

**This is my Son,
my Chosen;
listen to him!**

LUKE 9:35

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations
of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act

With judgment, cruelty, or indifference.

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

We resist your call to oppose injustice;

We give in to scarcity and fear;

We assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

And release us from their grasp.

Show us your loving kindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,

That we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance;
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
Live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“Joyful is the Dark”

ACS #1096

Joyful is the dark, holy, hidden God,
Rolling cloud of night beyond all naming;
Majesty in darkness, energy of love,
Word in flesh, the mystery proclaiming.

Joyful is the dark, Spirit of the deep,
Winging wildly o’er the world’s creation,
Silken sheen of midnight plumage black and bright,
swooping with the beauty of a raven.

Joyful is the dark, shadowed stable floor;
Angels flicker, God on earth confessing,
As with exultation, Mary, giving birth,
Hails the infant cry of need and blessing.

Joyful is the dark, coolness of the tomb,
Waiting for the wonder of the morning;
Never was that midnight touched by dread and gloom;
Darkness was the cradle of the dawning.

Joyful is the dark, depth of love divine,
Roaring, looming thundercloud of glory,
Holy, haunting beauty, living, loving God.
Hallelujah! Sing and tell the story!

*Greeting

*P: Grace and peace from God our Creator,
from God who became one of us, Jesus Christ,
and may the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*Kyrie

1. **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**
2. **Christe eleison. Christe eleison.**
3. **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Kyrie 18

The musical score for 'Kyrie 18' is presented in two systems. The first system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first two phrases: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -'. The second system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the third phrase: 'le - i - son.'. The piano accompaniment consists of block chords in the left hand and a simple melodic line in the right hand. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4.

Glory to God

WOV #607

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —

and peace — to God's peo -

ple on earth! —

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y

God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. —

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, — and peace — to God's

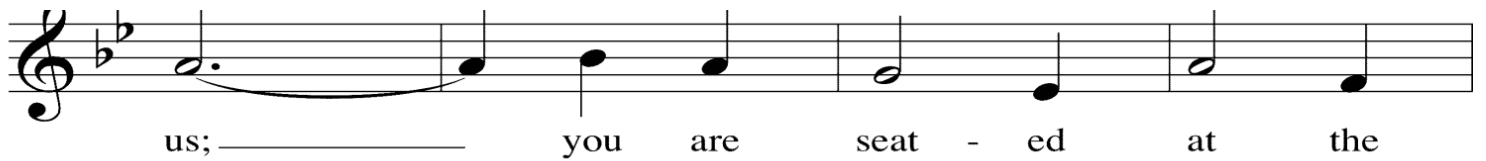
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Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

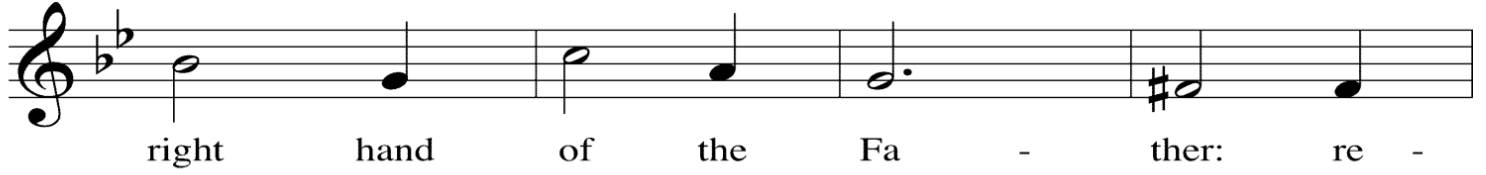
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the

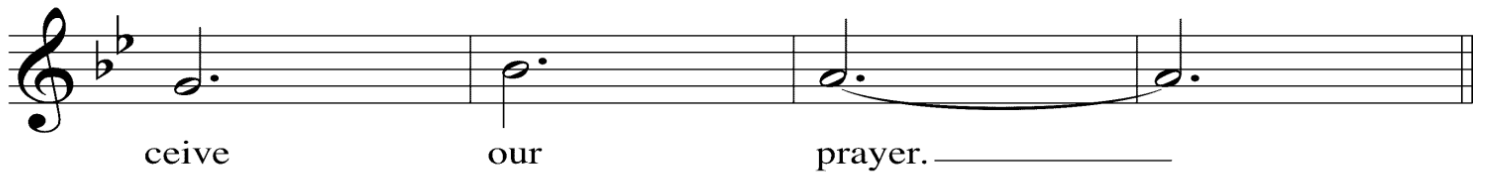
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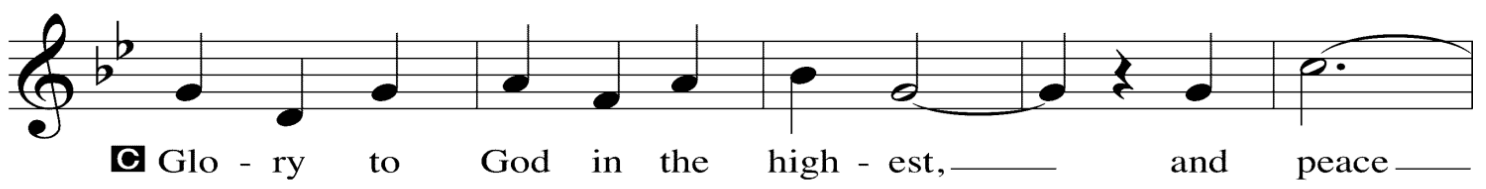
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right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. —————



C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, ————— and peace ———



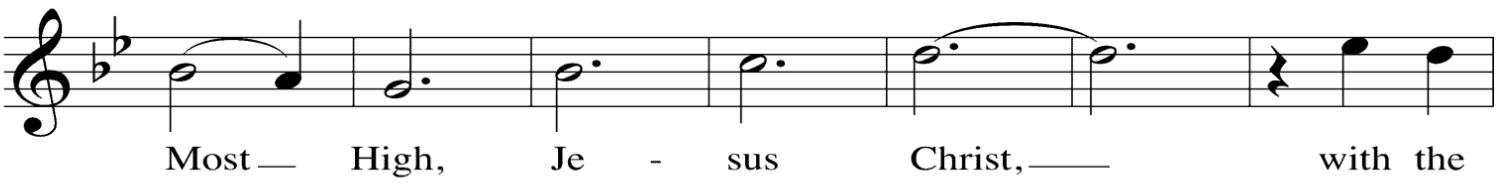
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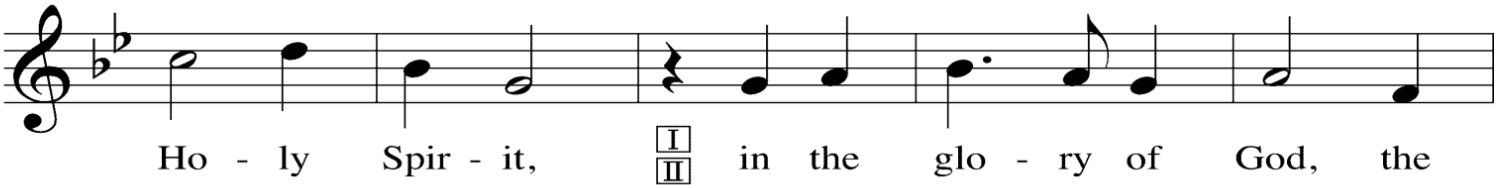
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lone are the Lord, ————— **II** you a - lone are the



Most — High, Je - sus Christ, ————— with the



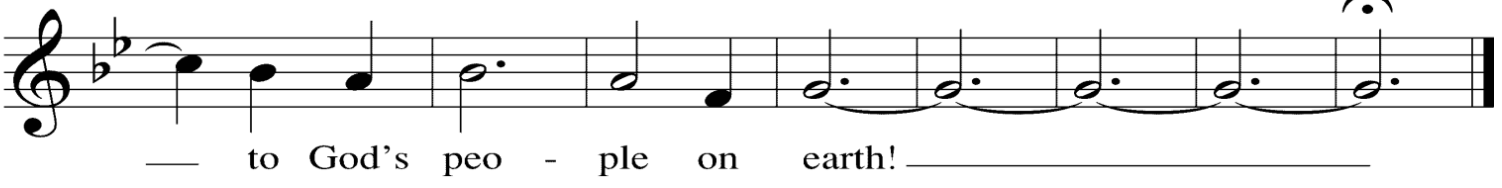
Ho - ly Spir - it, **I** in the glo - ry of God, the



Fa - ther. ————— A - men! ————— A - men! —————



C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, ————— and peace ———



— to God's peo - ple on earth! —————

*Prayer of the Day

Celebrate insert pg. 1

P: May God be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: (following the prayer) Amen.

The Word of God

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Celebrate pg. 1

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 99

Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Celebrate pg. 3

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

ALLELUIA



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 9th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O God.

*Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-36

Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. James Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

“In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness” [ACS#1093](#)

In a deep, unbounded darkness,
Long before the first light shone,
You, O God, beyond all merit
worked a wonder faith makes known:
In your mercy, in your mercy,
you embraced us as your own,
Evermore and evermore.

Though our world is everchanging,
you are constant, firm, and sure,
Faithful to your cov'nant promise.
Trusting you, we live, secure:
Singing praises, singing praises,
long as heart and breath endure,
Evermore and evermore.

Joy transforms our lips to boasting
only in your matchless grace,
Sending Christ to dwell among us,
Word made flesh in time and space:
Friend and Savior, Friend and Savior,
in whose life we glimpse your face,
Evermore and evermore.

(Hymn Continued)

God of Hagar, God of Sarah,
God of nomand Abraham;
God of Miriam, God of Moses,
Fi'ry Pillar, great I AM:
Lead us homeward, lead us homeward,
to the lovefeast of the Lamb,
Evermore and evermore.

*The Prayers of the Church

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*Passing of the Peace

P: May the peace of God be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The Communion Meal

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

Offering Hymn *"This Little Light of Mine"*

#677

This little light of mine, I'm goin'~a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'~a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'~a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'~a let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'~a let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'~a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'~a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'~a let it shine;

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'~a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Music Good News Singers
 "Shine Jesus Shine"

*Offering Prayer

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
And your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service;
Our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
Now and always.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to God.

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

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

Eucharistic Prayer

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as 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**

Invitation to Communion

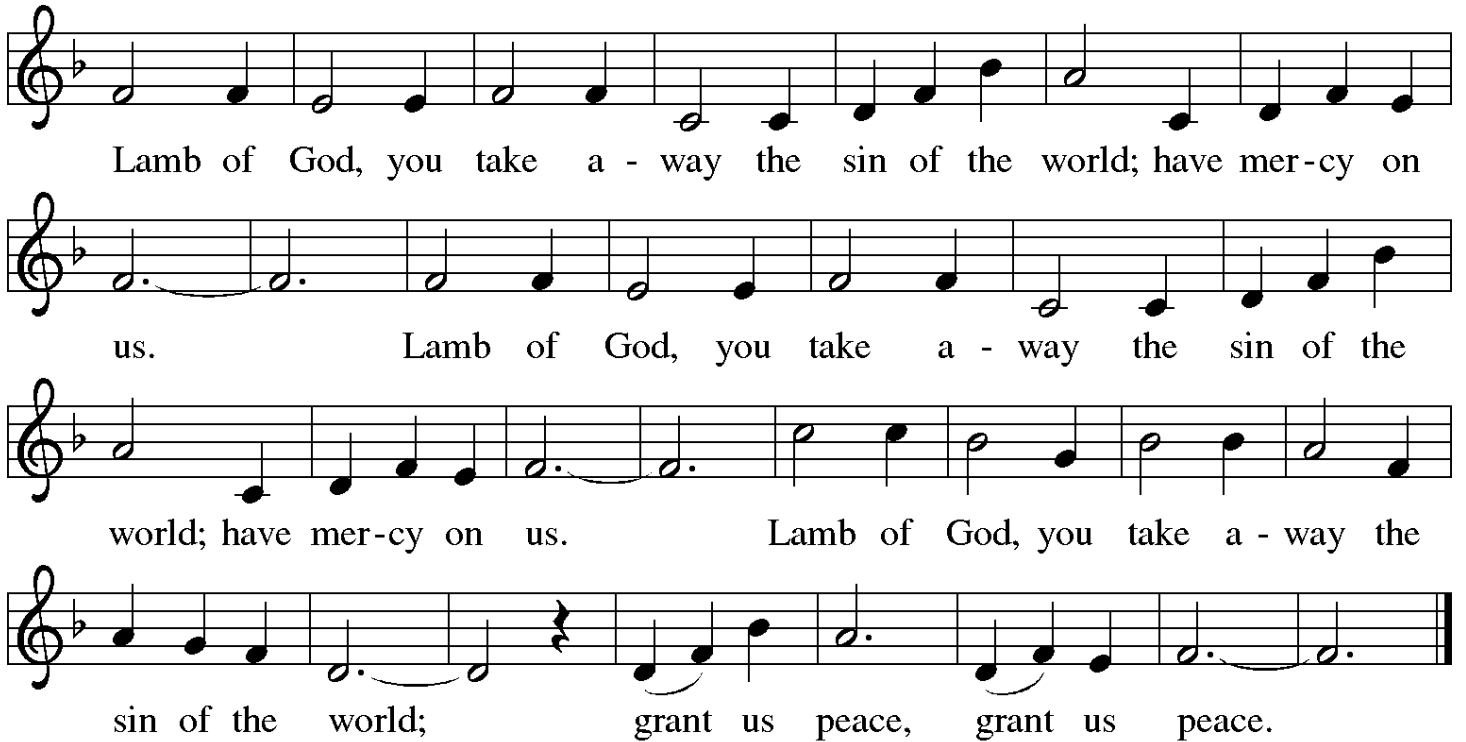
**P: The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.**

Holy Communion

Visitors: You are welcome to come forward to receive Communion as part of this church family! Children are welcome to come and receive a special blessing if they have never communed. Communion is by intinction, we dip the bread into either the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Please follow the guidance of the ushers.

#195

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, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

“Beautiful Savior” #838

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

Prayer after Communion

P: Nourishing God,
At this table you have refreshed us
With holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
And send us out to embody your good news
Of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

Post Communion Hymn “Light Shone in Darkness” #307

Light shone in darkness at the world’s creation,
Bathing in beauty nature’s revelation.
All that has being cry in adoration,
“Praise for the light. Amen!”

Light shone in darkness at the new creation;
Christ rose in glory, won for us salvation.
Sing, earth and heaven, hymns of jubilation,
praise for the light. Amen!

Light shines in darkness till the full creation;
Christ’s body, groaning, suffers tribulation,
longs for God’s justice,
Global transformation, prays for the light. Amen!

The Sending

*Blessing

P: The Spirit of the triune God
† Bless you with joy,
Anoint you with compassion,
And send you in love.

C: Amen

*Closing Hymn

“We Are Marching in the Light”

#866

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing...
We are praying...
We are singing...

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Music “The Only Son From Heaven”

Serving Today

Reader: Elke Spires

Coffee Host: Margaret Schraft

Altar Guild:



SHORT TERM: Jim Aller's family, Laura, Margaret, Bill Giles family, Dr. Bruce Dunn's family, Grey, Ruth Stiles, Susan Birkelo Family, James, Riley, Mary Saccullo, Chad Fields, Ana Cardenas, Rose, Levi, Lisa J., John B., Linda, Scoutmaster Scott, Glosier family, Unemployed, George Webber, Isaac & Marissa, Chris Powers, Gloria, Beth & Family of Barbara Stiles, Marta's parents, Gary & Louse Matz, Friends in Tel Aviv, Nick, James, Mary D., Tom, Galahad, Debbie, Sam, Nate Barker, Robbin, Francisco, Michael, Keith, Noelle, Ensley, Sierra, Middle East Peace, Tom Dawson, Taiyo, Marissa, Isaac, Alvarado family, Dustin, Father Jack Davis, Sandi Csik, Sam, Adolfo, Elida, Jeannie, Anetta, Jane, Barbara Allen, Gary & Marjie Toops, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Nancy, Mateo & Lina, Don, Atlas, Sal, Katarina, Stephanie Jager.

LONG TERM: Those suffering with Mental Illness, James Sheehan, Biergiel—Colclough family, Carla Brown, Eric Utto-Galarneau, Joel Hurtgamm, Dawit and family (Ethiopia), April McCalmont, Marty Nehring, Miller Mouw, Kyle Lapp, Will, Aaron Johnson, Shelby Volpi, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Dom, Lisa & Beau, Linda Johnson, Bailey Ingalls, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Bobbie Erickson, Mike, Susan Anderson, Jan Wagner, Richard C., Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Karin, Will, Chris, Pearl Runquist, Volpi & Robe Family, Cabel, Noah, Esdras, Immigrant families, The Homeless, People of Ukraine, People of Palestine/Israel, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, S.S. Senior Housing, Pastor Jim & Our Church Family, men & women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.



*Altar Flowers
are needed after Easter
Sign up today*

Music at St. Stephen's



In your March Newsletter, you will find more information on the New music outreach to others. We have had some positive feedback from your members, and action items. It looks like the steering committee is forming. Possibly, so keep music in mind.

Other news: All that Brass has been selected, and new music will now be ordered for Easter.

Great news from Iva Tracey. Julia & Patrick will be playing for us this Palm Sunday. Julia is a young pianist, and Patrick a young guitarist. Hurray!

Soloists are needed for Lent, Maunday Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Sunday.

Yours in Christ & Mission, Gary



“Reaching into the Woods”

Women’s Retreat

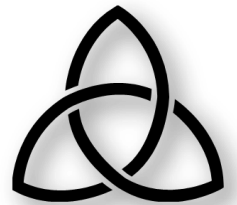
March 7-9

also Saturday only option

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and connect with other women in a beautiful, peaceful setting. We’ll gather for reflection, community, growth & renewal.

Trinity Tuesday

March 4 at 6:30pm



Place: Discretion Brewing 41st Ave.

1 HOUR

1 QUESTION

1 DRINK

(3-in-1)

Bring your deepest questions about:

- God, Faith, and the Biblical narrative
- The big questions that keep you up at night

Previous Discussions Have Explored:

- Historical decline of church membership & its implications
- Whether love truly is all we need - a theo. perspective

Come with:

- An open mind
- A willingness to engage in respectful dialogue

*Join the conversation. Challenge your assumptions.
Deepen your understanding.*

All viewpoints welcome. Come as you are.

Questions: Call Kathy Allen at 831-430-6359
or email allen.kj@comcast.net

Upcoming Events:

March Benevolence Offering — Scholarship Fund

TODAY MMRR Kitchen fundraiser — Help determine what WE need & what YOUR home needs.

Easter Lilies for sale today through April 10

March 4 Boy Scouts 6:00 pm

March 4 Trinity Tuesday 6:30 pm Discretion Brew.

March 5 Preschool Chapel 10:15

March 5 Bible Study 11 am & 7:30 pm

March 5 Ash Wednesday worship 7:00 pm

March 6 Mens beginner A.A. Thurs. 7:00 pm Fireside

March 7 A.A. Fridays 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

March 7-9 Women's Retreat Mt. Cross
Most are going just the day Saturday.

March 12 Lent Soupers 6:00 pm (sign up to host)
Worship 7:00 pm

April 13 Palm Sunday Dramatic Worship—readers pls

April 19 Easter set up 10 am

April 20 Easter Breakfast & celebration
— help needed

Pastor's Office Hours: Weds. & Thur. 10:00—1:00 pm

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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