

# St Stephen

Lutheran Church, ELCA



**Encouraging and  
strengthening faith in Jesus,  
and sharing the joy of God's love.**

**August 12, 2018**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:15am**

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

# HOLY COMMUNION

## Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### INTRODUCTION

*Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.*

### CHOIR PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The assembly stands as able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
full of compassion and mercy,  
abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Eternal God our creator:

**C: In you we live and move and have our being.  
Look upon us, your children,  
the work of your hands.  
Forgive us all our offenses,  
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.  
By your grace draw us near to you,  
our refuge and our strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;  
and for his sake, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your all your sins,  
in the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

The assembly remains standing to sing.

## GATHERING SONG:

## You Are Holy

ELW #525

1\*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

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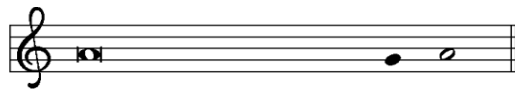
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## GREETING

**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.

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



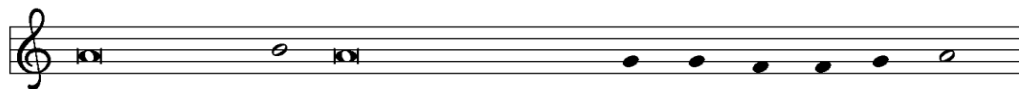
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.


# CANTICLE OF PRAISE "This is the feast"

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



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


All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

*Refrain*



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

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the




hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and




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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept, then the presiding minister leads the prayer.*

P: Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly sits.*

## Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST READING:

1 Kings 19:4-8

A Reading from 1 Kings.

<sup>4</sup>[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."<sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."<sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 34:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

A Reading from Ephesians.

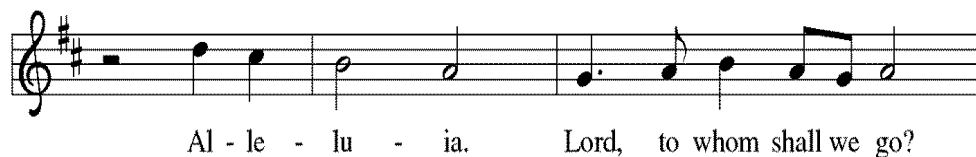
<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

P: The Holy Gospel, according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**Youth and Children message**

## SERMON

**The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**Remembrance**

**CCLI**

**Verse 1**

Oh how could it be  
That my God would welcome me  
Into this mystery  
Say take this bread take this wine  
Now the simple made divine  
For any to receive

**Pre-Chorus**

By Your mercy we come to Your table  
By Your grace You are making us faithful

**Chorus**

Lord we remember You  
And remembrance leads us to worship  
And as we worship You  
Our worship leads to communion  
We respond to Your invitation

(We respond to Your invitation)  
We remember You

**Verse 2**

See His body His blood  
Know that He has overcome  
Ev'ry trial we will face  
And none too lost to be saved  
None too broken or ashamed  
All are welcome in this place

**Bridge**

Dying You destroyed our death  
Rising You restored our life  
Lord Jesus come in glory  
Lord Jesus come in glory  
Lord Jesus come in glory  
Lord Jesus come in glory

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**APOSTLES' CREED**

**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**

A: Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition of the prayer is said:*

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**



P: Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

**MUSICAL OFFERING:**

**Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal**

**ELW #464**



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.  
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.  
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—  
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.  
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.  
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.  
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever

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## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.

You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it.

Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

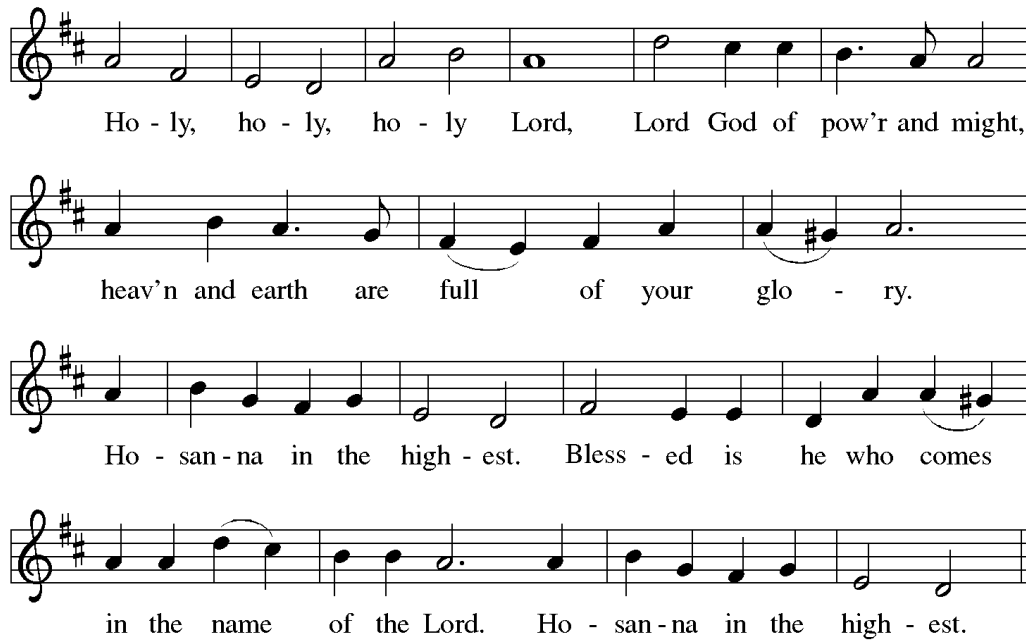
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer... and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal to be the body and blood of Christ: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, both now and forever. **Amen**



P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray.

**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.**

## Communion

P: This is the Lamb of God. This is the bread of life.

Whoever comes to Jesus will never be hungry, and whoever believes will never be thirsty.  
*The bread is broken for the communion. The assembly is seated.*

*All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest if you desire a blessing.*

*At St. Stephen we receive Holy Communion by receiving the bread and then either drinking directly from the cup or by intinction: That means that you may **receive the bread in your hand and then dip bread in the wine.**)*

*Gluten free bread is available on the right side. (please ask)*

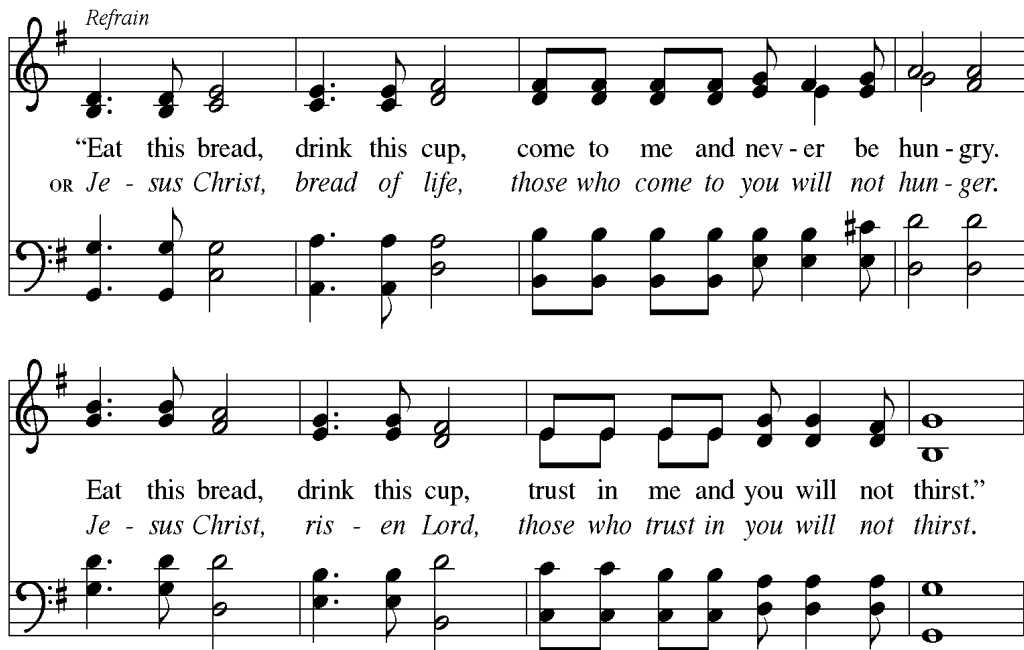
*Alcohol free wine is available on the right side. (please ask)*

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

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.

*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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## Instrumental Music

*Cesar Vidaud*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.

Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSINGS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

P: Let us pray for all who are beginning a new school year, that both students and teachers will be blessed in their academic endeavors.

A: For the marvels of your creation,

**C: we praise you, O God.**

A: For the opportunity to explore and study,

**C: we praise you, O God.**

A: For those who guide us, teachers and mentors,

**C: we praise you, O God.**

P: Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge. Grant teachers the gift of joy and insight, and students the gift of diligence and openness, that all may grow in what is good and honest and true. Support all who teach and all who learn, that together we may know and follow your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

## SENDING SONG:

## Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

ELW# 535

*Refrain— sung twice each time*



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**In our prayers** today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Jimmy Fennelli, Caroline Smith, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Laurel Blake, Jim Loggins, Diane Adler, Katie Paff, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

### **Prayers for Friends of the Church: (Please renew your request every 3 weeks)**

✠ Jane Batson, Eric Hecker, Rosie's Fennelli family, Vera and Brian DeBolt, Pat Palmiera, Celeste ✠ Marcus Castaneda, Laurie Gonzalez, Pastor George Cruz, the Zambrano family at the death of Oswald Zambrano, and the family of Homer Smith who passed away on Monday ✠ George Stewart, Marjorie, Aurea Soto, Laurie Gonzalez, Rosie's Fennelli family, Connie's Huber daughter, Joyce Brelsford, and Kathy Runk and the family of John McKenzie upon his death.

### **In a facility or homebound:**

Audrey Shumway - Willow Wick, Janesville, Wisconsin 53545  
Barbara Kaptain - The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.  
1080 NW 15TH Room 215 Boca Raton, Fl. 33486  
Jane Reinhold - Platinum Loving Group, P. O. Box 410572, Melbourne, FL 32941  
Evelyn Braun - 6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433  
Jim Loggins - John Knox Village - Woodlands  
651 SW 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

**Flowers this week sponsored by:** Harry Ambrose in memory of Mary Ambrose.

## **Announcements**

### **Welcome all Guests and St. Stephen members!**

We are thankful you are here! Please take a moment to fill out the attendance cards in the worship folder with your name, number and email—especially if you are visiting so that we can welcome you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Pr. Schaefer. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the gathering area at the back of the church following the liturgy this morning.

### **Back to School...**

Our county schools open this coming Wednesday. Today in our Sending rite we remember in a special way all students, teachers, administrators, staff, school bus drivers, and all who are part of the education system that forms our young people. We are thankful for all of them and ask God's blessing and protection as a new school year begins in Florida.

### **Need to speak to or get in touch with the pastor?**

Pr. Schaefer's cell phone and email address are listed in the staff directory. Take note of his contact information and feel free to be in touch as needed! **Please help Pastor learn your name by introducing yourselves to him at the door!**

### **We invite you to sign up for the flowers that beautify our altar each Sunday.**

They are only \$35 per week and you may take them home after the liturgy or they will be given to the sick or homebound. They may be given in memory or in honor of someone. Signup is on the back wall of the gathering area (Narthex).

### **Join us in praying for those who have asked our prayers**

Our email prayer chain is for the purpose of drawing the community in prayer for those who are sick or in special need of prayer. On Tuesday morning, we send out the names of those who were added to the attendance cards on Sunday. Special requests during the week will be sent out Friday morning. If you have prayer request, call the church office during the week.

**Please remember the ministries of St. Stephen with your regular offerings.**

Stewardship has been defined as everything you do after you say, “I believe.” Part of stewardship is our financial generosity and commitment to Christ through his Church. Summers are always challenging times for congregations and St. Stephen is no exception. As a response to God’s blessings to you, we encourage you to keep your offerings current especially if you are planning to be away. Not only does your generosity support local mission and ministry here, but through our mission support to the Florida-Bahamas Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we support ministries around the globe. Thank you for your commitment!

***Worship Assistants for August***

<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b><i>August 12</i></b>	<b><i>August 19</i></b>	<b><i>August 26</i></b>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Natalie Prego	Sera Butz	Carol Jacobson
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Sera Butz	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler
<b>LECTOR</b>	Carol Jacobson	Pat Belanger	Erika Flanigan
<b>USHERS –Need 4 to Serve</b>	Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w) Rosie Fennelli Patricia Engle	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Lisa Castaneda (w) Terry Shumway	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Erika Flanigan
<b>Head Usher</b>	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
<b>GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve</b>	Linda Hanzlik Ruth Wagle	Lynda Smith Zachary Smith	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
<b>SOUND</b>	Eric Castaneda	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz
<b>PROJECTION</b>	Terry Shumway	Larry Jones	Eric Castaneda

**(w) will give wine at communion. Thank you all for serving.**

**Stewardship Snippet**

**Aug. 12, 2018** (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

**Ephesians 4:31,32** – Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

*As God’s called and blessed community, Christians live by different rules than “the world,” which is too-often angry and blameful. We are good stewards of community and relationships when we do our best to live with kindness and love.*



### Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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### Activity Calendar

**Sunday 12**  
10:15am Sunday Worship

**Monday 13**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Tuesday 14**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Wednesday 15**  
8:00am Quilting  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Thursday 16**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
7:30pm Choir rehearsal

**Friday 17**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Saturday 18**  
Happy and blessed Saturday!

**Sunday 19**  
10:15am Sunday Worship



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