

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!*

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 9, 2023

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24 ;Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Colossians 3:5-11 *Tuesday*: Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24; Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17 *Wednesday*: Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24; Joshua 3:1-17; Matthew 28:1-10 *Thursday:* Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 2:8-15; Colossians 4:2-5 *Friday* Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 5:9–6:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *Saturday*: Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; John 20:11-20 *Next Sunday's Lessons:* Acts 2:14a, 22-32;Psalm 16 (11);1 Peter 1:3-9;John 20:19-31

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

<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, Mary Bloom, Ken Casilhas, Doug Crinklaw, Jerris & Tony DeKievit, Derald Edwards, Joan & Frank Goodhart, Sue Ivey, Hilda Janke, The Kennedy family, Ron Luchetti, Marnah Lund, Doug Mayes, Detra Michaels, Gina Peterson, David Shoberg, Kelsey Slay, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, and Caleb Wing.

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of Our Lord

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

Welcome

Centering Music

Spring Carol (Gelobet Sei Gott) St. Stephen Ringers Michael Burkhardt

Easter Call to Worship

The tomb is dark, but empty **The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness** The stone has been rolled away **The one you are looking for has overcome death** The burial clothes are put aside **The one you are looking for is alive!** Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Let us worship our Risen Savior!** ~ written by Rev. Mindi, on her Rev-o-lution blog. http://rev-o-lution.org/

Gathering Hymn Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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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.







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

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All 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."

Congregation sings refrain following choir.

This Is the Day Psalm 118



Second Reading

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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



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

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.".

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

Gospel Anthem Arisen Is Our Holy Lord

Arr. Kenneth T Kosche

Sermon

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 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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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	Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!	arr. David Schwoebel
	(Congregation joins the choir)	Bulletin page 14
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.

First Communion Celebration

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 *C*

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain Women's Choir

arrangement, Horn/Bender

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright Handbell Ensemble

Arr., Sandra Eithun

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

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

Sending Hymn	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing	ELW 385
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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 Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Thanks be to God.

PostludeHallelujah Chorus from "Messiah"G. F. Handel(The congregation is asked to remain standing and join the song – scores available in the pews.)

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt. Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623 Text © 1958 Service Book and Hymnal, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

Choir: Christ is risen! He is ris'n indeed! (4x) Refrain Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to-rious head! Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead! Choir: Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears; bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears. All: Refrain Choir: Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er; through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more; death and hell before him bending see him rise the victor now, angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow. All: Refrain Choir: Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay, now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today. See the grave its first-fruits giving, springing up from holy ground; Christ was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found. He is ris'n indeed! (3x) Christ is risen! Ris'n indeed! (2x) Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall. We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all. All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased; hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. Ris - en our vic - to-rious head! is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ Christ is ris - en from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing his prais - es! Choir: Christ is risen! He is ris'n indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Ris'n indeed! Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875

Music: Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927 Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt. Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615 Text © 1952, ren. 1980 *Hymns Ancient & Modern*, admin. Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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

<u>Flowers this morning</u> are given to the Glory of God by Emily and Lou Rossiter, in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

First Communion: May the Lord bless you and give you all the happiness of this world. Congratulations on your first holy communion. Today we celebrate the first communion of:

Evelyn Gail Judy Walker Martin Teague Sara Camila Teague Armand Grant Teague

HART Sponsored Iftar Dinner. Each year during Ramadan a member of our community's inter-religious group, HART (Historic Area Religions Together), hosts an Iftar Dinner for our Muslim neighbors. This year St. Stephen is hosting this meal the evening of April 16th in our Fellowship Hall! We are excited to extend an invitation to the congregation to participate in this special meal and learn a bit more about our Muslim neighbors. Iftar is the traditional fast-breaking evening meal held after sundown during Ramadan. Space is limited so please sign up on the bulletin sign-up sheet and you will be contacted about attending.

Easter Lilies are given to the Glory of God by:

Aaren Battle in memory of Douglas Birch and in honor of Michael Tu Susan Britcher in memory of her parents, Jacob and Kathryn Ward Bourn in memory of loved ones Ed and Ingrid Brown in memory of their parents Gale Crider and family in honor of Rosemary Stimson and in memory of Dan Stimson Jane deSolms in memory of her parents, Bettie and Irv deSolms Heidi Flatin in memory of Bruce Flatin Jeanne Garrison in memory of Jack Garrison Carol and Bob Harman to the Glory of God Susan Kauffman in memory of her parents, Carl and Helen Herzog **Paul** and **Rita Kristiansen** in memory of Hank Mallue Tom and Sandy Peterkin in honor of their family: Katy, Joey and Brody Wood and Tommy and Maryanne Peterkin Randy and Chris Punchard in thanks for God's many blessings Paul and Martha Reier in memory of their parents, John and Jean Reier and Arch and Ruth Ennis Karen Shoberg in thanks for God's many blessings The Teague family in thanks for Preschool Support Jim Weilmuenster in loving memory of Sue Weilmuenster and Linda Laity Hite

Susan Williamson in memory of Herbert Sullivan



Contributions to support the Jean Kuhn Memorial Fund are given to the Glory of God by:

Karen Shoberg in thanks for God's many blessings **Harlan** and **Anne Schone** in thanks for the special people of St. Stephen **Anonymous** to the Glory of God

<u>St. Stephen Calendar – April 9-16, 2023</u>

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

SUNDAY, April 9 ~ Easter Sunday

7:30 AM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship Space)

7:50 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

MONDAY, April 10

Church Offices and Preschool Closed ~

7:00 PM Finance committee (Library/Conference Room)

TUESDAY, April 11

Church Offices Closed ~

7:00 PM Council meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, April 12

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, April 13

12:30 PM Staff Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)

FRIDAY, April 14

SATURDAY, April 15

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, April 16 ~

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: Life Story Ina Berkey (Undercroft)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- **11:00 AM** Worship Holy Communion



Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer	
	(11:00) Liam Janke
	(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel and Rosalie Frey
	(11:00) Nancy Egloff and Karen Arledge
Audio-Visual Team	(8:30) Beth Grant (11:00) Charles Osborn
Bread Baker	Pat Fretz
Communion Assistants	
	(11:00) Nancy Egloff and Emily Rossiter
Flower Delivery	Nelia Lamoureux
Greeters/Hosts	(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00) Ward Bourn
Lectors	(8:30) Diane McCurry (11:00) Sandy Croushore
Tellers	Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher, Jim Larsen
Ushers	(8:30) Bill Dichtel and Russ White (11:00)

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(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 9, 2023

Name:
For guests and members with changes:
Address (Home)
City/StateZip
Felephone #
E-Mail Address
Guests Only: 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
Any comments? Places he sure your name is should so we may respond

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 are interested in Attending the Iftar Dinner.