

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!

Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 30, 2023

For Your Prayers – April 30-May 7, 2023

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5; Psalm 100

Tuesday: Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21; Psalm 100 *Wednesday*: Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28; Psalm 100 *Thursday:* Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Friday Exodus 3:1-12 ;Acts 7:1-16; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Saturday: Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Next Sunday's Lessons: Acts 7:55-60 ;Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (5); 1 Peter 2:2-10 ;John

14:1-14

<u>Join your prayers for healing</u> 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, Bob Lamoureux, Ron Luchetti, Marnah Lund, Doug Mayes, Detra Michaels, Gina Peterson, Betty Roth, David Shoberg, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, Caleb Wing and The Children of the Ukraine

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Welcome

Centering Music Morning Has Broken John Carter

Call to Worship (by Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies. Based on Psalm 23 and John 3:16-24)

Day by day, God leads us:

to the deep, deep pools of peace,

to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

to pour out ourselves in service,

to anoint the stranger with hope.

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

the community we could be,

the family we are called to become.

Prayer of Confession (posted on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website. inspired by Luke 15: 1-10)

God of wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways, and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships. We have gone astray; we feel lost. We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others. We have failed to be generous with the poor, and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice. We feel the stains of our sins. God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Wash the sinfulness out of us, and help us to live more faithfully as your servants. We seek your unfailing Lordship and ask for your guiding hand on our lives. You are the immortal, invisible One; to you be honor and glory forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Merciful and loving God, we thank you for never losing hope for us. When we are lost, you are there on the look-out for us, bringing us back to you like the good shepherd that you are. Your Word tells us of the joy in heaven that awaits us. May this joy flow into our lives each day, and be faithfully reflected into the world around us. **Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd. 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.**





Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Psalm:

The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

³You restore my | soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. *Refrain*

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. *Refrain*

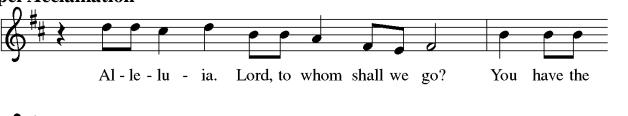
Second Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin ,and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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







Gospel John 10:1-10

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

[Jesus said:] ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁴Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ¹So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ¹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹¹The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Sermon Nathaniel Ingle

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

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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.

Offering of Music

I Am His Lamb

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Matins Choir

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Arr. John Rutter

Chancel Choir/ Erica Cave on Clarinet

Offertory Prayer

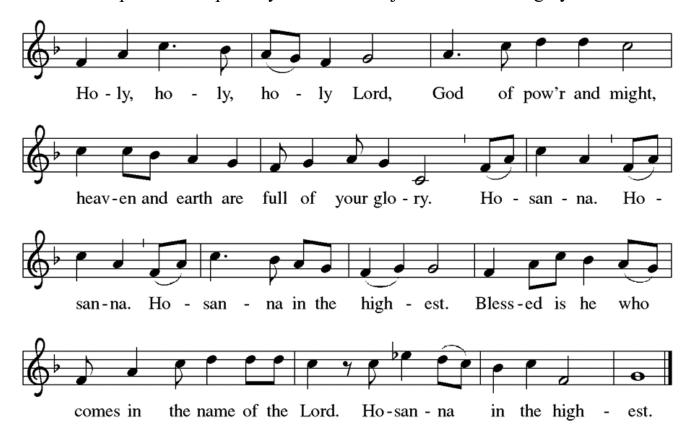
The Great Thanksgiving

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 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.

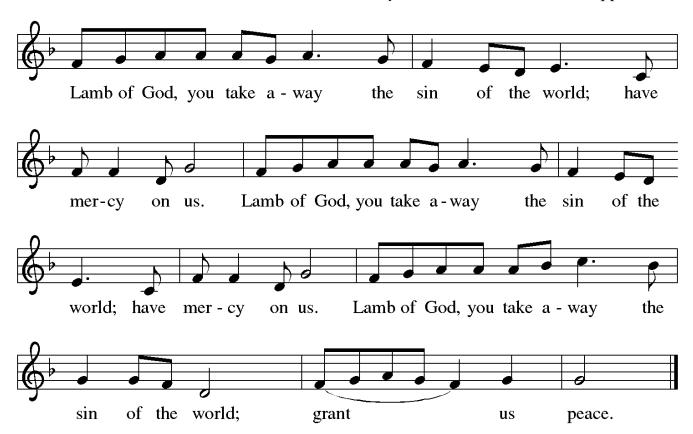
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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 Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

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

Sending Hymn

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764

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(11:00 AM) Farewell and Godspeed for Ward Bourn

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

Have No Fear, Little Flock

Aaron David Miller

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Morning Has Broken



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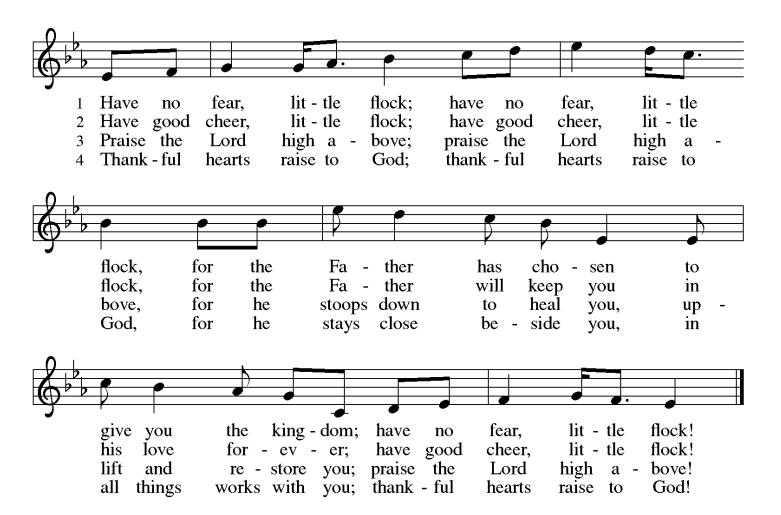
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



Have No Fear, Little Flock



Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2–4 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930 Text and music © 1973 Concordia Publishing House.

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.

Godspeed, Farewell and Safe Travels to Ward Bourn as he will be relocating to Alabama to be with family.

Upcoming

<u>Communal Life: Breakfasts.</u> Come to build and deepen relationships – at the Colonial Pancake House, at the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road. Both gatherings take place at **8:00 AM**.

Tuesday, May 2 – Women are invited to join together for breakfast.

Thursday, May 4 – Men are invited to join together for breakfast.

Let us Celebrate Diana Tiller-Dichtel's 5 year Anniversary! Diana has shared her compassion, knowledge, love and time as our volunteer Parish Nurse! Let us come together next Sunday, May 7 between our worship service in the Gathering space to mark this occasion and express our gratitude with coffee and cake!

<u>Come out to celebrate</u> the end of the school year while supporting our preschool at our **Shoofly Diary Bar Spirit Night** on **Monday, May 22** from **6-8 PM**. Please be sure to mention that you are there for St. Stephen Preschool. A portion of the sales will be donated to our preschool. Shoo Fly will also place a jar out and 100% of those donations will be given to the preschool.

Communal Life & Worship: Name Tag Sunday. We are encouraging everyone to wear their name tags during worship on the first Sunday of each month. That's next Sunday! We would also encourage you to take an intentional look at the announcements in the bulletin/Quill and see if there are any upcoming events or ministries you might be interested in.

Health Ministry

It's not too late to start pumping IRON

Strength training helps stop the loss of muscle function that comes with aging. It helps to stimulate muscle growth and muscle tissue quality. Muscle loss due to aging is known as sarcopenia. It has been linked to type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity. It may contribute to an increased risk of heart disease and stroke.

Strength training boost connective tissue strength and bone mineral density. It can be intimidating to start a program especially as we get older. Having diseases linked to aging such as arthritis, osteoporosis, and heart disease to name a few, are not considered contraindications to exercise. Being sedentary is far more dangerous than being physically active.

Older adults should do weight training 2-4 times a week. Most gyms have trainers who will instruct you in the correct usage of weights and reps. If you don't want to go to a gym, you could still benefit from a trainer to help you. Do you have questions? Give me a call!

Diana Tiller-Dichtel Parish Nurse

St. Stephen Calendar – April 30- May 7, 2023

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

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)
- 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

MONDAY, May 1

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

1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)

TUESDAY, May 2

8:00 AM Women's Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)

WEDNESDAY, May 3

- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Worship Space)

THURSDAY, May 4

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)
- 12:00 PM Staff Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM St. Stephen Ringers

FRIDAY, May 5

SATURDAY, May 6

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, May 7 ~

- 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 Diana 5-year Anniversary Celebration (Gathering Space)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation Chime time (Worship Space)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship Holy Communion

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer	(8:30) L.S.A students
	(8:30) Rita Kristiansen and Carol Wiers
	(11:00) Nancy Egloff and Karen Arledge
Audio-Visual Team	(8:30) Beth Grant (11:00) Doug Moore
Bread Baker	Jennifer Dabel
Cantor	Mia Ryan
Communion Assistants	(8:30) Nathaniel Ingle and & Mia Ryan
	(11:00) Nathaniel Ingle and & Mia Ryan
Flower Delivery	Rosemary Stimson
	L.S.A. Students
Lector	Katie O'Neill
Tellers	Stan York, Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher
Ushers	(8:30) Rachel Bartz & Ryan (11:00) Rachel Bartz & Ryan

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(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (873-2273; counselors are in Williamsburg on Thursdays)

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

April 30, 2023

Name:	
For guests and members with c	changes:
Address (Home)	
City/State	Zip
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	on about Stephen Ministry
Would like a Parish Nurse	to contact me
Any comments? Please be sure y necessary.	your name is above, so we may respond,

Prayer Requests

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Name: Please remove from prayer con	
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I/We need a name tag:	