



# St Stephen

**Lutheran Church, ELCA**



**Encouraging and  
strengthening faith in Jesus,  
and sharing the joy of God's love.**

**April 1, 2018**

**EASTER SUNDAY  
Resurrection of Our Lord**

**10:15am**

Rev. Dr. Sidney Nelson, Interim pastor

# —WE GATHER—

## INTRODUCTION

*This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.*

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

**P:** Christ is risen!

**C:** He is risen indeed!

*As the cross moves forward, please continue to face the cross as it moves to the chancel at the front of the sanctuary.*

## OPENING SONG:

### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW #365



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

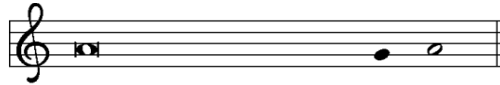
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Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

## THE GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

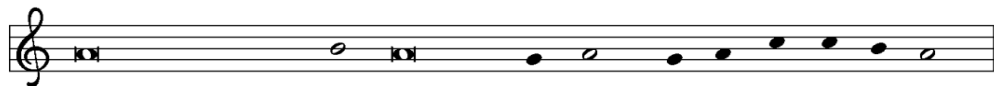
## KYRIE (Sung)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



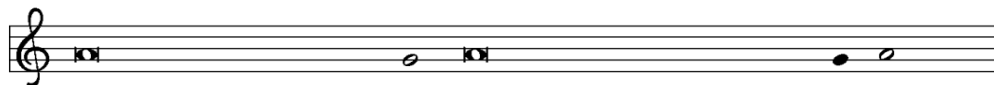
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



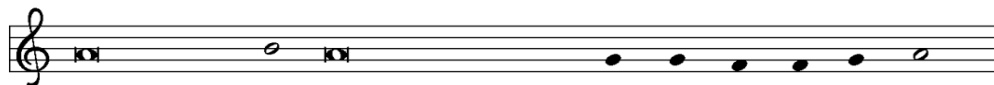
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the feast"

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

C: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

## Easter greetings from pastor and children's message

**FIRST READING:**

**Acts 10: 34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM (ELW): Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



—WE RESPOND—

SERMON SONG:

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

ELW #366



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's  
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious  
4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high  
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

## 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Insert a petition of Confession (complete)

*After each petition of the prayer is said:*

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share with one another the peace of the Lord.



~WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE~

OFFERING

**MUSICAL OFFERING:**

**Be Not Afraid**  
(twice)

**ELW #388**

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the melody. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system repeats the same music.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community  
Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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**OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

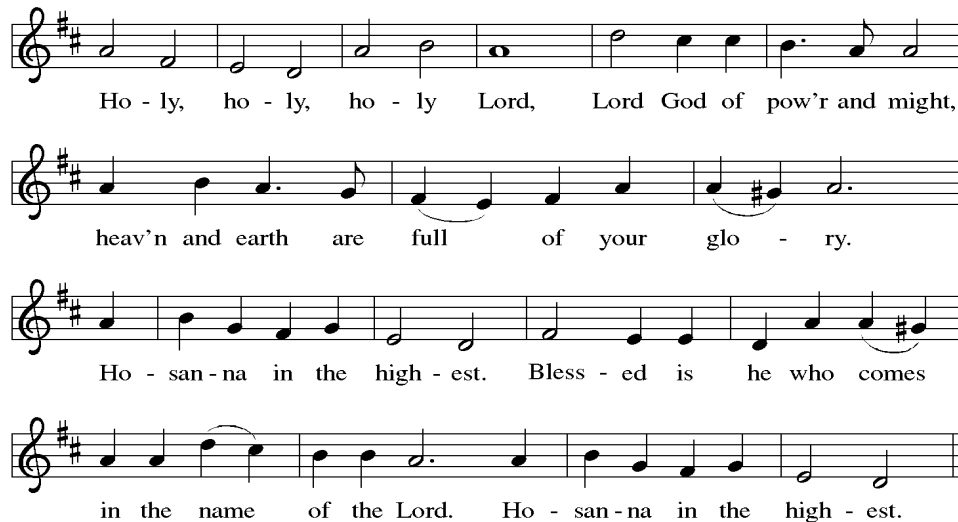
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising had brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen... Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Invitation of Communion**

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**Holy Communion** (Our communion is by intinction: **Receive the bread and dip bread in the wine.**)  
**Gluten free bread is available** on the right side. (please ask)  
**Alcohol free wine is available** on the right side. (please ask)

P: The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**C: Amen.**

### **"LAMB OF GOD"**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
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## Instrumental Music

*Cesar Vidaud*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# ~WE ARE SENT FORTH~

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's faces shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and †give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG: Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!

ELW #385



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

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## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the joy of God's love.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Laurel Blake, Jim Loggins, Barb Taylor, Diane Adler, Katie, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, Trudy DiCarlo, Marie Koach and Shelley Amato.

### Prayers for Friends of the Church: (Please renew your request every 3 weeks)

✠ Edna Hayn, Sue Lainetti, Frank and Marie's Muligan niece ✠ Sue Luinetti, Lynn Steel, and the victims and families of University pedestrian bridge in Miami ✠ Henry Quimi Lino, E.M., Shirley Christell.

In our prayers today and in the days ahead, we remember the victims of the Parkland school shooting. Please remember also in your prayers the family of Joan Coletti who passed away on March 20. Joan is a beloved friend of Caroline Smith.

### In a facility or homebound:

Marie Koach -	John Knox Bldg. 824 Room 9 651 SW 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060
Trudy DiCarlo -	John Knox 651 SW 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060
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Jane Reinhold -	6700 NW 21 <sup>ST</sup> St. Margate, Fl. 33063
Evelyn Braun -	6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433
Jim Loggins -	John Knox - Woodlands 651 SW 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. April 3 at 7:00pm **Church Council Meeting.**
2. Thanks to Rev. Tom Peterson for preaching on March 22 midweek Lent worship.
3. Breakfast Bunch will meet this Saturday at 9am. Our speaker will be Kristi Clark of Thrivent Financial. Food, and fellowship as well as a great program.

### ***Stewardship Snippet***

**April 1, 2018** (Easter Sunday, Year B)

**Acts 10:39-40a** – We are witnesses to all that Jesus did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day.

*Jesus the Christ's death and resurrection reveal to us the depth and fullness of God's love and mercy. We ascribe to God all that we have and all that we are, but so much more! We can claim God's favor and love in our lives.*

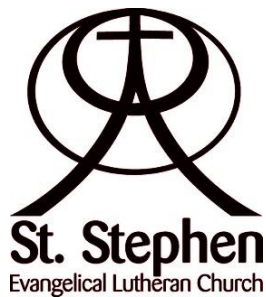
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10:15 AM	<u>April 1</u>	<u>April 8</u>	<u>April 15</u>	<u>April 22</u>	<u>April 29</u>
	<u>Easter</u>				
ASSISTING MINISTER	Pat Belanger	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	Pat Belanger
CRUCIFER	TBA				
ACOLYTE/TORCH BEARES	Carol Jacobson	Terry Shumway	Sera Butz	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler
BOOK BEARER	TBA				
LECTOR	Erika Flanigan	Rita Sharkey	Laurie Matarazzo	Catherine Zippay	Tom Peterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Suzanne Loggins Linda Hanzlik Terry Shumway Lisa Castaneda (w)	Floyd Macdonald Jeanne Pettit Lynda Smith (w) Zachary Smith	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Terry Shumway Pat Belanger	Floyd MacDonald Erika Flanigan Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w)	Darin Kibler Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Linda Hanzlik
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Kelly Jacobson	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle
SOUND	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz	Eric Castaneda	Sera Butz	Dennis Magarrell
PROJECTION	Eric Castaneda	Eric Castaneda	Larry Jones	Larry Jones	Katie Paff



### Activity Calendar

- Sunday 1  
10:15am Easter Sunday
- Monday 2  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
- Tuesday 3  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
7:00pm Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday 4  
8:00am Quilting  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
- Thursday 5  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
7:30pm Choir rehearsal
- Friday 6  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
- Saturday 7  
9am Breakfast Bunch
- Sunday 8  
10:15am Sunday Worship  
11:45am Confirmation Class



### Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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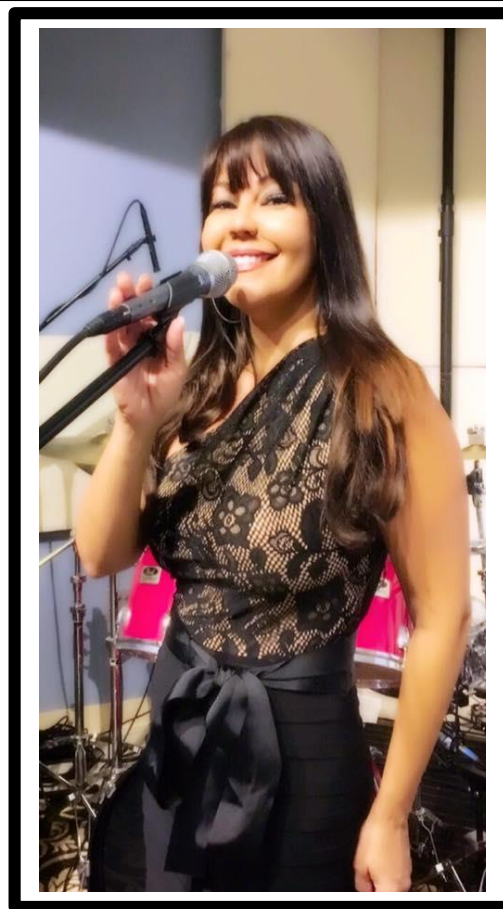
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## St. Stephen café presents: “Latino Night with Ivy”

We are having a “Latino and more” night on Friday, April 27. We will have a professional singer who sings Latino favorites. She will also add in some favorite American standards as well.

COME. ENJOY THE MUSIC. DANCE IF YOU LIKE

Great music

Great Fellowship

Great fun

Bring a friend, the more the merrier,

(bring lots of friends!)

There will also be food/snacks/drinks as well.

More details soon.



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