



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

...Where God is seen, love is felt and lives are changed!

May 7, 2021

5 Easter

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Outdoor Service...is still ON for this Sunday!

Despite the threat of rain for Sunday earlier in the week, the forecast looks good for our outdoor service this Sunday. Hope to see you out at 11 A.M.!

This Sunday, May 9, 2021 is the 6th Sunday of Easter, and we will have two services of Holy Eucharist: 9 A.M. livestream/indoor worship in the Nave, and an in-person, outdoors worship at 11:00 A.M. in the Grove. As a reminder, rain cancels the in-person worship.

EXTENDED TIME FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS

Reservations for **Sunday, May 16, 2021** will open at 5 P.M. on Sunday, May 9, 2021 and will remain open until Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 5 P.M. or until the max capacity is reached.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

We look forward to seeing you on our Sunday Evening!

Evening Social Hour is at 5 p.m.

[Join Sunday Evening Social Hour](#)

Zoom Credentials:

Meeting ID: 829 7991 8885
Passcode: 799322



PASTORAL CARE

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

Jane Heischman
Jonathan Heischman
Mary Helsley
Audrey Henry
Mark Henry

Please include these people in your prayers.

YOUTH SUNDAY

Please join us next **Sunday, May 16, 2021, at the 9 A.M.** livestream/indoor service to celebrate Youth Sunday! We are delighted that one of our graduating seniors, Blair Thurston, will be offering the sermon that day (at both the 9 and 11 A.M. services). Many of our other youth will also be participating in the 9 A.M. service that day.



EYF

This week is Mother's Day, so we won't have EYF this week. Next week is Youth Sunday and we will have an end-of-year party after the 9:00 A.M. service, with a potluck and morning of games! See y'all next Sunday!

~ Molly & Caleb Justice, Youth Co-coordinators

Happy Mother's Day



To all mothers,
all who have been mothers,
all who have lost mothers,
and all who long to be mothers.

ASCENSION DAY: MAY 13, 2021

On Thursday evening, May 13, 2021, please join us on our YouTube channel for a pre-recorded service of Evening Prayer celebrating the **Feast of the Ascension**. The Ascension always falls 40 days after Easter Sunday, and being on Thursdays, it often gets overlooked in our liturgical celebrations. But it is such a crucial day in our life and understanding of the ministry of Christ among us and for us. The service will be available for viewing at 6 P.M. on the 13th.



TUESDAY HEALING SERVICE

Our Tuesday spoken service has resumed, temporarily in the Parish Hall at 11:30 A.M. Please note that each week it will contain the special liturgy for **healing and prayers**, in addition to being a regular celebration of Holy Eucharist, Rite I. There are no reservations required - please wear masks and distance as much as you can.



WHY ARE WE STILL WEARING MASKS?

Already vaccinated? Here's why are requiring you to still wear your mask at our worship services, indoors and outdoors.

At St. Stephen's, face masks and physical distancing will need to continue into the foreseeable future. While we are making cautious steps towards returning to worship in person, there are still many people who are uncomfortable with large crowds.

We also still need to protect those with compromised immune systems and those who can't be vaccinated. Just because someone "looks" healthy doesn't necessarily mean they are not vulnerable.

Our goal is to keep moving forward, and not have to backpedal due to lack of precautions! Thank you for continuing to wear your mask!