

# St Stephen

a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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

**February 16, 2020**

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**10:15am**

**The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor**

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# Holy Communion

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## INTRODUCTION to the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.*



## Gathering

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

## Choir Prelude

## Welcome

### *Narration #1*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven,  
the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,  
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness*

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God,  
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism:

You are God's child; your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy  
Spirit. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. **Amen.**



1 What is this place where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the  
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in  
 3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,  
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders  
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives  
 sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak  
 we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re-ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
 a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.  
 what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933  
 Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG. A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*. 1626  
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**Narration #2**

**APOSTOLIC 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.

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**      **Glory to God**

*Refrain*

*Refrain*



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
*Refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -  
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
A - men. A - men. A - men.  
*Final refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly sits.*

### Narration #3



### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

A reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 119:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,**

<sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

<sup>4</sup>**You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.**

<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

<sup>6</sup>**Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.**

<sup>7</sup>I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

<sup>8</sup>**I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

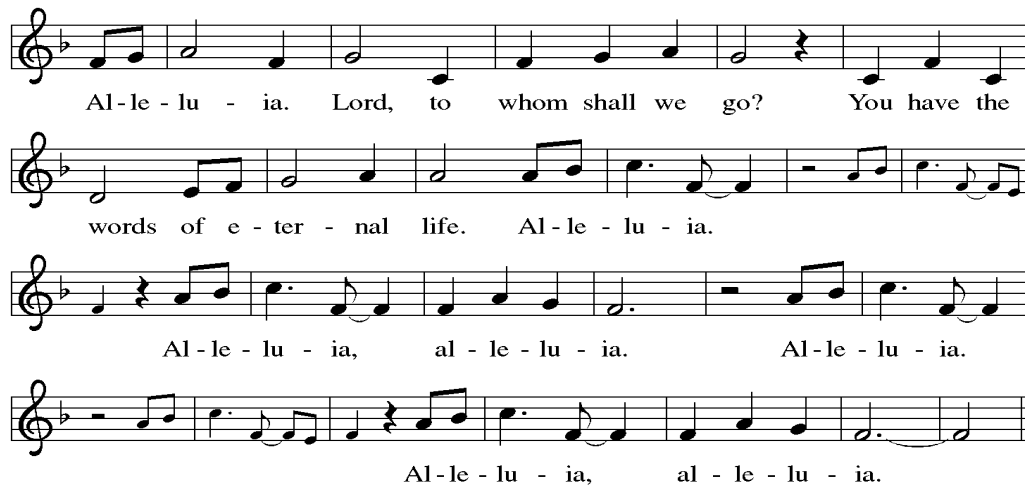
<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

After a brief silence, the assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

P: † The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Narration #4**

**[SERMON]**

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**O God of Mercy, God of Light**

**ELW# 714**



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
 word and thought may work a work for you.  
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
 may we each other's burdens share;  
 may we, where help is needed, there  
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
 all those who live to live in love,  
 till you receive in heav'n above  
 all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.  
 Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

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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 that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

*After each petition:*

A: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*After all, exchange the Peace, the assembly is seated.*

## **Narration #5**

### **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

### **OFFERING/Anthem**

*The assembly stands as the gifts are presented at the altar.*

### **OFFERING SONG:**

### **God Extends an Invitation**

**ELW# 486**



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la  
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -  
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we





so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -  
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí - es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí - es la co - mu - ni - ón.  
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Text: Miria T. Kolling; English and Spanish tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. **Amen.**

## Narration #6

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

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:



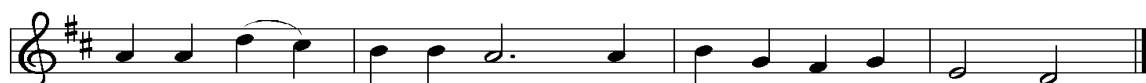
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.

*The presiding minister continues to give thanks:*

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh...

...with thanksgiving we lift this bread and cup before you and proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

... all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

P: 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.**

### **Communion**

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table of mercy and joy.

*The bread is broken for the communion. The assembly is seated.*

### ***Narration #7***

*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. *Response: **Amen.***

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

# Lamb of God

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros,                      ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros,                      ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz,                      da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace,                      grant us your peace.

## Communion Song:

## Blessed Assurance

ELW# 638

- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech - oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look - ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

**Narration #8**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation, the very body and blood of Christ. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



**Sending**

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

**Announcements** (*The assembly is seated*)

**SENDING OF QUILTS AND FINAL BLESSING**

*The assembly stands as the presiding minister blesses the quilts and then proclaims God's blessing.* May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word ELW# 663**



1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.  
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race  
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,  
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all.  
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.  
let the gath - ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.  
Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704  
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**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



*In response to the amazing love, mercy and grace of God, St. Stephen Lutheran Church is a community that openly welcomes all who are seeking God's divine love and grace. All are welcome in this place regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic situation or life situation, marital or relationship status, or your doubts about faith and church. Our unity is in Christ. Your family, children, friends, spouses and partners are welcome. Your diversity and uniqueness enriches and expands our community. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.*

**IN OUR PRAYERS...**

**In our prayers** today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Harry Ambrose, George Arce, Laurel Blake, Dorothy Johnson, James Loggins, Don Schutt, Normagene Richardson, Mildred Grady, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy Fennelli, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Kathy Paff, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

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

✠ George, Jim, Antero, Waino’s family, Sal, Gary, Melissa F., Richie, John, Michael, Susan, Leo, Sheila ✠ Bill, Gary, Ann, Bill, Carol, Kathy, George, Mary Ann, Harry, Kathy M., Cheryl, Robert, Karl, Amber, Chandler, Braemen, Aiden, Jerry, Craig, Becky, Nettie, Melissa, Connor, Edward, Gene, Chris, Amanda, Annette, Donna, Joanna, Betty, Chuck, Warren, Jackie, Oswaldo, Enrique, Jake, Marilyn, George, Greg, Valerie, Jason, Melissa, Annie, Carol, Dorothy ✠ John, Rick, Mary, Carlos, Dorothy, Phil.

**In a facility or homebound:**

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 700 SW 4th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Bud Danker - 3020 N. Ridge Road Apartment W-316 Ellicott City, MD 21043

***Assisting at Worship in February 2020***

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

10:15 AM	<u>February 16</u>	<u>February 23</u> <u>Feast of the Transfiguration</u>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Eric Castaneda	Carol Jacobson
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Pat Belanger	Natalie Prego
<b>TORCH BEARER</b>		Eric Castaneda Zachary Smith
<b>BOOK BEARER</b>		Pat Belanger
<b>LECTOR</b>	Erika Flanigan	Rita Sharkey
<b>CRUCIFIX CARRIER</b>		Natalie Prego
<b>USHERS –Need 4 to Serve</b>	Rosie Fennelli Lisa Castaneda (w) Pat Engle Jeanne Pettit	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
<b>Head Usher</b>	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
<b>GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve</b>	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
<b>SOUND</b>	Dennis Magarrell	Eric Castaneda
<b>PROJECTION</b>	Jake VanZile	Jake Waldecki

**February Holy Grill Serving Volunteers:**

<p><b>9am</b></p> <p><b>2/19</b> Juliet Crawford – Judy Dooge</p> <p><b>2/26</b> Laurie Matarazzo – Suzanne Loggins</p>	<p><b>5pm</b></p> <p>Judy Hoyer – Annie Mandler</p> <p>Jake Waldecki</p>
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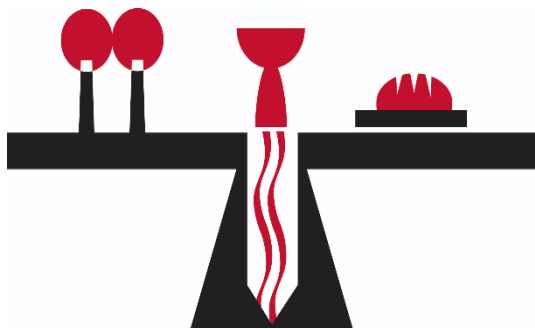
# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***Welcome to worship! Welcome winter residents!***

We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and our first time guests today. Stop at the desk to pick up a **name tag** if you don't have one. 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 (Narthex) following the liturgy this morning. St. Stephen members: don't forget to put a little something in the jar on the table to help support this ministry! We thank **Linda Hanzlik** for her generous stewardship of this ministry of hospitality!

## ***Please wear your nametag to church every Sunday!***

We really do want St. Stephen to be a place where everybody knows your name! Regular worshippers: if you don't have one, stop by the welcome desk and we will order you one.



***Ever wonder what we worship the way we do? Have questions about this liturgy stuff? You'll be glad you came today!***

Worship in word and sacrament is at the center of the Church's life. It is here that God acts through the means of grace to bring forgiveness, life, salvation and all the power of the gospel. This morning at worship we will celebrate a "narrative eucharist." Instead of the usual sermon, there will be brief reflections before each section of the liturgy to explain the meaning and the history of what we do and why we do it when we gather around word and sacrament each week. For Lutherans, the Word and the sacraments are the means God uses to share God's love with the world. It is no surprise that we share with many other Christians a simple but ancient pattern for the Sunday assembly. Come and gain a deeper understanding of our way of worship. We will also be giving out a booklet following worship called *Learning the Liturgy*. Please feel free to take one home for more in depth reading about Christian worship as presented in the commended worship resource of the ELCA, ***Evangelical Lutheran Worship***.

## ***Its Quilt Sunday!***

Threads of Love is the quilting group that meets here at St. Stephen. These ladies meet every Wednesday morning and do beautiful work that benefits so many different people and groups. Their work is displayed around the church this morning. As part of this liturgy we will bless the quilts that will be sent out in mission from our quilting ladies.



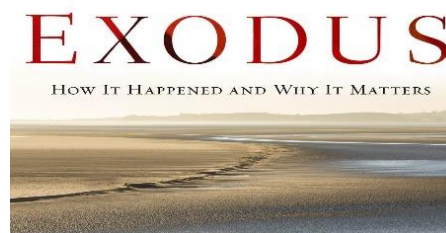
## ***We are invited to the Tropical Wave!***

*Tropical Wave* - the ensemble of the Gay Men's Chorus - will be at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 22nd. Fr. Mark Andrew and the people of St. Nicholas have invited us to join them for the enjoyable afternoon! *Tropical Wave* is a premier ensemble performing standards and favorites. They are not to be missed! Admission is just \$10 at the door. There will be a Champagne Reception following the performance as well. St. Nicholas is at 1111 E Sample Road, Pompano Beach.



## ***Exodus Bible Study***

Tuesday session at 7:00pm in the Luther Room. Sunday session at 9:00am in the Pastor's Office. Come, learn about how God saves the chosen people from slavery and how the Exodus events relate to Christ, to Lent and Easter, and to the Lord's Supper for Christians. Come and Invite a friend!!

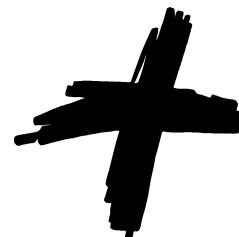


## ***Welcome to St. Stephen Church! New members invited.....***

We will next welcome new members into this community of faith next Sunday, February 23, The Transfiguration of Our Lord. If you have been worshipping with us or exploring the faith here, we would love to officially welcome you into this Christian community. Please check off the box on the attendance card in the bulletin. An Orientation for all who wish to join on Transfiguration Sunday will be held in the Luther Room, this morning at 11:30am.

## ***Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26***

Our 40-day journey of baptismal renewal begins. The Ash Wednesday Liturgy will be offered at 12:15pm and 7:00pm in the church. For those who cannot attend the liturgy and for members of the community Drive Up Distribution of Ashes will be offered from 8:00am to 9:30am in the lot on the 14<sup>th</sup> Street side.



## ***Holy Grill Feeding Ministry:***

Breakfast is served Wednesday at 9am and dinner at 5pm in our east lot right in front of the sanctuary. Clothing is available each week in the Narthex. Please check the box on the attendance card if interested becoming a volunteer. **We need some more 5pm volunteers!!!** Be sure to include your email. Pr. Bob will contact you.

We continue to collect for these urgent clothing needs:  
**Men's/women's underwear, socks, T-shirts, shorts, towels.**

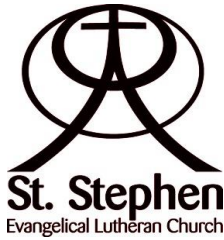
## ***STEWARDSHIP CORNER:***

**Last Sunday Attendance: 103**

**Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 3,625**

**WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!**





### Sunday Schedule

9:00am  
Bible Study in Pastor's Office

10:15 a.m.  
Liturgy of Holy Communion

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## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday 16— Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00am Exodus Bible Study (Pastor's Office)

10:15am Narrative Holy Communion/Quilt Sunday

11:30am New Member Orientation (Luther Room)

### Monday 17—Weekday

9:30am-12:30pm Office Closed

### Tuesday 18—Martin Luther, Renewer of the Church, 1546AD

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Women's AA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00pm Bible Study

### Wednesday 19—Weekday

9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry

9:00-12pm Threads of Love

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

5:00-6:00pm Holy Grill Feeding Ministry

### Thursday 20—Weekday

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### Friday 21—Weekday

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

### Saturday 22—Weekday

### Sunday 23—Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:00am Exodus Bible Study (Pastor's Office)

10:15am Holy Communion/New Members



We offer you the opportunity to give online through our website and also to set up automatic offerings so you don't wish to fill an envelope each week, if you choose. Electronic gifts are fast and secure. Go to [www.ststephenlutheran.net](http://www.ststephenlutheran.net) and click on "GIVE"

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