



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 10th, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

For Your Prayers –May 11-17, 2026

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – May 11: Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44; Psalm 93

Tue – May 12: Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:8-12; Psalm 93

Wed – May 13: Deuteronomy 31:1-13; John 16:16-24; Psalm 93

Thu – May 14: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 93; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Fri – May 15: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7; Psalm 93

Sat – May 16: 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30; Psalm 93

Next Sunday: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Kristin Carter, Ginny Cummings, Craig Eichfeld, Edith Haecker, Dave Hoyer, Jim Ivey, Sharon Jacobs, Donna Kittelson, Terri Larsen, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, Pastor Jon Nelson and Marie Nelson.**

Pray for those unable to come to worship: **Ailene Bartlett, Ed Brown, Pat Janot, Marilyn Johnson, Jon Lund, 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, Danny Gass, Keith and Debbie Glenn, Joan Goodhart, Charee Hampton, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Bradley, Kim, Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Lisa Hill, Doris Hillenbrand, Bob Hirsch, Michelle Holdsworth, Jaxon Ireland, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, Jenn Kramer, Bob Loubach, Pat Layton, Marnah Lund, Doug MacKenzie, 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Welcome

Centering Music

Come Down, O Love Divine

Setting, Mark Sedio

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

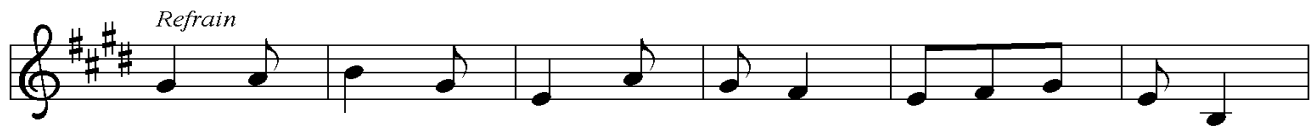
Come Down, O Love Divine

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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



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.



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



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



God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ ²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

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

Psalm 66:8-20



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁸ Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living**

and has not allowed our | feet to slip. REFRAIN

¹⁰ For you, O God, have | tested us;

you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us in- | to the net;**

you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,

but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house | with burnt offerings**

and will pay | you my vows—

¹⁴ those that I promised | with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;**

I will give you ox- | en and goats. REFRAIN

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you | who believe,
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God | with my mouth,
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil | in my heart,
the Lord would | not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth | God has heard me
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing | love from me. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Gospel

John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

Hymn of the Day *Come, Share the Spirit*

ACS 1045

Stanza 2 – Christina Nelson and our Choral Scholars

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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.

Each petition concludes: 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

Come, that compassion and care might be the law of the land. Come, that our resources might honor our planet home. Come, bring your offerings and gifts that they may coalesce and create more than we ever could on our own.

Offering of Music:

Spirit Truth, Pure Light of Love

Robert J. Powell

Offertory Prayer

We dedicate these offerings to the young people who live with the heaviness of climate grief. To the young people whose childhoods have been shaped by a global pandemic and mass violence. To the young people whose mental and physical well-being is trampled by meanness of those in the halls of power. May our resources honor our young people, oh God. We weep for how we have not been able to protect them. **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 Music *Waterlife* Handt Hanson, arr. Phil Kadidlo
Quartet: Christina Nelson and our Choral Scholars: Brian Hesse, Nick Jobe, and Sam Watkowski

Communion Hymn *Don't Be Afraid*

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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

Oh, Sing to the Lord

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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

Oh, Sing to the Lord

Setting, Sherri Hansen

Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Come, Share the Spirit



1 Come, share the Spir - it, God has called us to ven - tures
 2 Come, drown your sins be - neath the wa - ters where life flows
 3 Come, God in - vites us to the ban - quet that ev - 'ry
 4 Come, let us tell the gos - pel sto - ry, how God has



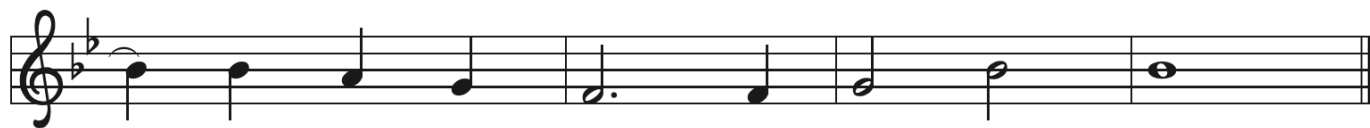
in the life of faith, to bring good tid - ings to the
 from the gran - ite rock, the stone from which our Lord has
 peo - ple soon will share, with shouts of joy and loud thanks -
 giv - en us new birth and rais - es us to live for



need - y, to tell of vic - t'ry o - ver death.
 ris - en, our cor - ner - stone and build - ing block.
 giv - ing be - fore God's throne we will ap - pear.
 oth - ers, to speak good news through - out the earth.



Christ speaks and all of life is new;
 Christ speaks and rais - es from the dead
 Christ speaks and bids us sit and dine;
 Christ speaks and life is come a - gain.



God's word is pure and it is true.
 all those who hear the liv - ing Word.
 his bod - y, bread, his blood, the wine.
 Good news, good news for ev - 'ry - one!

Text: Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.

Music: ST. PAUL'S ARDMORE, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962

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Don't Be Afraid

Don't be a - fraid. My love is stron-ger, my love is stron-ger than your

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. It contains three measures of music. The first measure has a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The second measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The third measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains three measures. The first two measures have whole rests. The third measure has a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2.

fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron - ger and

The second system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. It contains three measures of music. The first measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The second measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The third measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains three measures. The first two measures have whole rests. The third measure has a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2.

I have prom - ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

The third system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. It contains three measures of music. The first measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The second measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The third measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains three measures. The first measure has a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The second measure has a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The third measure has a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949, and Graham Maule, 1958–2019

Music: DON'T BE AFRAID, John L. Bell

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Oh, Sing to the Lord

Cantad al Señor



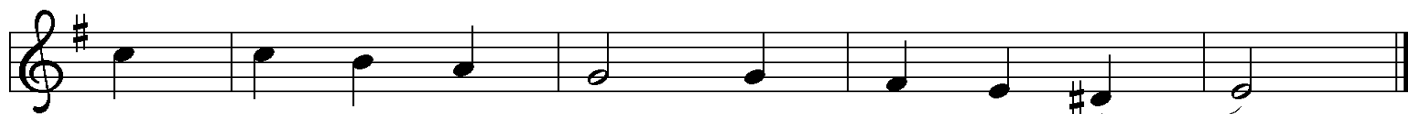
1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

4 *Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

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 given by Nelia Lamoureux to the glory of God!

Information & Upcoming

Pastor Jon will be out starting April 21st 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 May 21st this month.

Join us for coffee/tea and conversation at 10:30 at Panera on May 21st .

On Monday, May 11th the City of Williamsburg will be hosting a Health Fair at the Stryker Center across from the Library. The goal of the Health Fair is to connect our Senior Community with resources they may need for themselves, a loved one, and friends. This is an opportunity to speak with 38 vendors and see what resources are available. There will be blood pressure screening, information, and the ability to interact with various organizations providing a wide variety services. The event is from 9am - 2pm.

May 14: Monthly Women's Study on Pentecost

Please join us on Thursday, May 14, at 1:00 pm or 7:00 pm in the library for the Women's Monthly Study. Chris Punchard will lead a session on Pentecost.

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 17th. This opportunity is funded by a grant from the Lilly Foundation.

Church Picnic and start of the summer one service at 9:45am will start on **May 24th**. We will have service at the church followed by a picnic at Freedom Park. Please **RSVP** on the insert sheet so we know how many will be attending the picnic. Please plan on bringing a desert or side dish to share.

St. Stephen Calendar: May 10- 17, 2026

SUNDAY, May 10 ~ Sixth 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)
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
11:00 AM **Worship – Communion** (*livestreamed on Facebook*)

MONDAY, May 11

- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference room)
3:00PM Finance meeting (Library/Conference room)

TUESDAY, May 12

- 3:30 PM Women’s retreat Planning committee (Library/Conference room)
7:00 PM Council meeting (Fellowship hall)
6:00 PM-8:00 PM Stephen Minister Training (Library/ Conference room)

WEDNESDAY, May 13

- 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, May 14

- 1:00PM Women’s Study group “Pentecost” (Library/conference room)
7:00PM Women’s Study group “Pentecost” (Library/conference room)

FRIDAY, May 15

SATURDAY, May 16

- 12:00-4:00 PM Fellowship hall reserved
5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference room)
5:30 PM Al-Anon (Gathering Space)

SUNDAY, May 17 ~ Seventh 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)
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
11:00 AM **Worship – Communion** (*livestreamed on Facebook*)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....	(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
.....	(11:00) Alina Dabel
Altar Guild	(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
.....	(11:00) Nancy Egloff
Audio-Visual Team.....	(8:30) Tim Judy (11:00) Charles Osborn
Bread Baker.....	Paul Kristiansen
Cantor	Christina Nelson
Communion Assistants	(8:30) Paula Agor and Rosalie Frey
.....	(11:00) Harvey Nelson and Jennifer Dabel
Flower Delivery	Carol Wiers
Greeters/Hosts	(8:30) Chris Punchard (11:00) Alison Carney
Lectors.....	(8:30) Randy Punchard (11:00) Cyndy Touhasaent
Pastor	Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers.....	Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher and Jim Larsen
Ushers.....	(8:30) Brian Agor and John McCurry
.....	(11:00) Jim Weilmuenster and George Bass

Upcoming Commemorations

Matthias, Apostle

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

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Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate
or give it to an usher.

May 10,2026

Name: _____

For guests and members with changes:

Address (Home) _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Guests Only:

I belong to _____

Church Address _____

Please check as many as pertain:

____ Member

____ First time guest

____ Regular guest

____ Guest (out of town)

____ Student at William & Mary

____ LSA member

____ Looking for a church home

____ Desire to speak with pastor

____ Would like more information about Stephen Ministry

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 need a name tag _____

___ I/We will be attending the church Picnic on May 24th at Freedom Park

of people attending _____