

Worship Assistants

	<u><i>This Week</i></u>	<u><i>Next Week</i></u>
Assisting Minister	Vicki Romang	Sue Holster
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Organist/Pianist	Phil Giese	Delores Kessel
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Projection	Lydia Lenoble	Lydia Lenoble
Special Music		
Usher	Lloyd Zimmer	Lloyd Zimmer
Video	Elizabeth Lenoble	Elizabeth Lenoble

Staff

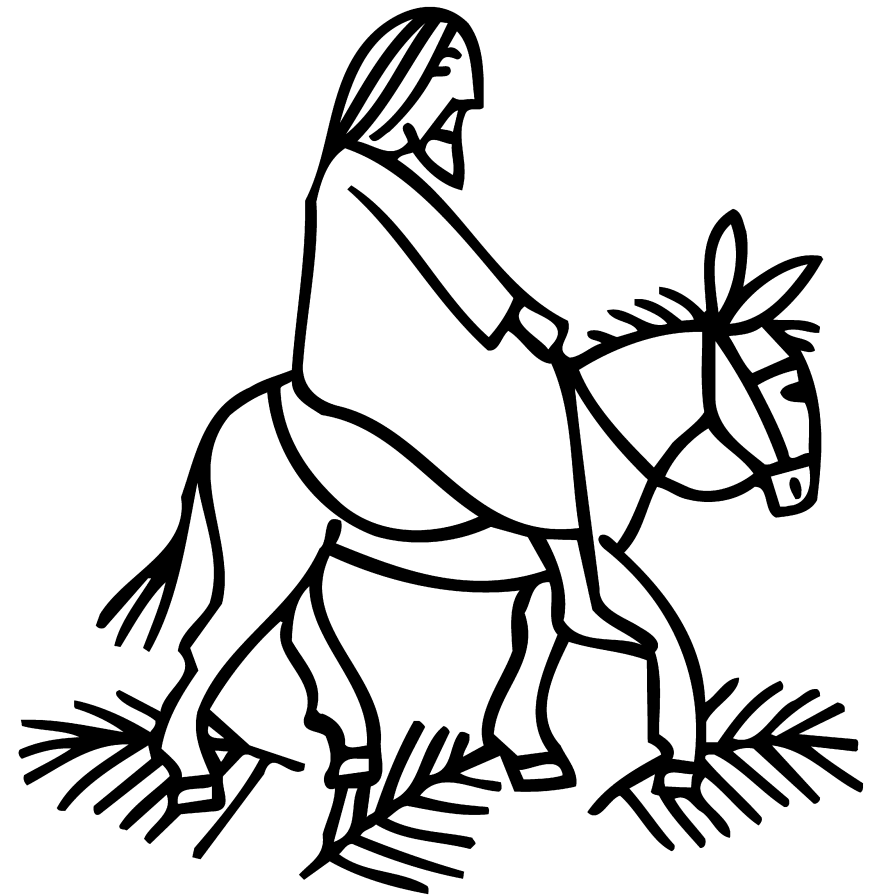
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Administrative Assistant	Nancy Henke
Assistant Treasurer	Mary Beth Tolley
Worship Service Custodian	Dave Skola
Worship Service Custodian	Gail Wolfe
Maintenance Custodian	Cecil Wold

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Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

Welcome to worship in Jesus' name! We hope that you will hear a word of encouragement during this service which will convey the fullness of God's love for you.

Hearing assistance (via our Loop system) is available for those with hearing aids. Headphones are located in the back of the church.

At St. Stephen, all are welcome at the Lord's Table! Ushers will lead you forward for communion at the rail. Grape juice is offered in the center ring of the tray at the rail, and gluten free wafers are also available at the rail if you desire that option.

The Prelude

RINGING of the BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing songs of loudest praise!
Hosanna!

Sing songs that are unashamed.
Hosanna!

Sing songs without being afraid.
Hosanna!

Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.
Hosanna!

Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Compassionate One, **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

*Please **STAND** for the **HYMN***

Hymn: *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* #669

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.

KYRIE Hymnal pg. 138

<p><i>Palm Sunday bulletin covers were sponsored by Mary Beth Tolley in loving memory of Butch Bliese.</i></p> <p><i>The Palms for Palm Sunday were sponsored by Mary Beth Tolley In loving memory of her Parents, Harold Prieve & Loretta Lodholz.</i></p> <p>THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH</p>		
Palm Sunday, April 13th	9:00 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on TDS Channel 14 AA
Monday, April 14th	1:00 pm 3:00 pm 5:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	St. Stephen Grief Group Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Bell Choir Grief Share Dartball
Tuesday, April 15th	10:00 am 10:30 pm	Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980
Wednesday, April 16th	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Maundy Thursday, April 17th	8:30 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Quilting Al-Anon Special Olympics Maundy Thursday Service at Good Shepherd
Good Friday, April 18th	12:00 pm 6:30 pm	Good Friday Service at St. Stephen Good Friday Service at St. Stephen NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED
Easter Sunday, April 20th	6:00 am 8:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship at Sylvan Hill Worship at St. Stephen Worship at Good Shepherd Worship at Pilgrim Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on TDS Channel 14 AA

St. Stephen Weekly

Palm Sunday

April 13th, 2025

On Sunday, April 6th, 62 people attended the 9am Worship Service.

Join us on Saturday, April 26th for a beautiful concert at St. Stephen called Candlelight Concert by Fever. If you haven't been to one, they are amazing. We'll meet at Timekeepers for hor d'oeuvres about 4:30pm and then go to the church for the 6:30pm show. Tickets can be purchased online. Be sure to pick the 6:30pm time slot. If you can make it or for questions text or call Linda Salzman at 715-551-2259. Hope to see you there! The show is 1 hour so we can all be home before dark!

The Wausau Lyric Choir and the Wausau Symphony Band present, “Lamb of God” on Saturday, April 19th at 3pm at the Grand Theater in Wausau. “Lamb of God” is a sacred work for choir, orchestra, and soloists and is a musical portrayal of the final days of the life of Jesus. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the Grand Theater office online, via phone, or in person. Note that additional ticket fees will be charged for online and phone ticket purchases.

The Rummage Sale will also feature a BAKE SALE. Anyone willing to provide baked goods for this event can bring them to church on Friday, April 25th. The Angels will be packaging and pricing (in the basement kitchen) starting at 4:30pm. You can leave your baked goods in the upstairs conference room if you want to do a drop off earlier than 4:30pm. The Angels thank you for your support.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church will be hosting the Community Dinner on Sunday, April 27th at the new location, First United Methodist (near the YMCA). We will plan to meet at 2pm on the 27th to assemble. We are asking for donations of cookies and individual applesauce cups and chips. If you have questions, contact Shauna Robinson at 608-514-4504. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office area.

If you are interested in hosting Coffee Hour (or just bringing in treats) there is a sign-up sheet is on the table in the lounge.

The 3rd Sunday of every month we will have a NOISY OFFERING. Please bring in your coins and let's make some noise! The Noisy Offering will go towards the Community Outreach Fund.

Our 2 family restrooms are located in the hallway by the church office.

A changing table has been installed in the family restroom that is in the hallway closest to the church office.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation is SEATED

FIRST LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 594)

Isaiah 50:4-9a

PSALM (read responsively) (Pew Bible pg. 439)

Psalms 31:9-16

SECOND LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 954)

Philippians 2:5-11

BLESSING of the PALMS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand)

#344 (refrain only)

PROCESSION with the PALMS (Pew Bible pg. 854)

Luke 19:28-40

SERMON

Pastor Karoline Schwantes

Please **STAND** for the **HYMN of the DAY**

Hymn of the Day: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

#344

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

The Assisting Minister ends each petition with, “God, in your mercy,” the congregational response is, “**receive our prayer.**”

PEACE is shared

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING/NOISY OFFERING (3rd Sunday of every month)

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY HYMN

#885

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal pg. 144

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

SANCTUS

Hymnal pg. 144

COMMUNION (If you would prefer communion in the pew, please let an usher know.)

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD

Hymnal pg. 146

Hymn during Communion: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

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(Eucharistic Ministers may come forward for a communion kit at this time.)

BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Announcement of MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*Please **STAND** for the **HYMN***

Hymn: *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

#347

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

APRIL 2025 MEMORIALS

Capital Campaign

In loving memory of Chuck Deffner –
Lynn Deffner

In loving memory of Joyce (Larson) DelPino –
Sarah Lonsdorf

In loving memory of Cliff Prigge –
Karen Prigge

Choir Fund

In loving memory of family members that have passed on –
Kay Preller

Library Fund

In loving memory of Angie Ninnemann –
Tim Gritzmacher

These are the memorials received through Monday, April 7th. If you would like a memorial placed in the April bulletins and May newsletter, it needs to be to the office by Monday, April 21st. Thank you!