

<sup>19</sup>in the courts of <sup>|</sup> the LORD's house,

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah! Refrain

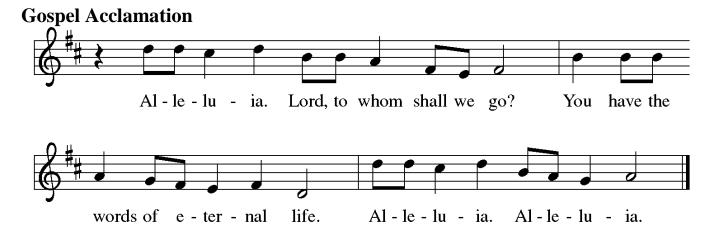
### Second Reading

### 1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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



**Gospel** 

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

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"<sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.<sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The

Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

#### Sermon

Hopes

Pastor Jon Nelson

The Hymn of the Day will be announced in a few moments. First, please take time during the silence: What are your prayers in response to the sermon?

**Hymn of the Day** Day of Arising

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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, "Lord in your mercy." 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.

<b>Offering of Music</b>	Give Us Now Our Daily Bread	Arr. Anne McNair
	Matins Choir	
	Breaking of the Bread	Arr. Austin C. Lovelace
	Chancel Choir	

**Offertory Prayer** 

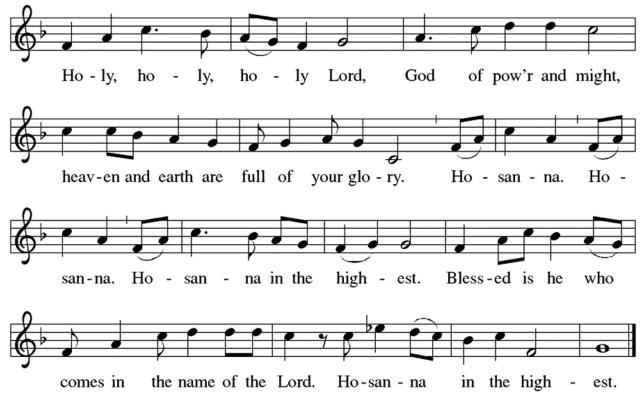
### The Great Thanksgiving

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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

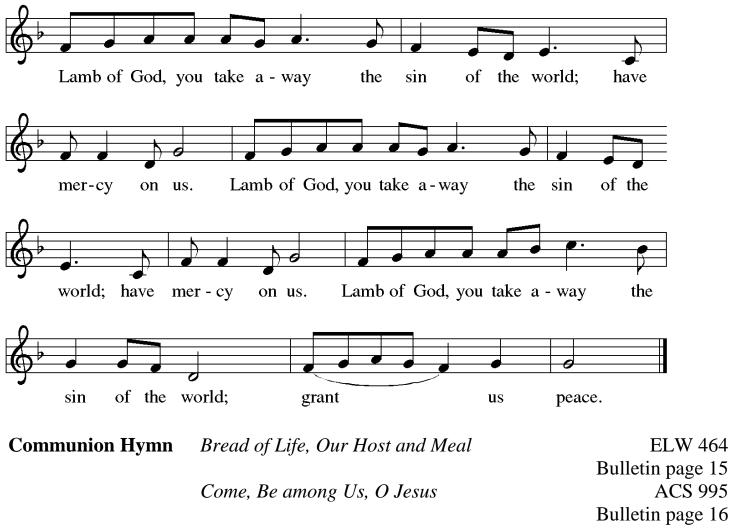


Words of Institution

The Lord's PrayerOur Father in heaven,<br/>hallowed be your name,<br/>your kingdom come,<br/>your will be done, on earth as in heaven.<br/>Give us today our daily bread.Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.<br/>Save us from the time of trial<br/>and deliver us from evil.For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.<br/>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.



### **Table Blessing**

### **Prayer after Communion**

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

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Blessing The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. Amen.

#### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.** 

Postlude

#### Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Mark Sedio

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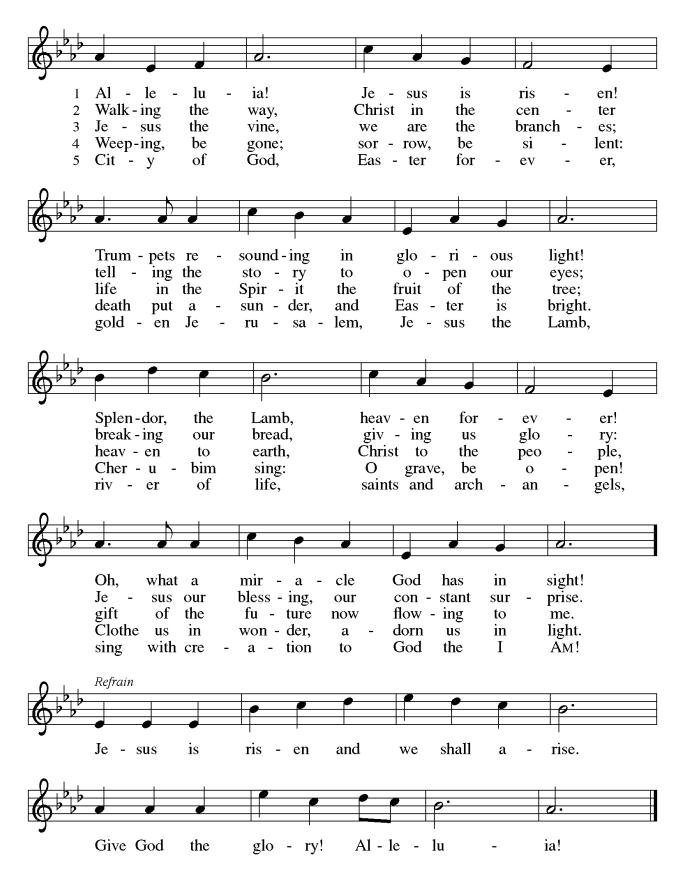
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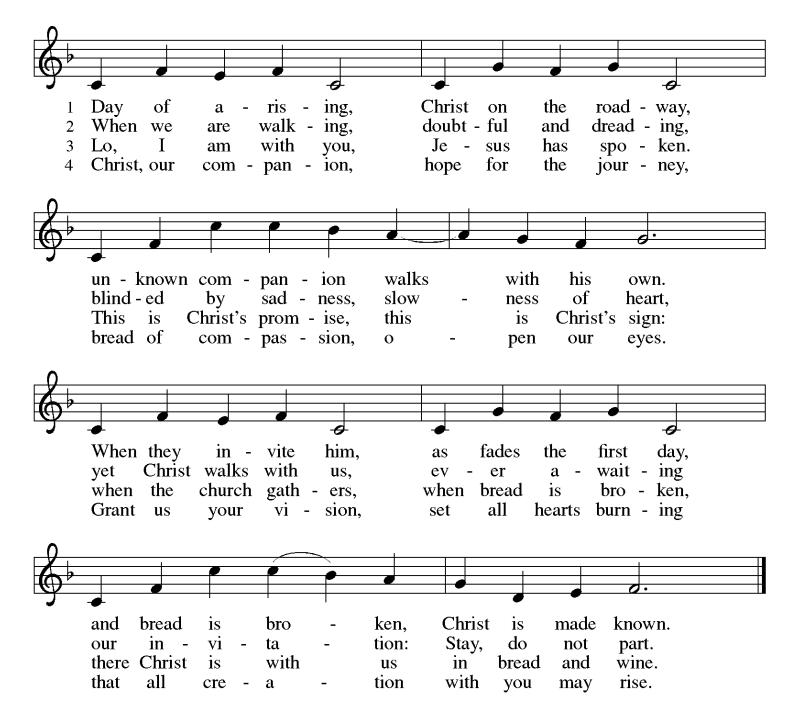


### Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



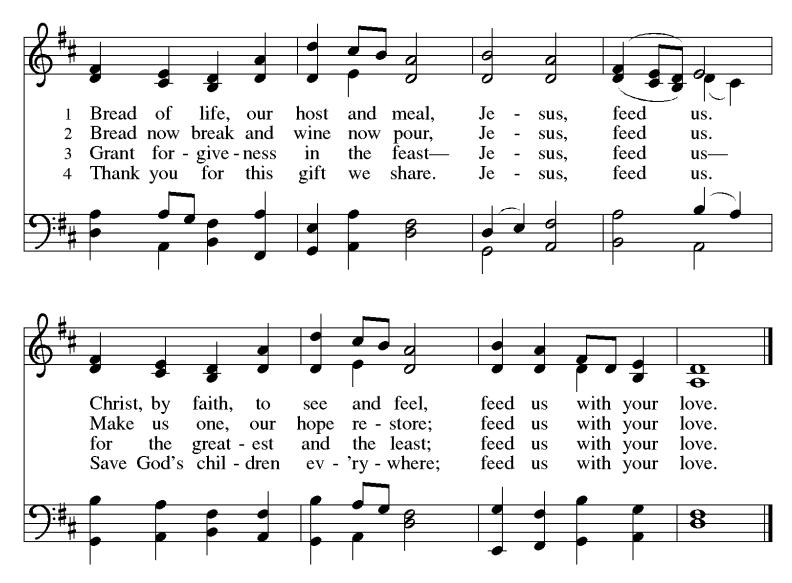
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# Day of Arising



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# Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

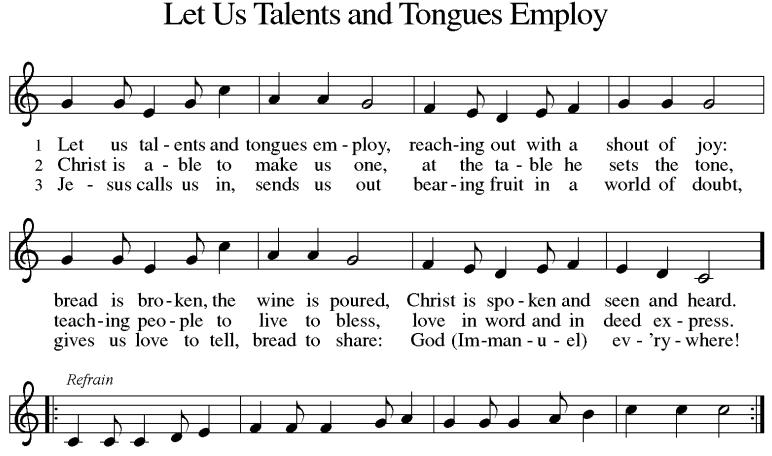


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Te invitamos, oh Cristo Te Cris in - vi - ta - mos, oh to, te in vi 0 Je Come, be a - mong us, sus. Come now and \_ hoy mis - mo: qué - da - te ta - mos no - so - tros, con vis - it your peo - ple. Come, and be chil - dren. near your qué - da - te de\_u - na La no - che vez. ya se\_a - pro -Shad-ows are deep-'ning Stay with us, Lord, bide. a a vie - ne xi la lo bre ma, guez. \_ fast falls the ven - tide. round us; e Qué - da - te con qué - da - te de\_u - na no - so - tros, vez. Stay with us, Lord, a - bide. Come and be near your chil-dren. Qué - da - te con qué - da - te no - so - tros, de\_u - na vez. Come and be near your chil-dren. Stay with us, Lord, a - bide.

Come, Be among Us, O Jesus

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Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

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### As We Gather

### 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.com)
- When parents and children need to take a break for a few minutes, there's a play area with toys and books in the room right beneath 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.
- **Rest rooms** are accessible through the door in the wing to the left of the altar.
- **If someone should need emergency medical assistance,** CPR supplies, and a first aid kit are located in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall.

### **COVID-19 Guidelines:**

Community transmission of COVID-19 in Williamsburg is LOW; James City County is LOW; and York County is LOW. We also encourage you to monitor yourself for flu (and COVID) symptoms and stay home if you are experiencing any.

### What's Happening Today

Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by Donna VanDuyse.

**Communal Life: Walk & Talk.** While there is a chance of rain **today** we will attempt a Walk & Talk. We plan to meet **at 6:30 PM** at the <u>Jamestown High School</u> <u>entrance</u> to the Capital/Greensprings Trails.

### **Upcoming**

**Communal Life: Pub & Grub.** Join us on **Monday, April 24th at 7:00 PM** at <u>Billsburg Brewery</u> for some food, drinks and conversation! We will try to get one of the fire-pits to gather around.

**Worship: Memorial Service for Diane Bean.** A memorial service for <u>Diane</u> will be held on **Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 11am at Redeemer Lutheran Church** (9400 Redbridge Road, North Chesterfield, Virginia, 23236). A reception will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

### <u>St. Stephen Calendar – April 23-30, 2023</u>

Our worship service is available on our website <u>www.saintstephenlutheran.net</u>, click on "Worship with Us" and "Services."

### SUNDAY, April 23 ~

- 8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 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 (Worship Space )
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship Holy Communion
- 6:30 PM Walk and Talk (Capital/Greensprings Trails)

### MONDAY, April 24

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)

- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Pub & Grub (Billsburg Brewery)

### **TUESDAY, April 25**

### WEDNESDAY, April 26

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Worship Space)

### THURSDAY, April 27

12:00 PM Staff Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)

7:00 PM SMCC (Library/Conference Room)

### FRIDAY, April 28

### SATURDAY, April 29

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### SUNDAY, April 30 LSA Sunday ~

8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)

- 8:30 AM Worship Holy Communion (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)
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### Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

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Audio-Visual Team	(8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) Charles Osborn
Bread Baker	Anne Schone
Cantors	
Communion Assistants	
	Diane McCurry
Greeters/Hosts	
Lectors	
Tellers	John McCurry, Carol Harman, Sandy Croushore
Ushers	. (8:30) Bob Harman and Bob Achenbach (11:00) Art Nelsen

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### Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

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### Welcome to St. Stephen Lutheran Church! Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

April 23, 2023

Name:
For guests and members with changes:
Address (Home)
City/StateZip
Telephone #
E-Mail Address
Guests Only: I belong to
Church Address
Please check as many as pertain:
Member
First time guest
Regular guest
Guest (out of town)
Student at William & Mary
Looking for a church home
Desire to speak with pastor
Would like more information about Stephen Ministry
Would like a Parish Nurse to contact me
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Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

# **Prayer Requests**

Please **add** to the prayer list in this month's bulletin and next month's *Quill*:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I/We need a name tag:\_\_\_\_\_\_