

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH
3RD WEEKEND OF EASTER
Saturday, May 3, 2025 5:00pm
Sunday, May 4, 2025 9:30am



The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

ELW is the cranberry red Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship

SSM is equipped with hearing assistance devices.

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for the instructions and assistance.**

***Please note:** Sunday Service is streamed, recorded and posted on YouTube beginning with the prelude and continuing through the postlude. Be aware that you may be recorded when coming up the center aisle for communion.*

PRELUDE: (5:00) “He Is Risen! He Is Risen!” -arr. E. Broughton
(9:30) “What Wondrous Love is This” -arr. Kevin Sadowski

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: God of love, by your grace the disciples who thought they were empty handed were given great gifts.

C: **By your love Saul who thought he was persecuting by your will saw your presence among the persecuted.**

P: Open our eyes, change our hearts, and lead us in new directions.

P: **Give us your Spirit to follow Jesus, to proclaim your Word, to feed your sheep. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW #729 The Church of Christ, in Every Age

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit’s power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

GREETING

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.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all crea - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: (9:30)

Bonnie Zimmermann

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said,

“Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”]

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is “the Lamb who was slain.”

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,¹² singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

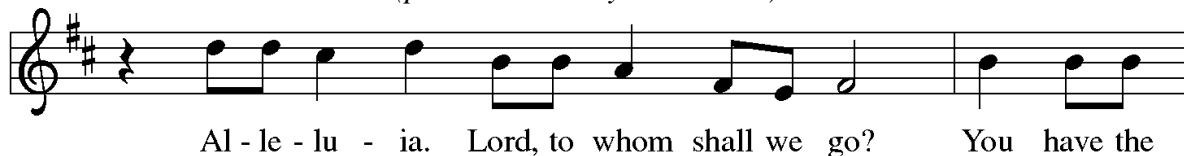
“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand as you are able)*



GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he

said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.”¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: “The Other Side”

Rev. Brian Hooper

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #666 What Wondrous Love is This

APOSTLE’S CREED: *(please rise as you are able)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

L: Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. For all who are ill in body, mind or spirit. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care, especially those we name before you now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*please be seated after sharing the peace*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM (9:30) “Sing Alleluia” -Callaway

OFFERINGS

Thank you for sharing your gifts. Offerings can also be made electronically using the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app. More information can be found on our website ssmelca.org. or use the QR codes listed here:



for Google



for iPhone

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*Please stand as able*)

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Partaking of the elements will occur after the Lord's Prayer. You will have the opportunity to come forward to receive communion. If you are unable to come forward please inform an usher and communion will be brought to your seat, otherwise prepare your prepackaged elements by opening the two separate parts, wafer and juice (if you need assistance, please wave to an usher).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

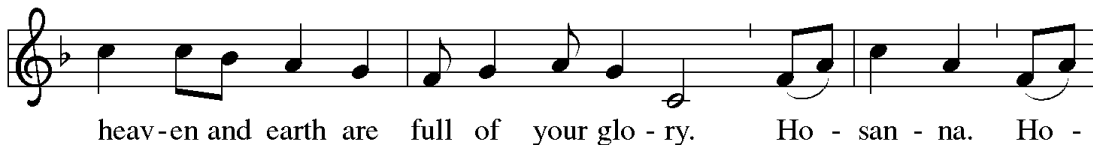
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION: “In the night...”

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.

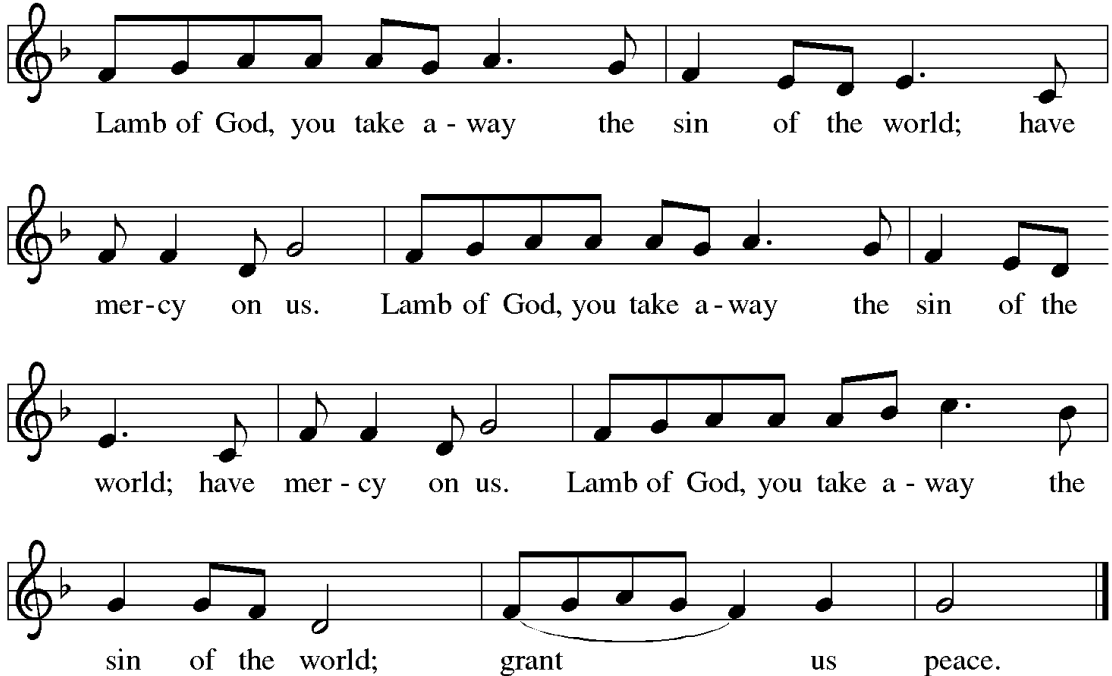
For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

LAMB OF GOD



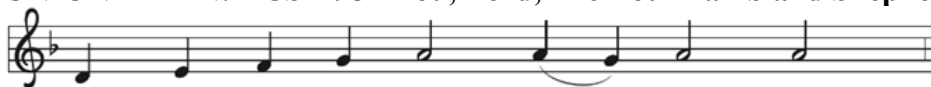
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

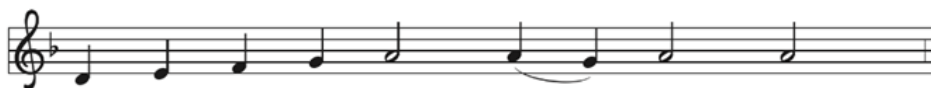
COMMUNION HYMN: ACS # 954 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



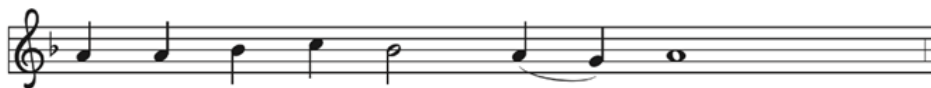
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



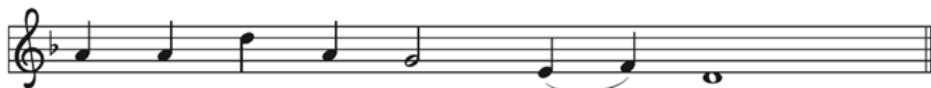
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide,
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

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Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be sure to read the printed announcements.)*

BLESSING

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW #661 I Love to Tell the Story *(please stand as you are able)*

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: (5:00) “Alleluia, Christ Is Risen” -F. Ritter

(9:30) “Picardy” -arr. Albert Zabel

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St. Stephen the Martyr Welcome Statement

St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church is a spiritual community grounded in the belief of Welcoming all, Worshiping God, Serving others.

Recognizing that there are those who have historically experienced rejection within congregational life, we strive to welcome and affirm the participation of all people into our community of faith – people of all ages, races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical and mental abilities, educational backgrounds, family statuses, and economic circumstances.

We are driven to be a welcoming congregation, offer a safe place to worship, and celebrate the diversity of God’s family. We are committed to racial equity and invite all people to join us in our faith journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect.

We proclaim that we are an open and affirming congregation, and you are invited to join us.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: (5:00) Jim Hennessy and Deb Perl

(9:30) Dennis Lucchesi, Cheryl & Dan Stefanski

Reader: (5:00) Heidi Hennessy **(9:30)** Denise Sanders

Communion: (5:00) Set Up Betty Kroll **Server** Heidi Hennessy

(9:30) Jason & Tracy Covert

Streaming Technician: Eric Sanders

Coffee Hour Host (Sunday): John Bugajski

<i>This Week at SSM</i>			
Tuesday, 5/5	6:30pm	Mega Meeting	
Wednesday, 5/7	9:30am	Men’s Bible Study	
	6:15pm	Handbell Rehearsal	
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
<i>4th Weekend of Easter</i>			
Saturday, 5/10	Worship	5:00pm	Ushers: Jim Hennessy and Patti Nelson
			Reader: Patti Nelson
			Communion Set Up: Bonnie Court
			Communion Server: Patti Nelson
Sunday, 5/11	Worship	9:30am	Ushers: Chris Dollar, Diane Moraza and Nancy Mineau
			Reader: Julia Suchy
			Communion: Dan & Cheryl Stefanski
			Sunday School

Announcements

Mount Meru Coffee Tumbler - This double-wall, 16 oz. insulated tumbler has a stainless-steel exterior with plastic interior and is designed for both hot and cold beverages. It includes a plastic spill resistant slide action lid for convenience when traveling. You will also receive a "perfect-pot" packet of regular coffee included with your order to jump-start your Mount Meru coffee experience. The cost is \$15.00. Contact Shelly Rosenstock at 414-403-0509 if you are interested in purchasing one.



We will be collecting non-perishable, non-expired food items for the food pantry at Bay View Community Center during the month of May. Monetary donations of any amount also help when the food pantry needs to purchase items. Checks can be made payable to *St. Stephen the Martyr* and placed in the offering. Be sure to indicate that your donation is for *Food Ministries* or you can use the envelopes that are provided on the Giving Station board.. Thank you!

Please consider using your special envelopes or making donations marked for these specific days. 60% of the funds collected will go to:

Palm Sunday – Lutheran Social Services
Maundy Thursday – ELCA World Hunger
Good Friday – Bread of Healing Clinic
Easter – Mbaaseny Parish

The Other 40% goes into the general fund. Thank you for your continued support of these missions.

It is also not too late to put your Ash Wednesday or Lent envelopes in. Ash Wednesday funds will be shared with ELCA Disaster Response and Lent envelopes will be shared with Outreach for Hope.

Unity Lutheran Church will hold a plant sale on May 17th from 9am to 12pm and on May 20 from 4pm to 6pm. Plant donations are greatly appreciated. See the bulletin board between the offices for more information.

Attention all Graduates – As we usually do in June, we would like to honor all those who are graduating this year. Be it from high school, college (any degree), trade school or anything else we would like to recognize this accomplishment. If you have a graduate in your family, or if you are a graduate, please let the office know. Tell us where the person is graduating from, with what degree if that is applicable, and what the graduate's plans are for the future. Sent the information to the office email. Thanks

KEEP THESE SSM MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins, Penny Dowling, Diana Gastrau, Sue Jarchow, Carolyn Kahl, Sally Kowalewski, Carol Kucharski, Shirley Lieske, Karen Palasz, Joan Retzlaff, Mary Rockstad, Dick Rutzen, Bob Soderstrom, Richard Sontvedt

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Cheryl, sister-in-law of Larry & Sue Stasiewski
Helen, mother of Jenny Koeff
Scott, friend of Mary Luedtke
Steve, friend of Dan Stefanski
Lenny Alt, friend of Don & Carol Manning
Sandy Bell, sister of Bill Bravner & friend of SSM

Bart Bohne, friend of Kelly and Greg Sachse
Rich Bonner, friend of Al Behling
Irene Bonnert, mother of Deb Perl
Julie Francis, daughter-in-law of Sally Kowalewski

Marcia Gabriel, friend of Nancy Mineau & Marion Walton

Karen Gastrau, daughter-in-law of Diana Gastrau
Liane Guthrie, daughter of Dianne Niese
Ronald Hause, friend of Don & Carol Manning
Tim Ingram, grandson of Ron Ropel
Beth Klosinski, daughter of Linda Schmidt
Dan Knapik, friend of Don & Carol Manning
Jon Kowalewski, husband of Sally Kowalewski

Susan Kueny, friend of Mary Luedtke
Tim Noonan, friend of Jean Brownell
Ted & Ellen P., family of Gail Jakus
Shari Palmeri, friend of Nancy Schneider
Sarah Reyes, daughter of Debbie and Vic Barth

Leroy Robinson, father of Linda Schmidt
Larry & Lori Sachse, family members of Kelly & Greg Sachse

John Schatzman, nephew of Marion Walton
Gloria Simley, sister of Dave and Rae Ann Simley

Dale and Barb Starks, parents of Julie Starks
Andy Stein and his family, son of Barb Stein
Ann Stiff, Mother of Andrea Woerpel
Sandra Van Remmen Prosser, friend of Carol & Don Manning

Billy Waters, husband of Darlene Waters & Stepdad of Lori Salas

Susan White, sister of Sally Kowalewski
Cohen Zettle, family of Pam Young

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HYMN ELW #729 The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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HYMN ELW #666 What Wondrous Love is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down,
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

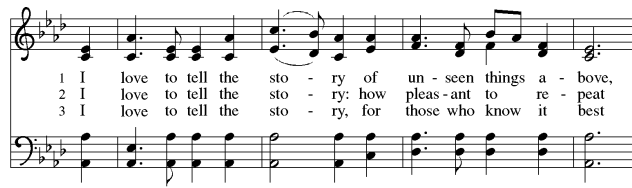
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Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.

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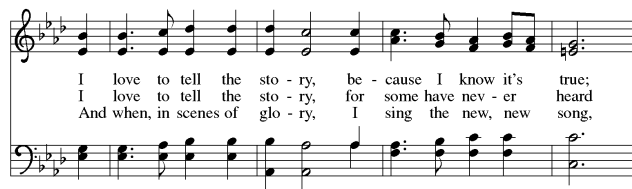
HYMN ELW #661 I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love,
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936