



# 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.



***May 11, 2025***

## **For Your Prayers – May 12-18, 2025**

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

**Monday:** Ezekiel 37:15-28; Revelation 15:1-4; Psalm 100

**Tuesday:** Ezekiel 45:1-9; Acts 9:32-35; Psalm 100

**Wednesday:** Jeremiah 50:17-20; John 10:31-42; Psalm 100

**Thursday:** Ezekiel 2:8—3:11; Revelation 10:1-11; Psalm 148

**Friday:** *Daniel* 7:13-14; Revelation 11:15; Psalm 148

**Saturday:** *Daniel* 7:27; Revelation 11:16-19; Psalm 148

**Next Sunday's Lessons:** Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

**Join your prayers for healing** with God's desires for **Ingrid & Ed Brown, Preston Burton, Kristin Carter, Bob & Ginny Cummings, Forrest Fenstermaker, Sharon Jacobs, Donna Kittelson, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, Paul Reier 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, Mary Anderson, Charles Baugh, Donald and Carol Baum, Gary Baumgarten, Robi Bayard, June Brantley, Carol Bergh, Sue Havola Berhs, Mary Bloom, Tim Brown, Raymond Bunn, Karin Cavanaugh, Amaree Cluff, Ruth Ann Coski, Judy Craun, Judy Drezek, Becky Drury, Darrin and Rosemary Dunn, Tanya Fritz, Hollis Fulton, David Gade, Joel Gillespie, Joan and John Goodhart, Jonathan Hallman, Charee Hampton, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Bradley, Kim, Joan and Laurie Heintzeman, 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, Dave Watts, Brenda Webster, Penny Weld, Pat Whelan, Caleb Winig, and Elaine Wrich.

## *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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

**Welcome**

**Centering Music**      *Brother James' Air*

Dale Wood

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**      *The Day of Resurrection*

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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.**

*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 of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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 9:36-43**

*Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.*

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. *Reader: "The Word of the Lord." Response: "Thanks be to God."*

### **Psalm Hymn**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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### **Second Reading**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

*Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.*

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are

they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

### Gospel Acclamation



### Gospel

**John 10:22-30**

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

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

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

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

### Sermon

In the Direction of Tears  
*Silence for prayer and reflection.*

Pastor Jon Nelson

### Hymn of the Day

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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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, "Hear us, O God." Response: "Your mercy is great."*

### **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**      8:30 *The Lord Is My Shepherd"*  
Soloist: Terri Larsen

Thomas Matthew

### **Offertory Prayer**

Holy One, we pray for the dead—those whose lives inherently have meaning. Those who died too soon. Those who suffered needlessly. Those who the living miss everyday. Holy One, we pray for the living—that they may know wellness in the here and now. That our shared efforts and resources may contribute to our collective freedom. 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... 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

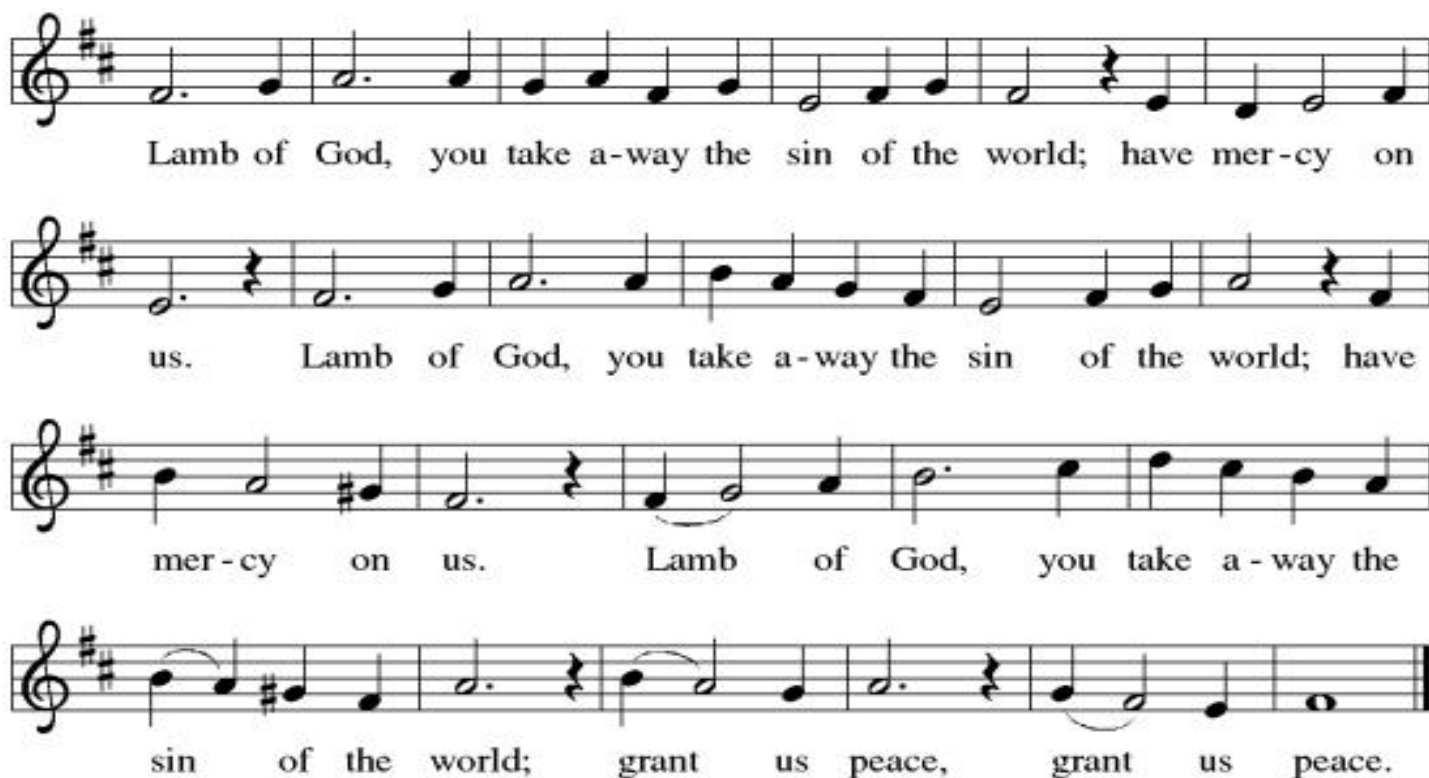
### The Lord's Prayer

**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. All are welcome to the Lord's Supper.*







**Communion Hymn**     *Shepherd Me, O God*  
    Leader: Terri Larsen

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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**                     *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*

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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.**

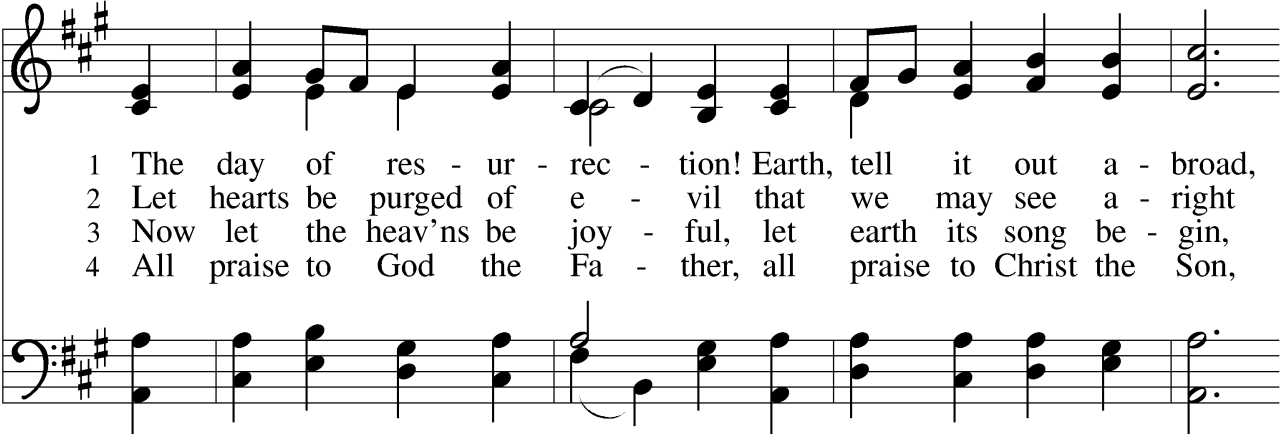
### Dismissal

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**                     *The Day of Resurrection!*

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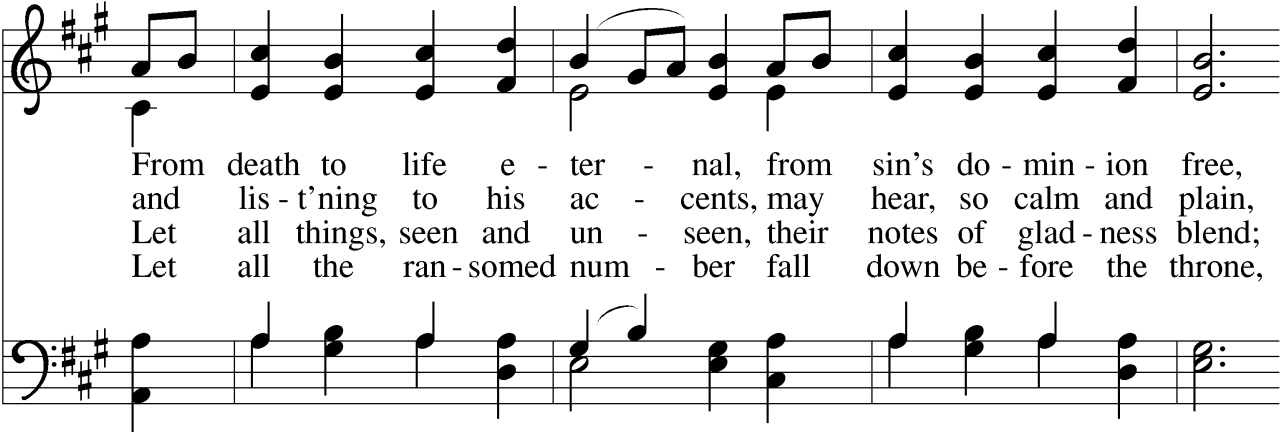
# The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

# The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

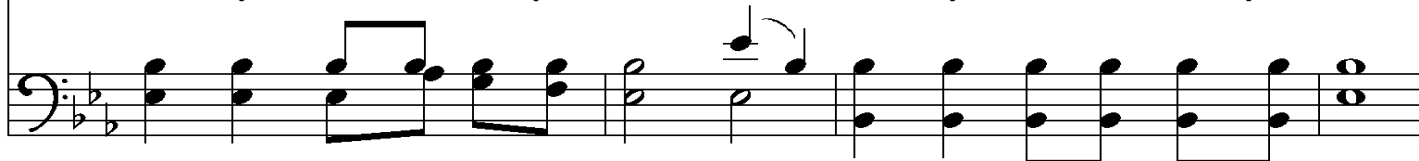
5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

# Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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# Shepherd Me, O God

*Refrain*

All




Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from




death in - to life. life.

*to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5* *to stanza 4*

*Leader or All*




1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my  
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

*Refrain*




walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

*Leader or All*



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

*Refrain*



ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

*Leader or All*




5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;




I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

# Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

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# 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 "playground") 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 by **Diana Tiller-Dichtel** and **Sandy Peterkin** in honor of Bob and Angie Groom's 78th wedding anniversary on May 10th.

## Upcoming

**Call Committee.** While the exact details of the call are still to be determined, the church council heard from you all that we should proceed with forming a call committee. One of the first tasks of the committee will be to gather information, conduct a congregational survey, and then complete a Ministry Site Profile. We hope that this process will help clarify the position we need to fill. We have two volunteers already, one council member and one member of the most recent call committee. We are looking for four more members, from a variety of different contexts. Are you interested in serving or know someone who is? Please contact Pastor Jon or indicate your interest in the bulletin sign up insert.

**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.

**Immigration Support.** The request for help with filing fees received a strong response, so we are making a wider appeal. Our goal is \$6000, and if you would like to contribute, please make a donation to SSLC with "*Immigration Assistance*" in the memo line or comments.

**Women's Monthly Bible Study** will be in the library on **Thursday, May 15**, at **1:00 pm** and **7:00 pm**. We enjoy an icebreaker to get to know each other better, a Bible Study or Faith Topic with small group discussion questions, and an opportunity to share prayer concerns to support each other. We will talk about the Muslim faith to better educate ourselves on the religion of our sponsored Afghan family. Please plan to join this informal group of women!

**Walk & Talk.** We will gather **on the Forecourt at 6:30PM on Sunday, May 18th** to walk for roughly an hour around Colonial Williamsburg. Join us for conversation and some exercise! Well behaved dogs are welcome too.

**Liberation Theology Reading Group.** We will meet again on **Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00PM in the Library** to discuss Part Two of of "A Theology of Liberation" by Gustavo Gutierrez.

**Summer Worship Schedule.** Starting on **Sunday, May 25th** we will be moving to **one worship service** through the summer. **Coffee at 9:00AM and Worship at 9:45 AM**. We will resume two worship times on Sunday, September 7th.



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

**SUNDAY, May 11 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

- 8:30 AM**    **Worship – Holy Communion** (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)  
9:45 AM    Matins Choir and Chancel Choir joint Rehearsal (Worship Space)  
9:45 AM    Affirmation of Baptism Class (Library/Conference Room)  
10:00 AM    Faith Formation: Mother’s Day Celebration (Preschool Room)  
**11:00 AM**    **Worship – Holy Communion**

**MONDAY, May 12**

- 10:00 AM    Staff meeting (Pastor's office)  
1:30 PM    Bible study (Library/Conference room)  
3:00 PM    Finance Meeting (Library/Conference room)

**TUESDAY, May 13**

- 7:00 PM    Council Meeting (Library/Conference room)

**WEDNESDAY, May 14**

- 8:45 PM    YOGA (College Room)  
7:00 PM    Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)  
7:00 PM    AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**THURSDAY, May 15**

- 1:00 PM    Women’s group (Library/Conference room)  
5:30 PM    St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship space)  
7:00 PM    Women’s group (Library/Conference room)

**FRIDAY, May 16**

**SATURDAY, May 17**

- 5:30 PM    AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30 PM    AlAnon (Gathering Space)

**SUNDAY, May 18 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

- 8:00 AM    Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)  
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6:30 PM    Walk and Talk (Forecourt)

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

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) John McCurry  
.....(11:00) David Nelson  
Altar Guild ..... (8:30) Rita Kristiansen  
..... (11:00) Nancy Egloff  
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Mike Morgan & Tim Judy (11:00) Tobias & Liam Janke  
Bread Baker..... Paul Kristiansen  
Cantor ..... Terri Larsen  
Communion Assistants ..... (8:30) Randy & Chris Punchard  
..... (11:00) Keith & Nancy Egloff  
Flower Delivery ..... Diane McCurry  
Greeters/Hosts ..... (8:30) Paul & Rita Kristiansen (11:00) Ned Neidlinger  
Lectors..... (8:30) Susan Williamson (11:00) Jane deSolms  
Pastor ..... Pastor Jon Nelson  
Tellers..... Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher and Jim Larsen  
Ushers..... (8:30) Tom & Sandy Peterson (11:00)



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Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

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