

Worship Assistants

	<u><i>This Week</i></u>	<u><i>Next Week</i></u>
Assisting Minister	Mary Beth Tolley	Mary Beth Tolley
Coffee Hour	_____	_____
Communion Asst.	Randy or Kari Van Natta	Lloyd Zimmel
Lector	Mary Beth Tolley	Pat Lonsdorf
Organist/Pianist	Sharon Hopp	Roxie Kenitzer
Preaching/Presiding	Pastor Karoline Schwantes	Pastor Karoline Schwantes
Projection	Shauna Robinson	Shauna Robinson
Special Music	_____	_____
Usher	Verlyn Oelke	Lloyd Zimmel
Video	Elizabeth Lenoble	Lydia Lenoble

Staff

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

Music Staff

Director of Music	Delores Kessel
Director of Combined Adult Choir	Jim Lenselink
Director of Bell Choir	Darlene Johnson

Executive Committee

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The Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 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

The **RINGING** of the **BELLS**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

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, **make us one as you are one.**

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, **make us one as you are one.**

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, **make us one as you are one.**

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. **Amen.**

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

Hymn: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* #384

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. 147

HYMN OF PRAISE/This is the feast of victory for our God Hymnal pg. 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation is **SEATED**

FIRST LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 889) Acts 5:27-32

PSALM (read responsively) (Pew Bible pg. 492) Psalm 118:14-29

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

Sunday, April 27th	8:00 am—11:00 am 9:00 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Rummage Sale Worship at St. Stephen Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on TDS Channel 14 AA
Monday, April 28th	3:00 pm 5:15 pm 6:30 pm	Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Bell Choir Grief Share
Tuesday, April 29th	10:00 am 10:30 pm	Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980
Wednesday, April 30th	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Confirmation Choir Practice
Thursday, May 1st	8:30 am 6:00 pm	Quilting Al-Anon
Saturday, May 3rd	9:00 am—12:00 pm	Stephen's Angels
Sunday, May 4th	9:00 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship at St. Stephen Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on TDS Channel 14 AA

St. Stephen Weekly

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 27th, 2025

On Easter Sunday, April 20th, 99 people attended the 9am Worship Service.

The May newsletter is now available on the counter in the reception area for those of you who do not receive it via email.

The new WMC (Wausau Marathon County) shelter is slated to begin services on Thursday, May 1st. There was enough interest in serving the unhoused population that in cooperation with St. Stephen and Good Shepherd members, the Good Stewards Committee will be hosting guests at the new shelter site at First United Methodist church from 6pm to 9pm on Monday May 19th. We will assist guests coming in to change clothes, store personal belongings, provide a meal, and settle in for the night. The meal will need to be prepared elsewhere and come ready to serve in crockpots, Nesco roasters, or packaged in aluminum disposable pans. Breakfast will be provided by the shelter. We have committed to every 3rd Monday of the month until the end of the year. We have folks who can't do all of them and that's OK! If we have enough interest we can look at taking on another Monday as well. Please contact Shauna Robinson at 608-514-4504 if you are available to help so your name can be shared with the scheduler at the shelter or contact her if you have any questions.

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.

SECOND LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 994)

Revelation 1:4-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand)

Hymnal pg. 151

GOSPEL LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 883)

John 20:19-31

SERMON

Pastor Karoline Schwantes

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

Hymn of the Day: *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

#377

APOSTLES' CREED

We have been made God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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

The Assisting Minister ends each petition with, "Hear us, O God."
the congregational response is, "**Your mercy is great.**"

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

#379 (verse 1 only)

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal pg. 152

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. 153

COMMUNION

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. 154

Hymn during Communion: *Jesus, the Very Thought of You*

#754

(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: *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

#534

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 21st. If you would like a memorial placed in the May bulletins and June newsletter, it needs to be to the office by Monday, May 12th. Thank you!