

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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024

For Your Prayers – May 13-19, 2024

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Exodus 28:29-38 Philippians 1:3-11 Psalm 115

Tuesday: Isaiah 66:1-2 Psalm 56 (12) Acts 1:15-26 Luke 6:12-16

Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-15 John 16:16-24 Psalm 115

Thursday: Genesis 2:4b-7 1 Corinthians 15:42b-49 Psalm 33:12-22

Friday Job 37:1-13 1 Corinthians 15:50-57 Psalm 33:12-22 *Saturday*: Exodus 15:6-11 John 7:37-39 Psalm 33:12-22

Next Sunday's Lessons Exodus 19:1-9 Psalm 33:12-22 (20) Romans 8:14-17, 22-27

John 7:37-39

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for Trudi Arnold, Aaren Battle, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Steve Grant, Carol Harman, Jack Harris, Jim Ivey, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, Jim Mayfield, Susan Neidlinger, Martha Reier, Becky Pittman, and Linda Vonderheide.

<u>Pray for those unable to come to worship</u>: Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Edith Haecker, Pat Janot, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.

<u>Pray peace and comfort</u> for Sherry Phipps and her family on the death of Sherry's father, Robert Lee Mink.

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Bob Alt, Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, Linda Bonfiglio, Mary Bloom, Amy Carl, Karin Cavanaugh, Jerry & Elijah Connor, Judy Craun, Sophia Czajkowski, Judy Drezek, Ginny Mauney Fox, Joel Gillespie, Joan and Frank Goodhart, Deanna Harbison, Nick Havola, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Lisa Hill, Jaxon Ireland, The Jacobs Family, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Marnah Lund, Laura Margolin, Doug Mayes, Jack Mayfield, The Keith Meins family, Liz Montalvo, Becky Murphy, Ed Moninger, Bob Myers, Silvana Oderisi, Denise Ogborn, Lori Ogborn, Paula Rega, Kathy Reynolds, Clarice Rohling, Mark Punchard, Marci Ries, Sharon Rogers, Betty Roth, Kurtis Schultz, Lou Schuster, Inge Seiter, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, and Caleb Winig.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Welcome

Centering Music Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Setting, David Johnson I. Chorale, II. Andante, IV. Moderato

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW 645 Bulletin page 12 **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





Prayer of the Day

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death..

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who

became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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



¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law | of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night. *Refrain*

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;

everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so | with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. Refrain

Second Reading 1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not

have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

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

[Jesus prayed:] 6"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

Sermon

Made Known Silence for prayer and reflection.

Pastor Jon O Nelson

Hymn of the Day

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

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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, "God of grace," Response: "hear our prayer."

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

Offering

Offerings are gathered for the mission of the church: preaching and teaching the good news of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ, and caring for the poor. During the offering, the table is set for the Lord's Supper.

Offering of Music

Peace Is My Last Gift To You

Frederick Frahm

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



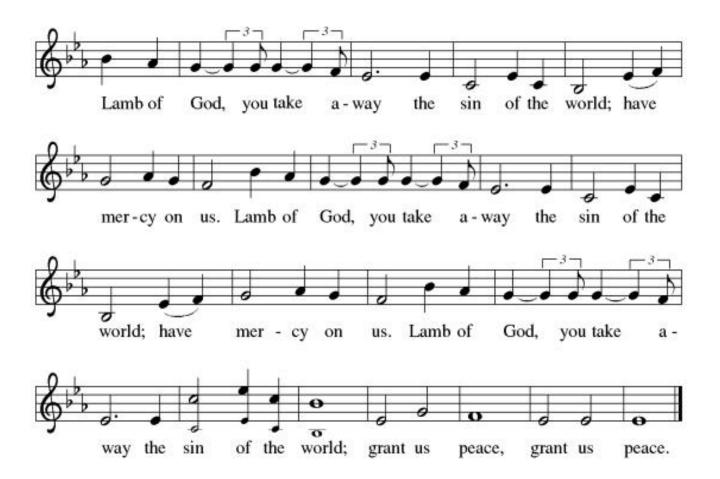
Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

When receiving Communion, either stand or kneel at the Rail. Pastor will distribute the bread and a Communion Assistant will come with a tray of pre-filled cups of wine and grape juice. The juice will be in the middle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available as an alternative to bread. St. Stephen is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, so all are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper.



Communion Music (11:00 AM) Tranquil Chimings
Chime Timers

Sandra Eithun

Communion Hymn

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song ELW 403 Bulletin page 14

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

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

Sending Hymn

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope → bless you now and always. Amen.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude Rise, O Sun of Righteousness Setting, Aaron David Miller

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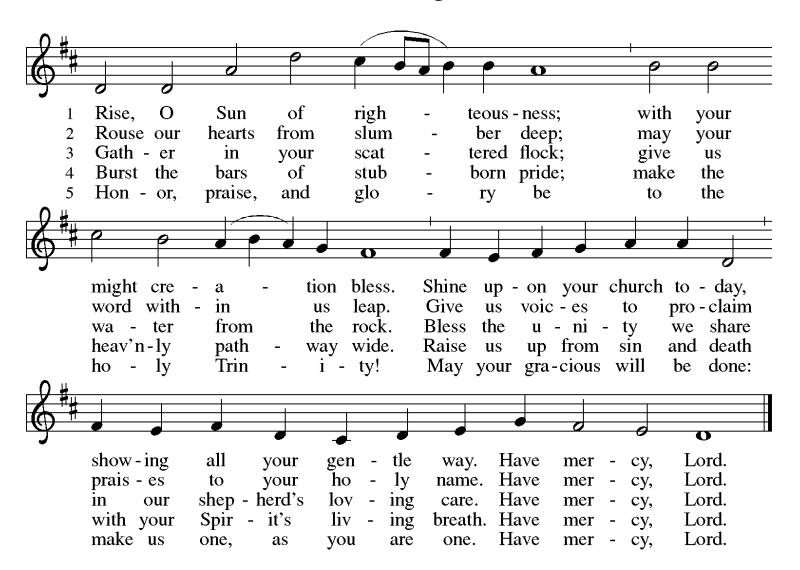
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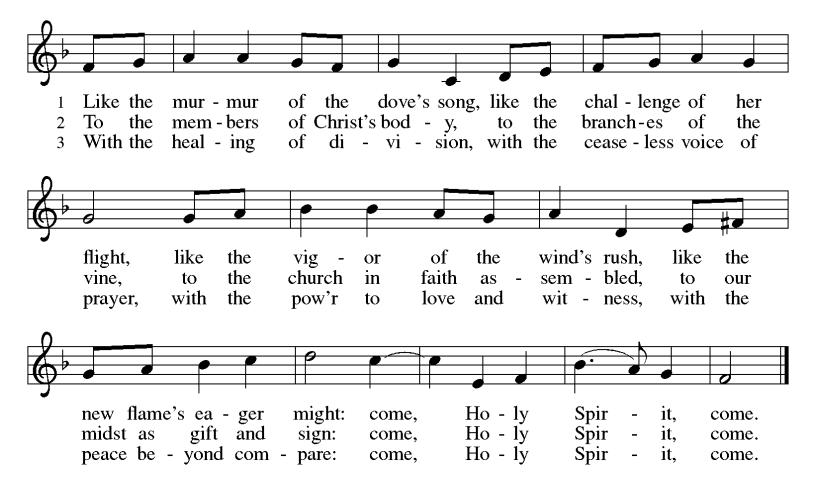


Rise, O Sun of Righteousness



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Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song



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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)
- ❖ 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.

<u>Health Update</u>: 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

<u>Flowers this morning</u> are given by Ned and Susan Neidlinger in Honor of their Anniversary!

Education: Adult Ed. Opportunity. Join us in the Fellowship Hall between services (10:00AM - 10:40AM) on the Sundays of May 12th & 19th. Pastor Jon will be leading two sessions on Liturgy. We will be exploring why we do the things we do in worship on Sunday mornings

Upcoming.

<u>Williamsburg House of Mercy</u> is conducting a peanut Butter and Jelly drive from now until May 19th. You can drop off your donations in the Bins marked for House of Mercy in the Gathering space. You can also bring them to the office. Any type of peanut butter or jelly is fine!

<u>Giving Statements</u> are available in the gathering space. Please pick yours up before you leave. Thank you!

<u>The Flower Chart for 2024</u> is posted in the display area of the Gathering Space. Please mark the date for which you would like to sponsor flowers! Sponsor sheets are in the tray below the chart! We currently have May 19th,26th June 2nd, June 9th, Aug 4th, 11th and 18th Sept 1st,8th and 15th October 20th, and 27th, Nov 10th, 17th and Dec 1st.

<u>Affirmation of Baptism</u>. We also look forward to witnessing a member of our church, **Benjamin Berry**, affirm the promises made on their behalf at baptism **Sunday May 19th** at the 11:00 AM worship service.

June Congregational Meeting: We will hold our June business meeting on Sunday, June 16th following worship. Our June meeting typically includes elections, a midyear review and update, and a report from the Preschool regarding the completed program year. The agenda and supporting documents for the meeting will be shared soon.

Worship: Summer Worship Schedule. Starting Sunday, May 26th we will be moving to one worship service ending on Sept 8th with "Gods Work. Our Hands" Sunday. We will return to 2 services starting on Sept 15th. We will have coffee at 9:00 AM and worship at 9:45 AM on these Sundays. This worship service will be live-streamed as well. We hope that this joint service will help foster connections between "8:30 folk" and "11:00 folk" as well as give our worship leaders a lighter Sunday morning for these weeks of summer.

<u>Picnic in the Park</u> Join us **June 2nd 12:00 pm** at Freedom Park For a Picnic to Celebrate our Graduating Seniors to Wish Pastor Alex "Bon Voyage" and to Bring in the Summer". We will provide Lemonade, Water, Hotdogs and Hamburgers. Please sign up on the insert if you will attend and if you are bringing a side dish.

St. Stephen Calendar - May 12- May 19, 2024

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

SUNDAY, May 12 ~ 7th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM	Worship - Holy	y Communion	(livestreamed or	n our YouTube channel)
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9:45 AM Matins/Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

10:00AM Adult Education Class (Fellowship Hall)

10:40 AM Chime Timers (Worship Space)

11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion

MONDAY, May 13

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 14

7:00 PM Council Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, May 15

2:00 PM Endowment Committee (Library/Conference Room)

3:00 PM YOGA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, May 16

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

5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers (Worship Space)

FRIDAY, May 17

SATURDAY, May 18

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

SUNDAY, May 19 ~ Pentecost

8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)

9:45 AM Matins/Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

10:00AM Adult Education Class (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer	
	(11:00) Alina Dabel
Altar Guild	(8:30) Amy Bergh & Diane
	(11:00) Gerri Bass
	(8:30) Nancy Carter and Tim Judy (11:00) Tobias Janke
Bread Baker	Amy Bergh
	(8:30) Karen Shoberg (11:00) Jim Larsen
Communion Assistants	(8:30) Amy and Brian Bergh
	(11:00) Cyndy Touhsaent and Alina Dabel
Flower Delivery	
Greeters/Hosts	(8:30) Paul & Rita Kristiansen (11:00) Alison Carney
	(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel, (11:00) Cyndy Touhsaent
Preacher	Pastor Jon O Nelson
	Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher, Jim Larsen
Ushers	
	(11:00) Russ Dabel and Jim Weilmuenster

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Welcome to St. Stephen Lutheran Church! Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

May 12,2024

Name:
For guests and members with changes:
Address (Home)
City/StateZip
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
Looking for a church home
Desire to speak with pastor
Would like more information about Stephen Ministry
Would like a Parish Nurse to contact me
Any comments? 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 Picnic June 2 nd and we will bringing a side dish How Many Attending			