



# 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 19, 2026***

***Third Sunday of Easter "LSA Sunday"***

## For Your Prayers –April 20-25, 2026

### Lectionary readings for this week:

**Mon – Apr 20** Genesis 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Psalm 134

**Tue – Apr 21** Proverbs 8:32—9:6; 1 Peter 2:1-3; Psalm 134

**Wed – Apr 22** Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14; Psalm 134

**Thu – Apr 23** Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12; Psalm 23

**Fri – Apr 24** Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20 1 Peter 2:13-1;7 Psalm 23

**Sat – Apr 25** Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7; Psalm 23

**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 57 (9) 2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18 Mark 1:1-15

**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, David Carr, Ruth Ann Coski, Amaree Cluff, Dru Dowdy, Judy Drezek, Hollis Fulton, Keith and Debbie Glenn, 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, Jimmy Mitchell, Liz Montalvo, Bob Myers, Jim Ogborn, Jeanette Osborn, Rodger 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, Laura Spencer, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, Lara Templin, Lenorah Thomas, Karli Wallace Thompson, Jenn Tyson, Matt Weilmuenster, Elaine Wrich, and Lynda Wright

## *Third Sunday of Easter “LSA Sunday”*

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

**Welcome**

**Centering Music**

*This Joyful Eastertide*

Setting, Ronald A. Nelson

**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**

*This Joyful Eastertide*

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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

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

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

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

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

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

### Psalm Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19



- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,  
<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given | ear to me**  
**whenev- | er I called.**
- <sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.
- <sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**  
**"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life." REFRAIN**
- <sup>12</sup> How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?
- <sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup | of salvation**  
**and call on the name | of the LORD.**
- <sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.
- <sup>15</sup> **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,**  
**is the death | of your servants.**
- <sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.
- <sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving**  
**and call upon the name | of the LORD. REFRAIN**
- <sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,
- <sup>19</sup> **in the courts of | the LORD's house,**  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah! REFRAIN**

### Second Reading

### 1 Peter 1:17-23

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer*

*belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

## **Gospel**

**Luke 24:13-35**

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

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

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

Simon!”<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

## Sermon

Jared Dewey

**Hymn of the Day**     *Let Us Talents and Toungees Employ*

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## Prayers

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick (*especially*). Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal Light, we give thanks for (*Olavus Petri, Laurentius Petri and*) all who have nurtured your church’s life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

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

#### Offering Invitation

Holy Stranger, at times we do not recognize you. We have inherited beliefs that narrow our perception. We rely on you, O God, to help us expand our understanding of the Sacred among us. Stretch us, that we might grow in faith. Challenge us, that we might deepen our commitment to love's strange ways.

**Offering of Music:**

*Day of Arising*  
Duet: Kimberlee Tozier and Sophie Gustafson

Carl Schalk

**Offertory Prayer**

Beloved One, we give you thanks for all the prophets who bring truth to the surface. Help us to linger in their wisdom, even when we are uncomfortable. Give us the courage to listen with hearts open to transformation. Give us the strength to tell the story of us through the radical love of Christ. And give us the faith to live in solidarity with all who abide in the shadow of death. **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.**

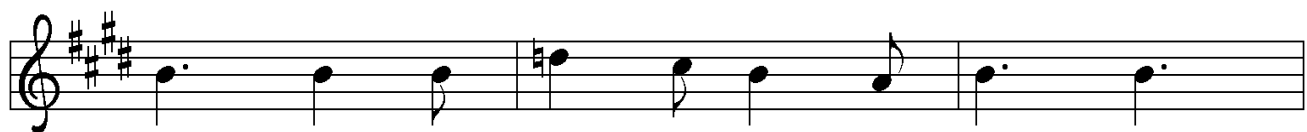
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... and join their unending hymn:



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 Who Once Were Dead*

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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.**

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

**Sending Hymn**

*Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus*

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**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** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Setting Marshall S. Barnhouse, III

# This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

sprung to life this mor - - row.  
wake the dead in num - - ber.  
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

## Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

### *Refrain*



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

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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# We Who Once Were Dead



- 1 We who once were dead now live, fully know - ing Je - sus  
2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us  
3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him  
4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.  
strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.  
we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.  
then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,  
but you rose and, living,  
made yourself our bread,  
in your goodness giving  
life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;  
in this meal we meet you.  
Be our bread and wine,  
Jesus, we entreat you.  
This shall be our sign.

Text: Muus Jacobse, 1909–1972; tr. composite

Music: MIDDEN IN DE DOOD, Rik Veelenturf, b. 1936

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# Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

The second system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody continues from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;

The third system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody continues from the second system. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

The fourth system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

Music: WERDE MUNTER, Johann Schop, 1600–1665; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

## 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 "pryground") 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 in honor of our many blessings and Gods grace.

We give thanks to God for the gifts and leadership of the LSA members leading our worship this morning!

## **Information & Upcoming**

Pastor Jon will be out starting April 21<sup>st</sup> for 2-6 weeks to have and recover from Surgery. If you need immediate pastoral care please reach out to Pastor Harvey Nelson or Pastor Gerry Johnson. Thank you and we will continue to pray for Pastor Jon's quick recovery.

**Monthly Caregiver Coffee is April 23<sup>rd</sup>** this month.

Please note that April's Caregiver Coffee is changing FROM the usual third Thursday (4/16) TO the fourth Thursday (4/23). Join us for coffee/tea and conversation at 10:30 at Panera on April 23rd. We expect to be back to our usual third-Thursday schedule in May.

**enCircle Presentation 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.

**Seeking Leaders for "Luke 10" Training.** Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) and Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice are partnering to help congregations lead efforts for change in their communities. This program is designed to help your congregation discern how to faithfully respond to the suffering in your community using the methods and practices of community organizing. Churches participate in this program by appointing a 4–5-person leadership team who will attend our training sessions and then lead their church to develop strategies to enact justice. The leadership team represents the congregation by joining three Luke 10 Zoom meetings per month for 9 months beginning September 2026 (committing to 4-8 hours per month); leading their congregation to implement what is learned throughout the program; and attending two retreats in Baltimore. Interested parties should contact Pastor Jon by May 17<sup>th</sup>. This opportunity is funded by a grant from the Lilly Foundation.

## St. Stephen Calendar: April 19-26, 2026

### SUNDAY, April 19 ~ LSA Sunday

- 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*)  
**6:00 PM**    **LSA Dinner** (College room)

### MONDAY, April 20

- 1:30 PM    Bible Study (Library/Conference room)  
4:30 PM    Stephen Ministry (Library/Conference room)

### TUESDAY, April 21

- 11:00 AM   Quilting group ( Fellowship Hall)  
12:30 PM   Preschool Committee meeting (Library/Conference room)  
6:00 PM-8:00 PM Stephen Minister Training (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 PM    Choral Guild ( Library/conference room)

### WEDNESDAY, April 22

- 8:45AM    Yoga (Gathering Space)  
7:00PM    Chancel Choir (Worship Space)  
5:00 PM    Girl Scouts (Preschool room)  
7:00 PM    AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### THURSDAY, April 23

- 10:30      Care Givers Coffee (Panera)  
5:30 PM    Handbell Rehearsal (Worship space)

### FRIDAY, April 24

- 8:30        Preschool Pictures (Gathering Space/Prayer Garden)

### SATURDAY, April 25

- 1:00 PM    Marcie Clark Memorial Service (Worship Space)  
5:30 PM    AA Meeting (Library/Conference room)  
5:30 PM    Al-Anon (Gathering Space)

### SUNDAY, April 26 ~ Fourth 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    AOB (Library/Conference room)  
10:00 AM   enCircle Presentation (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30 AM   Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)  
**11:00 AM**   **Worship – Communion** (*livestreamed on Facebook*)  
**6:00 PM**    **LSA Dinner** (College room)

**Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today**

Acolyte/Crucifer..... Sophie Gustafson  
Altar Guild .....(8:30) Rosie Frey  
..... (11:00)  
Audio-Visual Team.....(8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) Mike Morgan  
Bread Baker..... Carol Wiers  
Cantors .....Kimberlee Tozier & Sophie Gustafson  
Communion Assistants ..... Lillian Goetz & Guinevere Schillinger  
Flower Delivery .....Nelia Lamoureux  
Greeters/Hosts ..... LSA Students  
Lectors..... Elizabeth Thompson & Carson Burch  
Preacher..... Jared Dewey  
Presider ..... Pastor Jon Nelson  
Tellers..... Jeanne Garrison, Carol Brown and Russ White  
Ushers..... (8:30) Elizabeth Thompson (11:00) Jim Weilmuenster and Russ Dabel

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*(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)*

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

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

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

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