# St Stephen

**Evangelical Lutheran Church** 



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

March 24, 2016

**Maundy Thursday** 

7:00p.m.

Pastor Pedro Suarez

#### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### INTRODUCTION

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Please stand as you are able

**P**: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C**: **Amen.** 

**P**: Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

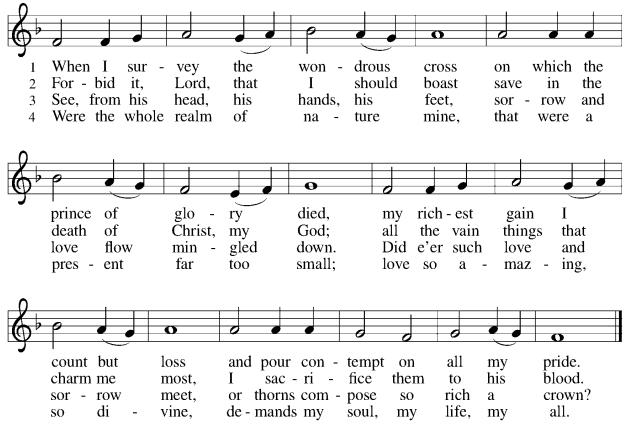
**P**: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God:

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**P:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.** 



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

#### **'PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also be with you.
- P: Let us pray together.

C: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

#### FIRST READING:

### Exodus 12:1-14

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup> This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup> If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup> They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup> You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup> This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

#### C: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM (ELW): Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

<sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me<sup>†</sup> from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,
<sup>19</sup>in the courts of <sup>1</sup> the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

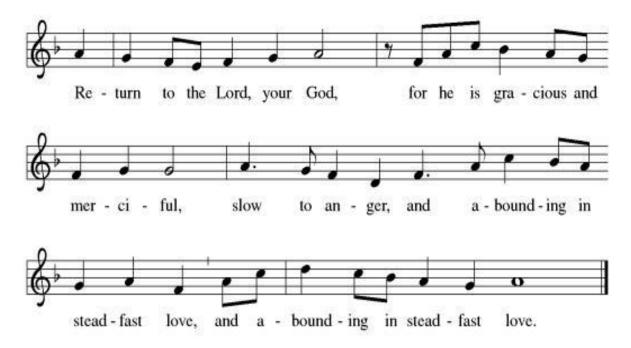
<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

P: Please Rise for the Gospel Acclamation.

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Return to the Lord, your God."



P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

#### C: Glory to you, O Lord!

#### GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

<sup>1</sup> Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

<sup>31b</sup> "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him; God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

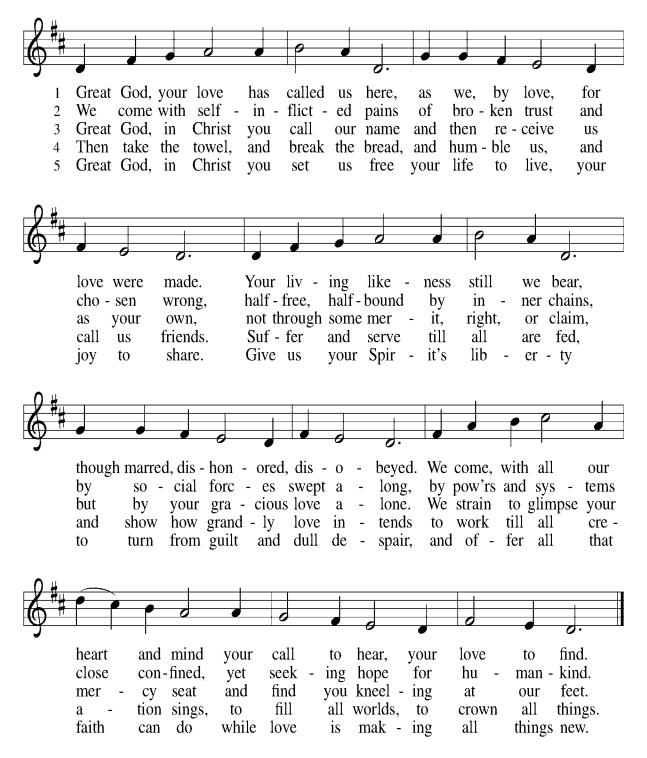
#### SERMON

**Pastor Pedro Suarez** 

—WE RESPOND—

P: Please stand as you are able for the Sermon Song

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us



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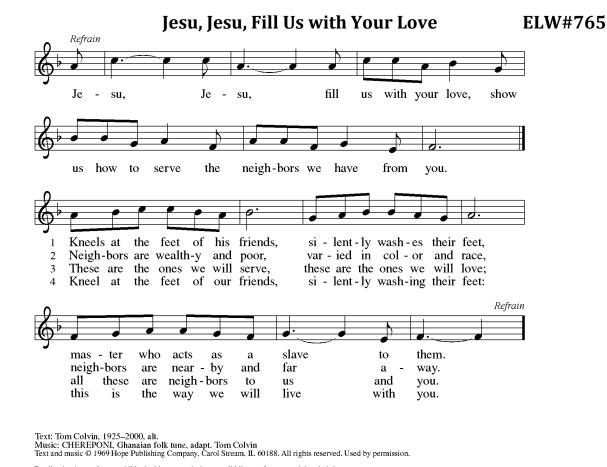
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#### FOOTWASHING

SONG:



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# THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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

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. 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. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer. **C**:

**P:** Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord. 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.

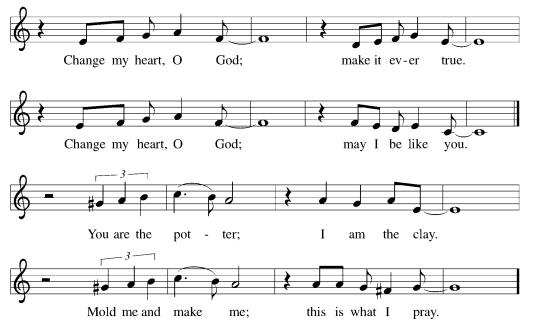
### ~WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE~

#### **OFFERING**

MUSICAL OFFERING

**Change My Heart, O God** 

**ELW #801** 



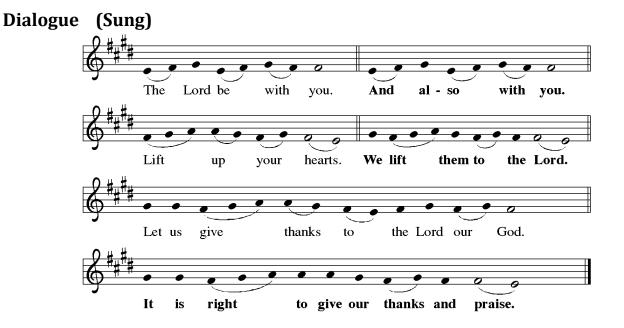
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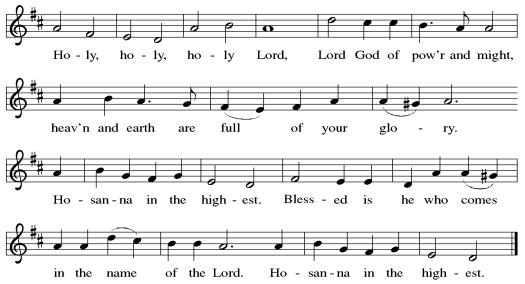
#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# The Lord's Prayer

P: And now, we come to You in prayer, as our Savior Jesus has taught us:

C: 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**

Come to Christ, broken and poured out for you.

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

We believe Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine by his Word of Promise. All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of God's forgiving love, strengthening faith, and grace-filled hope. 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).

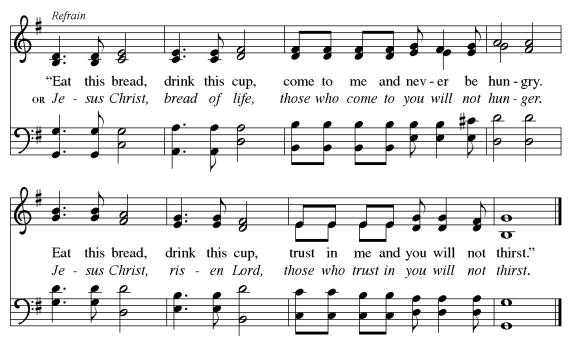
# **Reception of Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Communion distribution is continuous. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the bread in your hands as you hear the words "The body of Christ, given for you" to which you may respond, "Amen." You may then dip the bread into the cup as you hear the words "The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond, "Amen." Please note that the communion wine is alcohol-free. Please indicate if you need gluten-free elements.

# **Eat This Bread**

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life



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#### Instrumental Music

#### Cesar Vidaud

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

#### Psalm 22 is read as the altar is stripped.

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? <sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. <sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. <sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. <sup>5</sup> To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. <sup>6</sup> But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. <sup>7</sup> All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; <sup>8</sup> "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" <sup>9</sup>Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. <sup>10</sup> On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. <sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. <sup>12</sup> Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; <sup>13</sup> they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. <sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; <sup>15</sup> my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. <sup>16</sup> For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; <sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; <sup>18</sup> they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, do not be far away! 0 my help, come quickly to my aid! <sup>20</sup> Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! 21 Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. <sup>22</sup> I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: <sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! <sup>24</sup> For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me. but heard when I cried to him. <sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. <sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied: those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. <sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup> To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. and I shall live for him <sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, <sup>31</sup> and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying that he has done it.

There is no benediction, postlude, or dismissal.

The service continues in the Good Friday liturgy.

The congregation departs in silence after the wood cross is placed in the chancel. Please feel free to remain and meditate as you wish.

All depart in silence.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**In our prayers** today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Cynthia Langbauer. We also need to pray for: Marie Koach, Carmen Crespo, Roy Kaptain, Jimmy Fennelli, Bob & Jane Rinehold, Larry and Beverly Sheehan, Chico E., Paul Hanzlik, C.C., Marsha Kibler and Maria Kelly as they mourn the loss of their mother Nancy Reaver and for Kathy Runk and her beloved uncle George.

**Prayers for Friends of the Church**: Dennis VanCour, Lucille Capece, Marty Shram, Lexie Sachlis, George F., David Spall, Joan Coletti, Giacomo Dresseno, Jeannie Rogers, Adam Rubino, Berna, Braemen Weiner, Chandler Weiner, Debbie Fiore, Debbie Seckel, Elaine Brustad, Elizabeth Kraus, Hazel Quire, Juan Tavarez, Kenneth Smith, Mary Taylor, Norma Duckworth, Cynthia, Tim Tyler, Richard H., Antonio C., Mireya D., Laurie Engelhardt, Cynthia McCormick, Lemmuel Knowles Sr. and John Palamar.

We are always updating our prayer list. If you would like your name added or removed, please notify Pat Belanger or the office.

# Announcements

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

**3/25** Good Friday. Observance of the Stations of the Cross at 12:00 p.m. and Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. **3/27** EASTER. Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** On Wednesdays during Lent Pastors Pedro Suarez and Tom Peterson are leading a Bible study at 12:15p.m in the choir room. If you would like to receive material for this Bible study online please email Pastor Suarez at ststephenpastor@gmail.com

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10:15 AM	March 24	March 25	March 27
	<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	<u>Good Friday</u>	<u>Easter</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Pat Belanger	Aura Suarez	Carol Jacobson
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CRUCIFER			Sera Butz
TORCH & BOOK BEARES			Pat Belanger & Christian Castaneda
READERS	Tom Peterson (Psalm22)	Natalie Prego Rosie Fennelli Helga Johnson Lynn Antill	
USHERS – Need 4 to Serve	Lisa Castaneda Kim Hanzlik	Lisa & Christian Castaneda	Larry Sheehan Marsha & Maddison Kibler Lynda & Zac Smith
Head Usher – Rosie Fennelli	Head Usher – Rosie Fennelli	Head Usher – Rosie Fennelli	Head Usher – Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to serve	Jeanne Pettit	Marsha & Maddie Kibler	Caroline Smith, Sherry Fox, Rose Jones
SOUND			ТВА
PROJECTION			Larry Jones

# Service Assistants for the Holy Week



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# **Sunday Worship Schedule**

Praise and Faith formation 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service at 10:15 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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