

Alleluia!
Christ
is risen!

Easter Sunday

April 09, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to people new to this church or faith, long time Lutherans, and Christians from every tradition. Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation and marital status, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new. Welcome on this day.

Please fill out the “Worship Slip” and place it in the offering plate.

(*) Asterisk means, “Please stand as you are able.”



Prelude “Easter Hymn” The Brass Quartet and organ
arr. Robert S. Wallace

Processional

*Opening Hymn *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*
Red #365

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Women only:

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Men only:

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: The grace of our risen Savior,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C: And also with you

*Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Pastor Lapp

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Celebrate pg. 1

Julia Tracey “Sunset Serenade” by Melody Bober

Patrick Tracey “Etude N.9” by F. Sor

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Celebrate pg. 2

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1-10 Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. Matthew the 28th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O God.

(The Gospel is read)

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Rev. James Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

Red #364

Christ has arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

For our redeemer burst from the tomb,

Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

REFRAIN

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia!

Jesus is living, alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death under go,
And in its conquest his might did show. *REFRAIN*

The angel said to them. “Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the grave clothes are lying there.” *REFRAIN*

Holy Baptism Red book p. 228 (front section)

Aedan O’Dea Hughes

*The Prayers of the Church Celebrate, Page 4

* Passing of the Peace

P: May the peace of God be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

Offering — We honor and worship God by returning some
of the gifts with which we have been blessed.

Good News Singers “Earth, Earth, Awake” ACS. 937

Please stand and join in singing 4th verse

Offertory Prayer

P: Giver of life,

**C: We bring to your table what we have, gifts from you,
the one who makes all things new.
With these signs we bring ourselves,
that we may carry to the world
the love of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Lord's Prayer Sung

**C: Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today, our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
Now and forever.
Amen**

*Benediction

P: The God of life,
Who raised Jesus from the dead,
Who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth,
Be merciful to you and + bless you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Halleluja Chorus

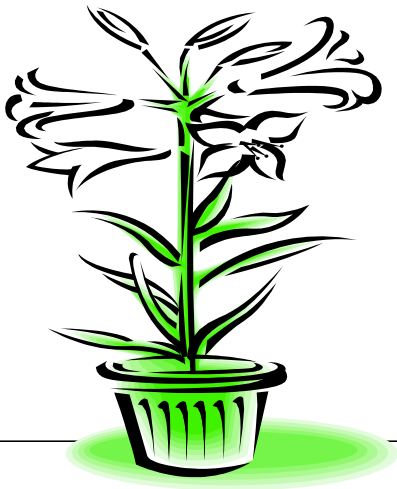
All that Brass
Keifer Taylor guest musician



*Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Go in Peace. Share the Good News.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



The Easter Lilies are offered
by the congregation
in honor of loved ones.

All That Brass

Nathan Lapp on trumpet
Antonio Plaza on trombone
Rally Capone on trumpet
Micha Lyons on tuba
Stella Hefti on trombone



Serving Today

Reader: Steven Hendrickson

Coffee Hosts: Gary Roberts, Bill Schraft
& Connie Cunningham

Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager

Prayer Concerns

SHORT TERM: Sandi Csik, Jacob & Family, Steve & Marge Young, Barbara Hansen, Tom Harris, Kathy, Family of Gwyn Larson, Joel Hurttgam, Jacob & Family, Judith Alvarado, Family of Kirsten Skiles, Carla Brown, Keith, Sandy, Levi & Alexandria, Norman's Father, friends in Bakersfield, Gary Toops, Donna Kemper, Lisa & Beau, Craig Dahl, Family of Kurt Bell, Genell Csik, Barbara Bartee, Mike Homa, Mateo, Family of Mark Cronquist, Barbara Stiles, Family of Connor Kowalski, Shiela P., Mary Smith, Paul Cunningham, Barbara Allen, Anita & Howard, Sydnei Wilbywold, Paul Paustian, Deborah Henry, Carla, Ellie, Adrian Cameron, Dawit & Family (Ethiopia), Gaye Cornell, Dorothy, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Nancy, Marisa & Isaac, Mateo & Lina, Don, Atlas, Anthony, Steve, Margot Wilson, Rose, Will, Sam, Aaron Johnson, Sal, Katarina, Taiyo, Mateo, Stephanie Jager, Parents, Healthcare workers & teachers.

LONG TERM: April McCalmont, Marty Nehring, Miller Mouw, Kyle Lapp, Shelby Volpi, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Dom, Linda Johnson, Bailey Ingalls, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Michelle, Josh, CJ, Bobbie Erickson, Lupe, Joyce, Susan Anderson, Jan Wagner, Richard C., Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Karin, Will, Chris, Pearl Runquist, Volpi & Robe Family, Cabel, Miller, Noah, Esdras, Immigrant families, The Homeless, People of Ukraine, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, Pastor Jim & Our Church Family, men and women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.

New Ways of Giving

Our *Virtual Offering Plate* has been enhanced. We are now able to receive donations made by: credit card, debit card, PayPal and Venmo.

There are three choices:

- 1) **Vanco**, our regular electronic giving provider;
- 2) **PayPal/Venmo** for single one-time gifts;
- 3) **PayPal** with the possibility of recurring donations and an option to cover the fees.

All are available at <https://ststephenslutheran.org>
(click on the **Donate Now** button)
or by scanning this QR code.



Questions: Call Kent Madsen or Janet Slay



Many Thanks ~

To all the wonderful volunteers who donated
their time and culinary skills to provide us
with those fulfilling Soupers!



Zoom with Pastor Jim

check email on Weds. for link

THURSDAYS from 11a -12noon

and

7:30 pm — 8:30 pm

We will be looking at the upcoming scripture readings for Sunday, to enrich our worship experience and uncover some of the deeper truths of our faith. As we grow in our faith, we grow in community.

Upcoming Events:

April Benevolence Offering - Habitat for Humanity

April 11	Church Council 6:30 pm
April 11	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
April 13	Knitters Guild Board 10 am (Family room)
April 13	MMRR Circle 10:30 am (Fireside) Begin work on Pillowcase Project
April 13	Preschool Chapel 10:15 am
April 13	Bible Study Resumes 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
April 13	Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm
April 14	A.A. 7:00 pm
April 17	Embroiderers 7:00 pm
April 19	Newsletter Deadline 12:00
April 19	Women's Café Group 6:00 pm
April 20	Knitters Guild board 10 am
April 25	Provide Habitat Lunches 10:30 am
April 27	Newsletter Collating 2:00 pm
May 6	Concert to end Homelessness 7 pm United Methodist Church Benefits the Assn. of Faith Communities

Our Mission Statement

St. Stephen's is a welcoming, healing community who worship God in Christ, nurture people growing in faith, serve others with acceptance and love, invite people to share the joy of the Spirit.

Reconciling in Christ

*"We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace.
We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of
race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity,
gender expression, or relationship status.
We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or
mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic
circumstances, or anything that too often divides us.
Our unity is in Christ."*

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