



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

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

INTRODUCTION to the Second Sunday of Easter

In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

Gathering

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

Choir Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands and faces the font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

The presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans praise you. Rivers and streams bless you. All life is sustained by you, our Source.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this water, this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation.

Let this water cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly continues standing to sing, turning to the cross as it passes by. The assembly is sprinkled with water during the procession as a remembrance of baptism.

GATHERING SONG:

Thine Is the Glory



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

APOSTOLIC GREETING

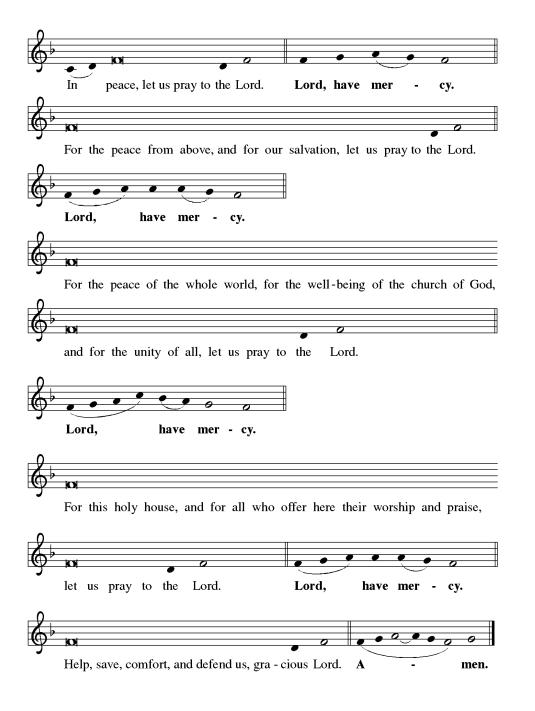
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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.**



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CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 5:27-32

A reading from Acts.

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

PSALM 118:14-29

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

¹⁵Shouts 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!"

¹⁷I 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."

²¹I 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.

²³By 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.

²⁵Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;

we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God and has given us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from Second Revelation.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in

his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

The assembly is seated.

Children and Youth Message

SERMON

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer

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

HYMN OF THE DAY We Walk by Faith ELW # 635 walk We faith sight; with by and by not 1 2 We touch your hands and side, may not nor 3 Help then, 0 Lord, our un be lief; and you. 4 For 0 res ur rec ted Lord. are -5 And when our life of faith is done. in 0 Christ, who spoke gra - cious words draw near, as fol - low where trod; but you in your prom ise our faith bound call on you when may a to di means vine: be - neath the found in wa ter be - hold realms of clear er light we may you 0. here." spoke: "My with none e'er peace be you re - joice, and "My Lord and God!" we cry, you are near and seek where you are found: and the word, be - neath the bread and wine. with full and end less sight. as you are,

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS 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: Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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/Anthem

The assembly stands.

Day of Arising OFFERING SONG: ELW# 374 (verses 3 and 4 only) Day of ing, Christ road - way, on the 1 а ris -When we walk doubt - ful dread - ing, 2 and are ing, 3 Lo, Ι am with you, Je sus has spo - ken. 4 Christ, our com - pan hope for the jour - ney, ion, walks un - known com - pan - ion with his own. blind - ed by sad - ness, slow ness of heart, Christ's prom - ise, this Christ's This is is sign: com - pas - sion, bread of our 0 pen eyes. 4 0 When they him, fades in - vite first day, as the yet Christ walks with us, ev er a wait - ing when bread when the church gath - ers, is bro - ken, Grant us your vi sion, all hearts burn - ing set

bread ken, Christ is made known. and is bro in vi tion: Stay, do part. our _ ta not there Christ is with us in bread and wine. that all cre а tion with you may rise. -

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953 Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929 Text © 1996 Susan Palo Cherwien, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

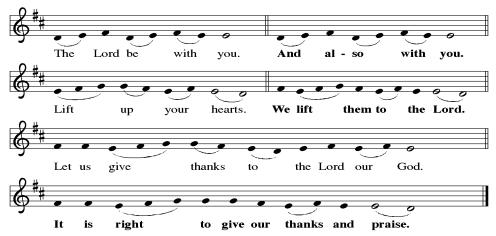
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OFFERING PRAYER

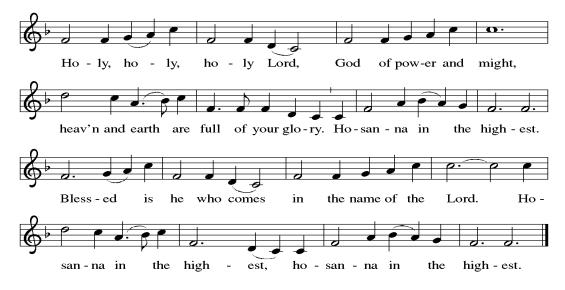
A: Let us pray.

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



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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





Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

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.**

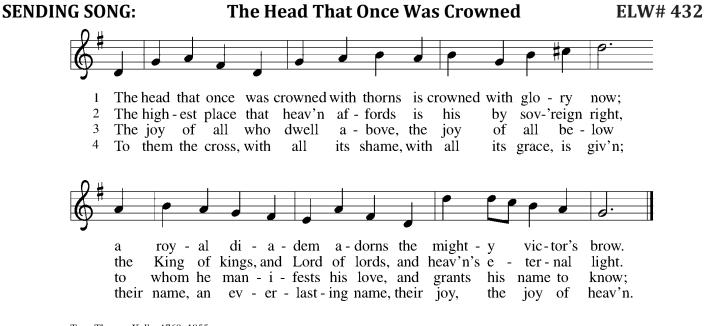
P: Christ has gone to prepare a place for us. May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope.

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.



Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855 Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669–1707

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!

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!

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)

★ 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 ★ Alan, Amanda, Ernie, Brad, and Alessia.

In a facility or homebound:

Barbara Kaptain –	The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.
	1080 NW 15TH Room 215 Boca Raton, Fl. 33486
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Evelyn Braun –	6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433
Jim Loggins -	John Knox Village - Woodlands
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Bud Danker -	3020 N. Ridge Road Apartment W-316
	Ellicott City, MD 21043

Assisting at Our Worship Today

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

10:15 AM	<u>April 28</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Carol Jacobson
ACOLYTE	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Tom Peterson
USHERS –Need 4	Marsha Kibler (w)
to Serve	Drew Kibler
	Darin Kibler
	Erika Flanigan
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need	Caroline Smith
2 to Serve	Ruth Wagle
SOUND	Eric Castaneda
PROJECTION	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.



Sunday Schedule

9:15 a.m. Adult Formation Class 10:15 a.m. Worship Holy Communion is celebrated weekly 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Ministry

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 28 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry Monday 29 Office Closed Tuesday 30

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 1 9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open Thursday 2

> 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 3 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open Saturday 4

Happy and Blessed Saturday!

Sunday 5

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