

St Stephen

a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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

April 21, 2019

**Resurrection of Our Lord:
Easter Day**

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

Festival Holy Communion

Introduction to the Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear "to us who were chosen by God as witnesses" in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

Gathering

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

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands to sing, turning to the altar as the cross passes by.

GATHERING SONG:

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

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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 yaw - 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

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er. A - men.

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

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept, then the presiding minister leads the prayer.

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly sits.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

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

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

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

²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

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

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

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

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L: The word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

After a brief silence, the assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION AND PROCESSION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel, according to John. **C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Children and Youth Message

HOMILY

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Day of Resurrection!

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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

Holy Baptism with Affirmation of Baptism

God brings those who are baptized out of death and into life

Introduction

The candidate for baptism, and sponsors, gather at the font together with those making public affirmation of baptism and with the ministers. The assembly may be seated. The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Presentation for Baptism

Sponsors for the candidate for baptism, presents the candidate.

I present Randell Lee Mottesheard for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses candidates who are able to answer for themselves.

Randy, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

The candidate responds:

I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors of candidates for baptism.

Sponsor, do you promise to nurture *this person* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *him* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do

Presentation for Affirmation of Baptism

A sponsor or another representative of the congregation presents those making affirmation.

I present Alexis Mitchell, who *desires* to make public affirmation of *her* baptism as we all affirm our baptism at Easter.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism and the assembly making Easter affirmation of baptism.

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promises we made in baptism when we renounced Satan and all the works of evil, and promised to serve God faithfully in the holy Catholic Church. And so:

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Affirmation of Baptism

The presiding minister addresses the entire assembly as they renew their baptismal covenant.

Alexis, and all God's people affirming baptism today:

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The presiding minister leads the following or another form of the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister gives thanks over the water.

...through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

The assembly may be seated. The presiding minister baptizes each candidate.

The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Randell Lee, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

and of the Son,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:

and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, ...

...both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized.

Sacred Chrism prepared for this purpose is used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Randell Lee, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and those gathered at the font face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us welcome the newly baptized and rejoice with Alexis our new member.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**



The service continues with the prayers of intercession.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

After all have greeted each other the assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

The assembly stands.

OFFERING SONG:

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (verses 1, 2, 4, and 5)

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presiding minister continues to give thanks:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore....

...Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, ...

...all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, ...

...that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

... O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.:

**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.

Communion

The bread is broken for the communion.

P: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The assembly is seated.

All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. If you desire baptism, the pastor would love to speak with you! Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest if you desire a blessing.

*At St. Stephen we receive Holy Communion by receiving the bread and then either drinking directly from the cup or by intinction: That means that you may **receive the bread in your hand and then 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)

The body of Christ, given for you. *Response: Amen.*

The blood of Christ, shed for you. *Response: Amen.*

Lamb of God



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer - cy up - on us, have . . mer - cy up - on us.



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no-so-tros,
have . . mer-cy up-on us,

ten pie-dad de no-so-tros,
have . . mer-cy up-on us.

Cor-de-ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da-nos tu paz,
grant us your peace,

da-nos tu paz.
grant us your peace.

Communion Song:

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

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1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day!" All on earth with an-gels say;
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat-tle won.
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
 4 Lives a-gain our glo-rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?

raise your joys and tri-umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re-ply.
 Lo! The sun's e-clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for-bids his rise; Christ has o-pened par-a-dise.
 Once he died our souls to save; where your vic-to-ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
 everlasting life is this:
 thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
 thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222

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Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. May Christ's rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.

C: Amen.

P: All those who believe in Christ will never perish. May you pass with Christ from death to life.

C: Amen.

P: Christ has gone to prepare a place for us. May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly turns toward the cross as it passes by.

SENDING SONG: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

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1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce 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 - joi - ce 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 Vulpinus, 1570–1615

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DISMISSAL

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our prayers today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Caroline Smith, Dawn Schramm, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy & Rosie Fennelli, Laurel Blake, Kathy Runk, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Jim Loggins, Diane Adler, Katie Paff, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

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

✠ Brad, Pat Ruth, Pat Jean, Dennis, Cammie, Peggy, Braemem, Chandler, Aiden, Becky, Craig, Cheryl, Robert, Nettie, Mary, Jerry, Gene, Annette, Amanda, Chris, Steve, Kate, and Liz ✠ Makeyla, Rayda, Jon, Eric, Ginny & Jim, and Brad ✠ Doug, Eleanor, Steven, Joe, “Pop”, Dawn, Annette, Madison, Gene, Mason, Carol, Rayda, Natalie, Harris, Brad, Craig, Cheryl, Robert, Chandler, Braemen, Aiden, Becky, Nettie, Mary, Jerry, Liz, Aurea, and Henry one year in heaven today.

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- Barbara Kaptain – The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.
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- Jane Reinhold – Platinum Loving Group, P. O. Box 410572, Melbourne, FL 32941
- Evelyn Braun – 6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433
- Jim Loggins - John Knox Village - Woodlands
700 SW 4th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060
- Bud Danker - 3020 N. Ridge Road Apartment W-316
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Assisting at Our Worship in April

(w) will give wine at communion. Thank you all for serving.

10:15 AM	<u>April 21</u> <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>	<u>April 28</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Sera Butz	Carol Jacobson
ACOLYTE	Pat Belanger	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Rita Sharkey	Tom Peterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Lisa Castaneda Karin Breslin Rosie Fennelli (w) Jeanne Pettit	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Erika Flanigan
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle
TORCH BEARERS	Eric Castaneda Carol Jacobson	
BOOK BEARER	Katie Paff	
SOUND	Larry Jones	Eric Castaneda
PROJECTION	Jake VanZile	Larry Jones

In response to the amazing love, mercy and grace of God, St. Stephen Lutheran Church is a community that openly welcomes all who are seeking God's divine love and grace. All are welcome in this place regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic situation or life situation, marital or relationship status, or your doubts about faith and church. Our unity is in Christ. Your family, children, friends, spouses and partners are welcome. Your diversity and uniqueness enriches and expands our community. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation..



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and first time visitors today. Stop at the desk to pick up a **name tag** if you don't have one. Please take a moment to fill out the attendance cards in the worship folder with your name, number and email—especially if you are visiting so that we can welcome you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Pr. Schaefer. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the gathering area at the back of the church (Narthex) following the liturgy this morning. St. Stephen members: don't forget to put a little something in the jar on the table to help support this ministry! We thank **Linda Hanzlik** for her generous stewardship of this ministry of hospitality!



Thank you to all who worked on the Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt! Many thanks to Carol Jacobson, the Socializing Commission and everyone who pitched in to make our Easter breakfast and egg hunt both delicious and successful.

LAST CALL:

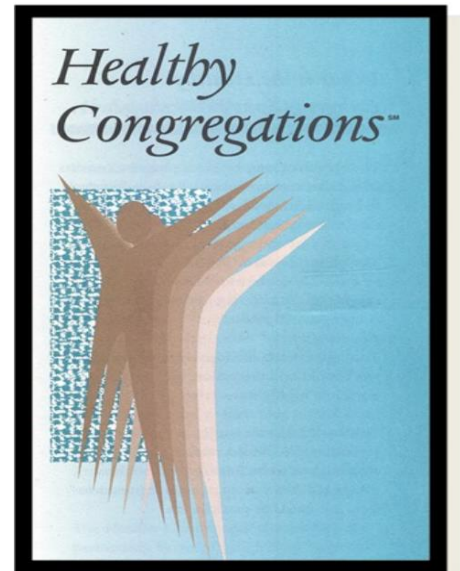
Healthy Congregation Retreat is April 26 and 27—Please join us!

The Office of the Bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod expects that within the first year of the arrival of a new pastor, that members every congregation will participate in a healthy congregation retreat. This deals with healthy patterns for communication, listening and mission planning. It will help us think of our congregation as a living system that incorporates thinking, feeling, responsibility, and purpose. The retreat is designed with the purpose of encouraging healthier, clearer and deeper individual and community life.

Topics include:

- ✓ Accepting Differences
- ✓ Focus on Strength
- ✓ Focus on Mission
- ✓ Manage Conflict
- ✓ Respond to Change
- ✓ Planning for a Healthier Future/Healthy Leaders

The retreat at St. Stephen begins this Friday evening, April 26 from 7pm—9pm. Saturday, April 27, starts at 8:30am, includes lunch, and ends at 5pm., all in our Fellowship Hall. We are asking every member of the congregation sign up and invest in the future of St. Stephen Church!



Wear your name badge:



It's really important that we know each other by name and can warmly welcome guests to our community. Please pick up and wear your name tag to worship and to every parish function!

Assisting ministers needed at worship!



“Liturgy” means “public service” or “work of the people.” When we gather for worship an ordained pastor presides, but the liturgy is the work of the entire assembly and there are many roles. One of the most important is what ***Evangelical Lutheran Worship*** calls “Assisting Minister.” In the liturgy an assisting minister is a lay person who leads some of the prayers, assists at the altar and distributes holy communion. We have four dedicated assisting

ministers, but we need more—especially men at this time, but all are welcome. If you might feel called to this important ministry, please check off the Assisting Minister Volunteer box on the attendance card. Pr. Bob will be in touch to schedule a training schedule. We are also looking for more lectors, greeters and ushers—see Pr. Bob if interested in any worship ministry.

Change for Change Tower: 40 Days of Giving

Through the end of April, you’re invited to join together with fellow supporters to study, reflect and give during ELCA World Hunger’s 40 Days of Giving. The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed. ELCA World Hunger is our church’s ministry to end hunger and poverty. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger address hunger and poverty around the world with creative and courageous action. St. Stephen has set a goal of collecting \$500 during Lent for this project. **WE HAVE NOT REACHED THAT GOAL YET—TWO MORE WEEKS!!!**



The Holy Grill feeding ministry needs you!

We serve breakfast to hungry, homeless and the working poor at the east end of the property on Wednesday mornings from 9am to 10am from the Holy Grill feeding truck of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church. Please check off the box on your attendance card to volunteer to be a part of this ministry.

We will contact you about schedule. Here is the list of food and goods we are collecting during Lent. Bring items to the narthex any Sunday.



- Canned Goods
- Sloppy Joe mix,
- Individual Juices, Bottled Water, Tea, Kool aid
- Plastic Utensils
- Underwear
- Socks

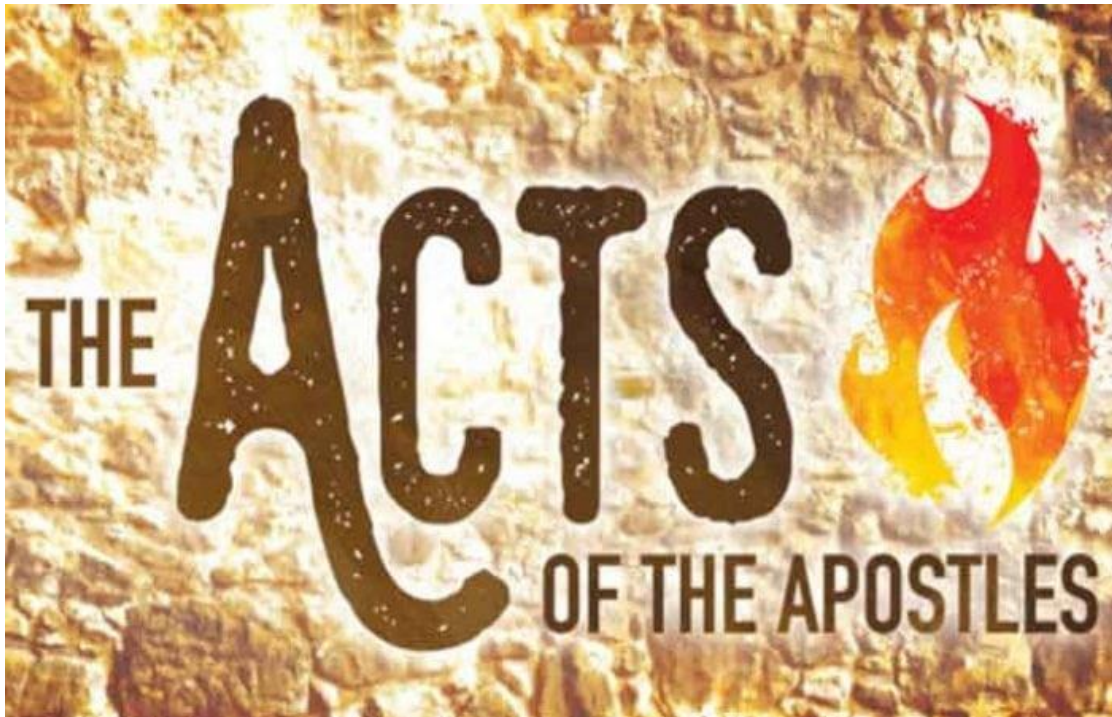
In addition, you may arrange with Pr. Bob to bring the following perishable items on Wednesday mornings:

- American Cheese, Eggs, Butter, Breakfast Meat, Vegetables, Fruit.

You may also donate money designated for the Holy Grill for equipment for such as:

- Ice Machine, Ovens, Walk- in Refrigeration, as well as food.

VENEZUELA AID: Venezuela remains in crisis and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America continues to fund a project that allows St. Stephen make a commitment to help by sending food and other items like toiletries. Our receiving person in Venezuela is Pastor Gerardo Hans from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Venezuela. We are thankful for Chris and Karin Hecker who are heading this project up!



Bible Study Resumes this Tuesday: The Book of Acts

Beginning this Tuesday, April 23, we resume our weekly study of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. It is not too late to join! We will gather for this conversation in the Luther Room every Tuesday from 7—8pm. The class will be repeated Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Pastor's Office (Room 1), starting next Sunday, April 28. Acts tells the story of the early church. It traces the growth of the church from a small group of Jewish believers in Jerusalem to a worldwide movement that included both Jews and Gentiles. **This book still both gives the church its marching orders and shows how the Holy Spirit will guide us in mission. Bring a friend and join us Tuesday evenings or Sunday mornings!**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Attendance: 98

Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$3,062

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!



Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

11:45 a.m. Confirmation Ministry

Thursday Eucharist in Lent

12:15 p.m. & 7:00pm

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 21

8:30am Easter Breakfast

9:30am Egg Hunt

10:15am Easter Sunday Worship

11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

Monday 22

Office Closed

Tuesday 23

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 24

9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 25

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:45pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 26

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7-9pm Congregation Retreat

Saturday 27

Happy and Blessed Saturday!

8:30am- 5pm Congregation Retreat

Sunday 28

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry



"This year I'm prepared with
my egg-hunting app."

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