



# 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.**

**March 17, 2019**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**10:15am**

**The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor**

# Holy Communion

## Gathering

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

### INTRODUCTION

*Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."*

### CHOIR PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister leads the following prayer of preparation:*

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.

**Amen.**

Brothers and sisters, during these great forty days of Lent, let us prepare ourselves to receive Christ in word and sacrament by confessing our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

I confess

**to God Almighty,**

**before the whole company of heaven,**

**and to you, my brothers and sisters,**

**that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed**

**by my fault,**

**by my own fault,**

**by my own most grievous fault;**

**wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,**

**forgive me all my sins,**

**and bring me to everlasting life.**

**Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, ✝ forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

**Amen.**

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

## GATHERING SONG:

## Lead On, O King Eternal!

ELW# 805



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,  
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917  
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## KYRIE



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      Ⓞ Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 27

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

**4One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

**5For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,**

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- on a rock.

**6Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

**7Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.**

**8My heart speaks your message "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

**9Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.**

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**10Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.**

**11Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.**

**12Subject me not to the will of my foes,**

**for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

**13This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!**

**14Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1**

A reading from Philippians.

**17**Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. **18**For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. **19**Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. **20**But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. **21**He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. **4:1**Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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: Luke 13:31-35

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Children and Youth Message

### SERMON

**The Rev. Thomas Peterson**

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

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW # 769



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite  
Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark  
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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: Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for 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

*The assembly stands.*

### OFFERING SONG:

### God Loved the World

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(stz. 1, 2, and 4 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 Müller, 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 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

***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.*

### SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE AND BLESSING

P: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: Amen.**



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## 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 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)

✠ Cheryl, Robert, Craig, Nettie, Chandler, Becky, Aiden, Braemen, Jerry, Mary, Makayla, Bob, C.J., Bruce, and Sean ✠ Joyce, Sal, Lizbeth, Aurea, Marjorie, Jennifer, Aliya, Lem, and Eric ✠ Linda H., Sean, Letty, Pat, Susan, and Dan B.

**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 March***

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

10:15 AM	<b><i>March 17</i></b>	<b><i>March 24</i></b>	<b><i>March 31</i></b>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	Pat Belanger
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Sera Butz	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler
<b>LECTOR</b>	Carisa Esposito	Catherine Zippay	Tom Peterson
<b>USHERS –Need 4 to Serve</b>	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Rosie Fennelli (w) Jimmy Fennelli	Suzanne Loggins Jeanne Pettit Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w)	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
<b>Head Usher</b>	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
<b>GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve</b>	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson
<b>SOUND</b>	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz	Katie Paff
<b>PROJECTION</b>	Jake VanZile	Dennis Magarrell	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 Pastor Tom!***

We thank our own Pr. Thomas Peterson for presiding and preaching at our Liturgy this morning in the absence of Pr. Bob, who is in Dallas this weekend presiding at the marriage of his former Assistant to the Bishop, Pr. James Graeser.

### ***JOIN US: Lent mid-week worship series every Thursday at 12:15 and 7:00pm in the church.***



We continue to share word and sacrament and explore each of five faith practices that mark baptismal living! The liturgy for the Affirmation of Baptism describes the faith practices that grow out of our baptism (***Evangelical Lutheran Worship***, page 236). Our remaining themes:

- ❖ March 21--*To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper*
- ❖ March 28--*To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed*
- ❖ April 4--*To serve all people following the example of Jesus*
- ❖ April 11--*To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*

### ***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.



### ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Easter Day Breakfast and Egg Hunt!***

We would like to have an Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt this year on Easter morning, April 21. We have some great plans but we need some great St. Stephen volunteers to help prepare 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. If you are willing to help with any of these things, please see Carol Jacobson today!

### ***Wear your name badge:***

It's really important that we know each other by name and can warmly welcome guests to our community. Please 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.

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.

**We follow the ancient tradition of not using flowers at the altar during Lent.**

There are many openings on the chart in the narthex near the door for later in the spring. Consider honoring or remembering a loved one, or just give flowers to beatify our worship to the glory of God. There are a number of Sundays open on the chart near the front doors of the church. The flowers are \$35 for the week.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:**

<b>Last Sunday Attendance:</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$4,156</b>
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!</b>		





**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 17**  
 10:15am Sunday Worship  
 11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

**Monday 18**  
 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Tuesday 19**  
 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Wednesday 20**  
 9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry  
 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Thursday 21**  
 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
 12:15pm Midweek Lent Eucharist  
 7:00pm Midweek Lent Eucharist  
 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal

**Friday 22**  
 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Saturday 23**  
 Happy and Blessed Saturday!

**Sunday 24**  
 10:15am Sunday Worship  
 11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry  
 11:30am Worship Commission

**40 Things  
 to Give up for Lent**



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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Fear of Failure            | 21. Bitterness           |
| 2. Your Comfort Zone          | 22. Distraction          |
| 3. Feelings of Unworthiness   | 23. Giving up            |
| 4. Impatience                 | 24. Mediocrity           |
| 5. Retirement                 | 25. Destructive Speech   |
| 6. People Pleasing            | 26. Busyness             |
| 7. Comparison                 | 27. Loneliness           |
| 8. Blame                      | 28. Disunity             |
| 9. Guilt                      | 29. the Quick Fix        |
| 10. Overcommitment            | 30. Worry                |
| 11. Lack of Counsel           | 31. Idolizing            |
| 12. Impurity                  | 32. Resistance to Change |
| 13. Entitlement               | 33. Pride                |
| 14. Apathy                    | 34. A Small View of God  |
| 15. Hatred                    | 35. Envy                 |
| 16. Negativity                | 36. Ungratefulness       |
| 17. The Spirit of Poverty     | 37. Selfish Ambition     |
| 18. Going Through the Motions | 38. Self-Sufficiency     |
| 19. Complaint                 | 39. Sorrow               |
| 20. The Pursuit of Happiness  | 40. My Life              |

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