



# 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.

*April 12, 2026*  
*Second Sunday of Easter*

## For Your Prayers –April 13-19, 2026

### Lectionary readings for this week:

**Mon – Apr 13** Judges 6:36-40; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Psalm 114

**Tue – Apr 14** Jonah 1:1-17; 1 Corinthians 15:19-28; Psalm 114

**Wed – Apr 15** Jonah 2:1-10; Matthew 12:38-42; Psalm 114

**Thu – Apr 16** Isaiah 25:1-5; 1 Peter 1:8b-12; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

**Fri – Apr 17** Isaiah 26:1-4; 1 Peter 1:13-16; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

**Sat – Apr 18** Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 14:12-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

**Next Sunday:** 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 **Kristin Carter, Ginny Cummings, Craig Eichfeld, Edith Haecker, Dave Hoyer, Jim Ivey, Sharon Jacobs, Terri Larsen, Jim Mayfield, and Marie Nelson.**

**Pray for those unable to come to worship:** **Ailene Bartlett, Ed and Ingrid Brown, Pat Janot, Marilyn Johnson, Jon Lund, Carole Meyer, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.**

**Pray for these loved ones of our congregation:** Randy Altona, Phyllis Andrews, Lori Bardey and family, Kristin Carter, Carol Baum, Robi Bayard, Jeffrey Berry, Sr., Lila Bradley, June Brantley, Carol Bergh, Mary Bloom, Doug Bolick, Bob Britcher, Ruth Ann Coski, Amaree Cluff, Dru Dowdy, Judy Drezek, Hollis Fulton, Joan Goodhart, Charee Hampton, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Kim, Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Lisa Hill, Doris Hillenbrand, Michelle Holdsworth, Jaxon Ireland, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, Jenn Kramer, Bob Loubach, Layton, Marnah Lund, Keara Mahony, Trish Macerelli, Laura Margolin, Barry and Mabel Martin, Ellen Martin, Mabel Mater, Jackie Mazzone, Tom Mifflin, Jimmy Mitchell, Liz Montalvo, Bob Myers, Jim Ogborn, Jeanette Osborn, Maricel Paulin, Janet Popelas, Coral Pumley, Scott Radley, Kurt Recktenwald, Carol Sue Repass, Brian Ritter, Ruth Sandoval, Lou Schuster, Pamela Sharp, Kelsey Slay, Valerie Smith, Helen Soultoukis, Vasili Soultoukis, Kenneth & Laura Spencer, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, Lara Templin, Lenorah Thomas, Karli Wallace Thompson, Jenn Tyson, Matt Weilmuenster, Elaine Wrich, and Lynda Wright

## *Second Sunday of Easter*

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

**Welcome**

**Centering Music**      *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*      Setting, Thomas Gieschen

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

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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*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion




sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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***

*After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.*

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ <sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ <sup>32</sup> “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”  
*Reader: The Word of the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm Psalm 16**



- <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;  
     I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other.”
- <sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,**  
     **upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**
- <sup>3</sup> But those who run after | other gods  
     shall have their troubles | multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,**  
     **never take their names up- | on my lips. REFRAIN**
- <sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;  
     it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;**  
     **indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**
- <sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;  
     my heart teaches me night | after night.
- <sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;**  
     **because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken. REFRAIN**
- <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;  
     my body also shall | rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me | to the grave,  
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the | path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures  
for- | evermore. **REFRAIN**

## **Second Reading**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

*This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

## **Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

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

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

**Sermon:**

Rev. Colleen Hetrick

## Prayers

*Each petition concludes:* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

#### Offering Invitation

Beloveds, we gather in hope because Love remains with us. Our Sacred task is to nurture it. To grow it. To call it forth in one another. To embody it in small and ordinary ways. In faith that the love we practice together is one way we bear witness to the living Christ, let us share what we have with God and one another.

**Offering of Music:** *Touch That Soothes and Heals* Gregg DeMey, arr. Thomas Keesecker

#### Offertory Prayer

Liberating Spirit, your persistent love frees us from all that would have us cower before evil. While forces of destruction intend to scatter us far from one another, you bind our hearts together in everlasting hope. Through these and all our offerings, bless our efforts to support one another and all our neighbors who are struggling in body, spirit, or material need. Keep us faithful, O God, to the tasks of your Kin-dom. **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 ... and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **Eucharistic Blessing**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your...

...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **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.*

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is  
Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is  
vic - t'ry is ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.  
vic - t'ry is ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

**Communion Hymn**

*We Walk by Faith*

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## **Table Blessing**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

*The Risen Christ*

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

### **Blessing**

**God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever. Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **Postlude**

*The Risen Christ*

*Benjamin M. Culli*

# That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

# Christ Is Living



*¡Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra el llan - to, los la - men - tos y el pe - sar!*

1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.

2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.

3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic - t'ry; sin has lost its poi - son sting.



*Ni la muer - te ni el se - pul - cro lo han po - di - do su - je - tar.*

Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.

Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."

Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.

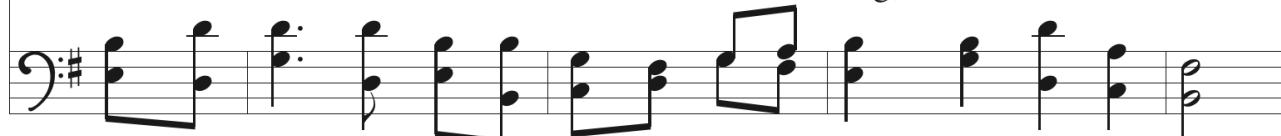


*No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.*

Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?

Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.

For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



*¡Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.*

Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.

Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!

Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.



# We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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# The Risen Christ



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet  
2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,  
3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand  
4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,  
breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Text: Nigel Weaver, b. 1952  
Music: WOODLANDS, Walter Greatorex, 1877-1949  
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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 or Facebook 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. Both services are live streamed.

### 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)
- ❖ 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 by Chris and Randy Punchard to the Glory of God!

## Information & Upcoming

We look forward to welcoming **the Rev. Colleen Hetrick** (Assistant to the Bishop) to St. Stephen's pulpit on April 12<sup>th</sup>!

**Building Closed 4/6-4/10.** The church building will be closed the week of April 6-10 as we have the church driveway resurfaced.

**Communal Life: LSA Sunday Dinners.** Want to get to know our LSA members? Host a meal for them! Sign up to host a Sunday evening meal for LSA on the chart in the Gathering Space. If you haven't hosted before, instructions are available.

**Calling gardeners** or anyone who enjoys getting in the dirt! This church has always relied on volunteers to keep our gardens looking beautiful. We are again looking for volunteers to take a week or more to weed, water and dead head the flowers. The heavy, pruning and mulching are done by a company we hire a couple times a year. Please indicate your willingness to help on the insert or contact Chris Punchard

**CrockPot Meals:** Volunteers are needed for the Crockpot Ministry of 2026, helping homeless families housed in area motels to make their own crockpot meals. Last year, 1,288 meals were provided by members of area churches two Thursdays per month. Currently, 26 families, including 47 children, are being served in five motels. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4fa8ad2a1-crockpot1#/>

**Immigration Fees.** We are looking to help a client of Sharon Powell's with legal fees to keep him with his family. If you feel called to help, you can give through the church by directing a donation to SSLC and indicating that it is for "Immigration Legal Fees."

### **Yoga is back!**

We are starting yoga again on **April 15<sup>th</sup>** at **8:55 am** in the gathering space. As before, if you want to park at the church arrive by 8:45 as preschool drop-offs start about that time. You are welcome to park at the Christian Science Reading Room. We ask that you put an orange flag from the office in your windshield to let them know who is using their space. The cost is \$10 per session. We are excited to get started again.

**Parish Life:** We are looking forward to **enCircle** visiting us between services on **April 26**. We will hear about the amazing work they do throughout the synod and how we can support that work with our time, treasure and talents. This will be the final visit by the organizations we support with your Stewardship of treasure for this year. We encourage you to join us in the fellowship hall for this presentation.

## St. Stephen Calendar: April 12-19, 2026

### SUNDAY, April 12 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)  
8:30 AM **Worship – Communion** (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)  
9:45 AM Matins Rehearsal (Worship Space)  
9:45 AM 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class (Pastor’s Office) & AOB (Library/Conference room)  
11:00 AM **Worship – Communion** (*livestreamed on Facebook*)  
3:00 PM **Hymn Sing ( The Landing)**  
6:00 PM **LSA Dinner (College room)**

### MONDAY, April 13

- 12:15 PM Staff meeting (Pastor Jon office)  
1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference room)  
3:00 PM Finance ( Library Conference room)

### TUESDAY, April 14

- 2:00 PM Endowment fund committee meeting  
6:00 PM-8:00 PM Stephen Minister Training (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 PM Council meeting ( Library Conference room)

### WEDNESDAY, April 15

- 8:55 AM Yoga ( Gathering Space)  
5:00 PM Girl Scouts (Preschool Room)  
7:00 PM Chancel choir rehearsal (Worship space)  
7:00 PM AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### THURSDAY, April 16

- 5:15 PM Faith 5 (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Worship Space)

### FRIDAY, April 17

- 9:00-11:00 AM Book mobile (drive way blocked)

### SATURDAY, April 18

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference room)  
5:30 PM Al-Anon (Gathering Space)

### SUNDAY, April 19 ~ “ LSA Sunday” Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 AM **Worship – Communion** (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)  
9:45 AM Matins (Worship Space)  
9:45 AM 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class (Pastor’s Office) & AOB (Library/Conference room)  
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## Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) Stan York  
..... (11:00) Pam Buckley  
Altar Guild ..... (8:30)  
..... (11:00) Pam Buckley  
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Nancy Carter (11:00) Charles Osborn  
Bread Baker..... Jennifer Dabel  
Cantors .....(8:30) Ellen Bushman (11:00) Sandy Croushore  
Communion Assistants .....(8:30) Paula Agor and Karen Sanderlin  
..... (11:00) George Bass and Pam Buckley  
Flower Delivery ..... Carol Wiers  
Greeters/Hosts ..... (8:30) Beth Grant (11:00) Chris Punchard  
Lectors.....(8:30) George Martin (11:00) Gretchen Osborne  
Pastor.....Rev Colleen Hetrick  
Presider.....Pastor Jon Nelson  
Tellers..... Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher and Jim Larsen  
Ushers..... (8:30) Bill Dichtel and JR Lyons (11:00) Glenn Joppa and Corey Knestruck

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church**

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

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

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

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

**LSA Pastor Gerry Johnson(703)209-3599**

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***April 12,2026***

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City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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