

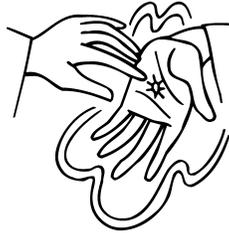


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St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
Worship Service with Holy Communion  
Sunday, April 11, 2021 ■ 9:30 a.m.

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Worship Service with Holy Communion

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WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

Prelude

“Sarabande” from “Partita No 2 D Minor”

**J S Bach**

1685-1750  
Written 1717-1720

**Singing Bowl**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

\* Introduction

\* Hymn

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

**ELW #443 vs. 1**

Dearest Jesus, we are here,  
gladly your command obeying.  
With this child we now draw near  
in response to your own saying  
that to you it shall be given  
as a child and heir of heaven.

Baptism—*Camryn Renee Nederhoed*

\* Hymn

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

**ELW #443 vs. 3**

Therefore we have come to you,  
in our arms this infant bearing;  
truly here your grace we view;  
may this child, your mercy sharing,  
in your arms be shielded ever,  
yours on earth and yours forever.

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**Welcome**

## WE GIVE OUR PRAISE

### \* Hymn

### “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

ELW #384 vs. 1, 2

That Easter day with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!

O Jesus, king of gentleness,  
with constant love our hearts possess;  
to you our lips will ever raise  
the tribute of our grateful praise.

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### \* Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.

### \* Hymn of Praise

### “The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

ELW #531

*The Feast Is Ready*

The trumpets sound, the angels sing,  
The feast is ready to begin.  
The gates of heav'n are open wide,  
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Tables are laden with good things;  
oh, taste the peace and joy He brings.  
He'll fill you up with love divine;  
he'll turn your water into wine.

#### *Refrain*

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.  
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.  
Take your place at the table of the King.  
The feast is ready to begin;  
the feast is ready to begin.

The hungry heart He satisfies,  
offers the poor His paradise.  
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud  
the amazing goodness of the Lord.

#### *Refrain*

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.  
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.  
Take your place at the table of the King.  
The feast is ready to begin;  
the feast is ready to begin.

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### \* Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,  
with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection.  
By the grace of Christ among us,  
enable us to show the power of the resurrection  
in all that we say and do,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### First Reading

1 John 1:1—2:2

1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— 3 we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 11 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 12 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

### Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

**"Yours, Lord, Is the Glory"**

ELW #849 vs. 1

**Yours, Lord, is the glory,  
and honor as well;  
yours, Lord, now and always.  
Amen, amen.**

The Holy Gospel according to St John,  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

### \* Gospel

John 20:19-31

19 When 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." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So 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." 26 A 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." 27 Then 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." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But 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.

The Gospel of the Lord,  
Praise to you, O Christ

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory in the highest,  
and on earth as well.  
Glory, alleluia.  
Amen, amen.

**“Yours, Lord, Is the Glory”**

**ELW #849 vs. 4**

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**Sermon**

**Pastor John**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Hymn**

**“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”**

**ELW #377 vs. 1, 2**

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

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**\* Prayers of Intercession**

*Petition response* Leader: ... Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**\* Sharing the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Offering [Invitation to support ongoing ministries of St. Stephen’s]**

**Offertory Response**

**“The Numberless Gifts of God’s Mercies”**

**ELW #683 vs. 1**

The numberless gifts of God's mercies  
my tongue cannot fathom or tell.  
Like dew that appears in the morning,  
they come to us shining and full.  
The numberless gifts of God's mercies,  
my tongue cannot fathom or tell.

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**\* Offertory Prayer**

God of love,  
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.  
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**\* Words of Institution**

**\* Lord's Prayer**

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 to Communion**

The risen Christ invites us to this table.  
Come, eat and be satisfied.

**Communion is Received**

*The body of Christ, given for you*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

**Amen.**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
Strengthens you and keeps you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

**\* Prayer after Communion**

Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**WE GO INTO THE WORLD**

**\* Blessing**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,  
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn**

**"Thine Is the Glory"**

**ELW #376 vs. 1, 3**

**Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.**

*Refrain*

**Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!**

No more we doubt thee,  
 glorious Prince of life;  
 life is naught without thee;  
 aid us in our strife;  
 make us more than conqu'rors,  
 through thy deathless love;  
 bring us safe through Jordan  
 to thy home above. *Refrain*

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**\* Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
 Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**\* Postlude**

**“La Cinquantaine”**

**Jean Gabriel-Marie**

1852-1928  
 Written 1887



<b>Leaders in Today's Service</b>	
Pastor .....	The Rev. Dr. John Snider
Lay Liturgist .....	Debbie Pirkel
Director of Worship .....	Bryon Dockter
Christian Music Leader .....	Ben D.
Guest Musicians .....	Mary Larew - Soprano, Violin
.....	Teiana Nakano - Cello
.....	Jason Wells - Double Bass
Lectors .....	Jessica Gregory, Gary Westman
Audio Visual Ministry .....	Norm Goetzke, Dean Hostager, Jan Perkins
Prayer Chain .....	Rachel Circle, Mary Circle, Kathy Ericson, Abby Vavra
Altar Guild .....	Lori Ritt
Outdoor Street Sign .....	Jerry Thoreson

## Jesus said ...

*"My Father's House shall be a house of prayer."*

Please include the following people in your prayers this week:  
**Barbara, Dorrie, Harlan, Dorothy, Laura, Mike, Leslie, Jim.**

**Each week** different families will be included in special prayers. Please hold in your prayers:  
**Don, Paul and Nancy, Kenneth and Colleen, Andy, Scott, Abra, Piper, Mitchell, Chance and Jaz.**

**Each week** different missions that St. Stephen's supports through our Sunday offerings are included in our prayers. This week we offer prayers for **Lutheran World Relief: Fairly Traded Coffee and Chocolate**. Supporting Fair Trade reflects our faith—it improves the lives of farmers, families, and communities around the world. Benefits to farming communities include access to clean water, health clinics, and schools. Fair trade also helps stop child labor, human trafficking, and slavery in the cocoa farming industry.

**We** also offer prayers for our **brothers and sisters in Christ in the villages of Iwonde and Ihimbo, Tanzania** especially with the challenges presented by the COVID virus as it affects their daily lives.

**We** pray for **residents and staff of group homes and care facilities, and all healthcare workers.**

**We** pray also for those away from home serving in the military: **Tim, Ben, Nick, Jeremy, Matthew, Zachary, Sam, Troy, Tricia, Adam, Nick, Peter DJ, Christopher, Gene, Sam, Andrew.** (Please help us keep our military member listing up to date. Thank you.)

*St. Stephen's invites you to add your prayer requests to our daily prayers. We hope that this list is placed inside everyone's Bible or devotional material. All prayer requests will be listed for three weeks. Please contact the church office if additional time is needed.*



Today we welcome into the body of Christ through baptism  
**Camryn Renee Nederhoed, daughter of Keith and Noelle  
and sister to Raegen.**

May we all be reminded of God's grace in our own baptism.  
Thanks be to God!



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