

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 14, 2019

Sunday of the Passion

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

Holy Communion

Introduction to the Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

The voice of the suffering savior, Jesus, can be heard in the prophet Isaiah's words and the pleading of the psalm. We are invited into the agony of our Lord in the extended reading of the story of Jesus' passion. In the second reading, we who have put on Christ in holy baptism are urged to let the mind of Christ be our own. Lent leads us to this holy moment. Embrace it.

Gathering

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

The assembly gathers at a designated place outside the usual worship space, so that all may enter in procession. Palm branches are distributed before the service begins.

ACCLAMATION

The presiding minister begins:

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Savior, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

An assisting minister or the presiding minister reads the processional gospel.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept. The assembly raises their palm branches for the blessing.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches † and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION

The assisting minister addresses the assembly.

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

The assembly follows the ministers into the church. Follow immediately behind the cross, torches and altar ministers down the center aisle and move to a seat, remaining standing. "All glory, laud, and honor" (#344) and other hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung as the people process into the church or once they have taken their places.

Prepare the Royal Highway



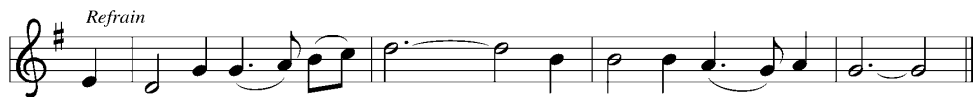
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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All Glory Laud and Honor

(Verses 1-3)

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

The presiding minister concludes the procession.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister introduces Holy Week before the prayer of the day. Then silence is kept before the presiding minister leads the prayer.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;**

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

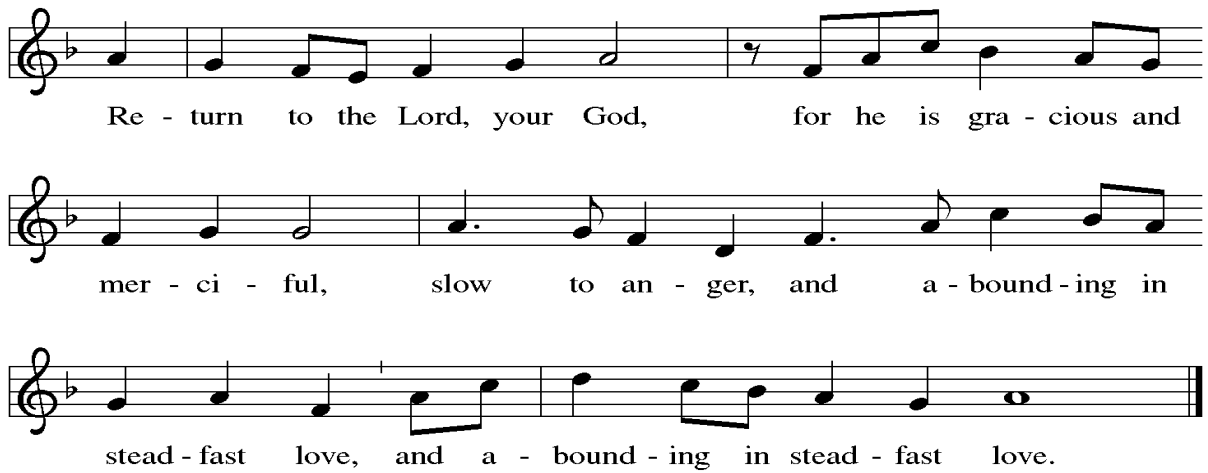
⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 22:14--23:56

P: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

The Passion is read this day in parts. The assembly is seated until the account of the crucifixion, then all stand. Silence is kept for meditation when the gospel records that Jesus gave up his spirit. The reading concludes:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.



HOMILY

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Were You There

ELW # 353



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in Christ's passover from death to new life, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Attend to the needs of the whole world with your saving grace, and lead us all into new life; through Jesus Christ our 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:

God Loved the World

ELW# 323

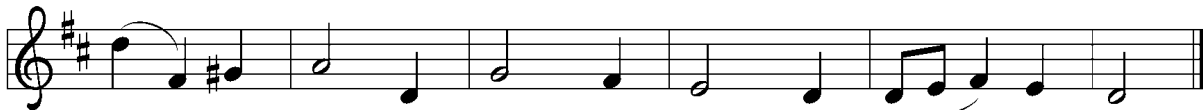
(verses 1 and 2 only)



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

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.

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:

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life... Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

The bread is broken for the communion. 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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869
 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

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

Parish Announcements

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE AND BLESSING

P: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns forever and ever.

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:

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

ELW# 811



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.
Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

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: Caroline Smith, Dawn Schramm, Juliet Crawford, 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)

✠ Eric, Lem Sr., Lem Jr., "Pop", Natalie, Rosie. Steve, Kate, Sal, Sam, Joyce, Joan H., and Sean ✠ 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.

In a facility or homebound:

- Barbara Kaptain – The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.
1080 NW 15TH Room 215 Boca Raton, Fl. 33486
- 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 14</u> <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> | <u>April 21</u> <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u> | <u>April 28</u> |
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| ASSISTING MINISTER | Sera Butz | Sera Butz | Carol Jacobson |
| ACOLYTE | Carol Jacobson | Pat Belanger | Madison Kibler |
| LECTOR | Kevin Otterson Erika Flanigan | Rita Sharkey | Tom Peterson |
| USHERS –Need 4 to Serve | Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w) R. Mottesheard Pat Engle | Lisa Castaneda Karin Breslin Rosie Fennelli (w) Jeanne Pettit | Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Erika Flanigan |
| Head Usher | Rosie Fennelli | Rosie Fennelli | Rosie Fennelli |
| GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve | Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle | Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones | Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle |
| TORCH BEARERS | Eric Castaneda Pat Belanger | Eric Castaneda Carol Jacobson | |
| BOOK BEARER | Katie Paff | Katie Paff | |
| SOUND | Larry Jones | Larry Jones | Eric Castaneda |
| PROJECTION | Jake VanZile | 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!

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Day Breakfast and Egg Hunt!

Invite your friends to our community Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt this year on Easter morning, April 21. We have some great plans but we still can use some more great St. Stephen volunteers to help prepare, bring breakfast casseroles, and cook. We plan to serve breakfast in the fellowship hall from 8:30 to 9:45am. The menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, assorted casseroles and fruit. **There will be an Easter Egg hunts for the kids!!!** If you are willing to help with any of these things, please see Carol Jacobson today!



Observe “The Three Days” (Easter Triduum) with us this week:

Maundy Thursday Liturgy—April 18

7:00pm Holy Communion with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday—April 19

12:15pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy: Passion according to John, Veneration of the Cross, Solemn Bidding Prayers

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Eve—April 20

7:00pm Broward-Bahamas Conference Easter Vigil at Christ Church in Oakland Park

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day—April 21

8:30—9:45 Easter Breakfast

9:30am Easter Egg Hunt

10:15am Festival Holy Eucharist

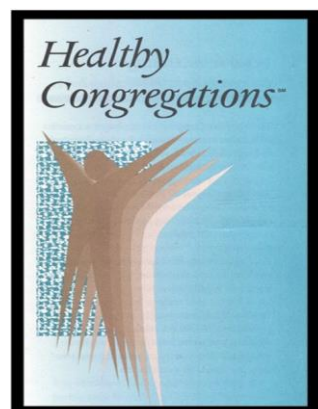


Last Call for Easter lilies

Today is the last day to place your order. Lilies may be given in honor or in memor of loved ones. There is a \$10 donation for each lily. You may take your lilies home following the Easter Sunday liturgy or leave them to decorate the church during the Great 50 Days of Easter.

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.



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 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!



Change for Change Tower: 40 Days of Giving



This Lent, 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. Please pick up a Lenten 40 Days Giving Devotional Calendar in the back of the church if you have not already received one.

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 time in Lent.

- 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Attendance: 89

Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$4,754.10

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 14 Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

10:15am Passion Sunday Worship

Monday 15 Monday in Holy Week

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 16 Tuesday in Holy Week

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 17 Wednesday in Holy Week

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

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 18 Maundy Thursday

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

Friday 19 Good Friday

12:15am Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday 20 Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Eve

7:00pm Vigil of Easter-

Christ Lutheran Church, Oakland Park

Sunday 21 Resurrection of our Lord: Easter Day

8:30-9:45 Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

Easter Egg Hunt

10:15am Easter Sunday Worship



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