



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

February 17, 2019

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

Holy Communion

Gathering

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

INTRODUCTION

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ares" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and the power to heal us all.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presider begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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 with these or similar words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The assembly remains standing to sing, turning to the altar as the cross passes by.



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

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.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly sits.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD,

and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

A reading from First Corinthians.

 12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no

resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Children and Youth Message

SERMON

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



Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

APOSTLE'S 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: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

A: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

The assembly stands.

OFFERING SONG:

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW# 479



Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

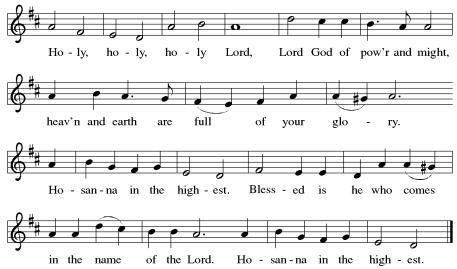
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:



The presiding minister continues to give thanks:

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God....

... as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

... To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as the Savior 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: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

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

All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. If you desire baptism, the pastor would love to speak with you! 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





- 2 Cuando alguno sufre y logra su consuelo, cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee: Estribillo
- 3 Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda, cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad, cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos: Estribillo
- 4 Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares, cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz, cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño: Estribillo

Text: José Antonio Olivar, b. 1939; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951 Music: EL CAMINO, Miguel Manzano, b. 1934 Text and music © 1971, 1998 J.A. Olivar, Miguel Manzano, and San Pablo Internacional—SSP, admin. OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the body and blood of our Lord: the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

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

BLESSING AND SENDING OF QUILTS

The presiding minister addresses the assembly and then says:

Let us pray. Blessed are you...

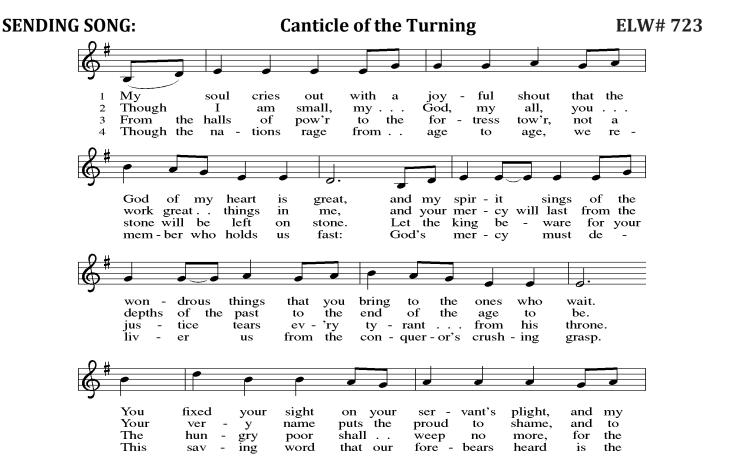
...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in your church and in the world, now and forever.

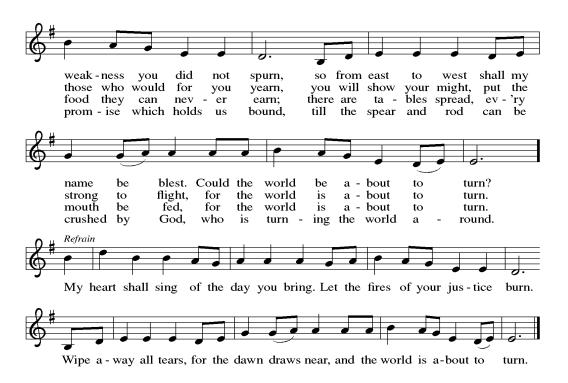
C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.





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Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is your light. 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: Dawn Schramm, Juliet Crawford, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy Fennelli, Laurel Blake, Kathy Runk, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, 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)

♣ Christian, Veah, Mikayla, Jimmy, Nevaeh, Diane, Joe, Melissa, Alex, Chico, C.C. ♣ Angela, Bernie, Rhea, Melissa, Alex, Joe, The Stewarts, Alex Bonet ♣ Dax, Bill, Pat Jean, Pat Ruth, Erick, Mykayla, Frank Orefice.

In a facility or homebound:

Barbara Kaptain – The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.

1080 NW 15TH Room 215 Boca Raton, Fl. 33486

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Evelyn Braun – 6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433

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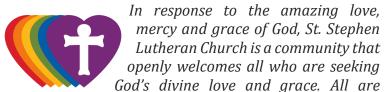
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Today the Altar flowers are sponsored by Bob Reinhold in celebration of his 58th wedding anniversary of his first wife, Marcia Ann Reinhold, and the 21st wedding anniversary to his present wife, Jane Louise Reinhold.

Assisting at Our Worship in February

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

10:15 AM	February 17	February 24
ASSISTING MINISTER	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz
ACOLYTE	Pat Belanger	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Judi Dooge	Kevin Otterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Rosie Fennelli (w) Jimmy Fennelli Pat Engle Harry Ambrose	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Linda Hanzlik	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Dennis Magarrell	Eric Castaneda
PROJECTION	Larry Jones	Larry Jones



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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and first time visitors 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!



It is Quilt Sunday! We will be blessing and sending the quilts that decorate the church

We are proud to host the "Threads of Love" at St. Stephen. This dedicated group has met for over 30 years, and this past year made over 1000 quilts! 956 have already been given to rehab centers, hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions. Each quilt has a St. Stephen name tag.

Join us this morning after worship—Annual Meeting

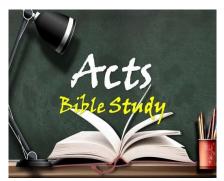
Don't miss the annual meeting of the congregation following the Liturgy at about 11:30am today. Voting members are confirmed, contributing, communing members of record of St. Stephen. It is a time to review our mission and ministry, approve a 2019 spending plan and vision for the future.

New Ministry partnership at St. Stephen: The Holy Grill

At the February council meeting our leaders affirmed a partnership with St. Nicholas Episcopal Church and their feeding ministry to the homeless and working poor in our community (www.holygrill.org.) The **Holy Grill** is a mobile food truck and will be in the St. Stephen parking lot at the east end of the property on alternate Wednesday mornings at 9am serving breakfast, starting this week. See Pr. Bob if you would like to volunteer to be a part of this ministry. Soon we



will be collecting food for the Holy Grill on the first Sunday of the month. Watch for details!



Bible Study Every Tuesday and Sunday: The Book of Acts

You are invited for this conversation in the Luther Room every Tuesday from 7—8pm. The class is repeated Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Pastor's Office (Room 1—next to the church). Acts tells the story of the early church. It traces the growth of the church from a small group of Jewish believers in Jerusalem to a worldwide movement that included both Jews and Gentiles. This book still both gives the church its marching orders and shows how the Holy Spirit will guide us in mission. Bring a friend and join us!

Wear your name badge: GRAB YOURS! It's really important that we know each other by name and can warmly welcome guests to our community. If you do not have a plastic St. Stephen name badge and you worship with us—member or not—we would love you to have one. Simply stop by the table in the narthex (gathering area) where the badges are and print your name on the sheet of paper. It's as simple as that!





Change for Change: Kappa League Foundation

February is African-American History Month. Therefore, through February the money collected in the Change for Change Tower will be shared with **The Kappa League Foundation of Pompano, Florida**, a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization that has established itself as a premier legacy organization bringing African-American males together in a social, cultural, and learning environment. They provide mentoring, leadership development and critical life skills for transformational leadership to the next generation. The focus is on 6th-12th graders. You can view the entire website, at: www.kfpompano.org/

Third annual Broward-Bahamas Conference Chili Cook-off—February 23, 4:00pm It's at Christ Lutheran Church, 1955 E. Oakland Park Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale and you are invited!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Attendance: 151 Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$7017



Sunday Schedule

9:15 a.m. Adult Forum 10:15 a.m. Worship Holy Communion is celebrated weekly 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Ministry

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 17

9:15am Adult Forum (Acts) Pastor's Office 10:15am Sunday Worship – Quilt Sunday

11:45am Annual Congregation Meeting

Monday 18

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 19

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Acts Bible Study (Luther Room)

Wednesday 20

9:00am Holy Grill feeding ministry

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 21

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

1:00pm Administration Team

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 22

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 23

11:00am Funeral Eucharist for Edward Barry

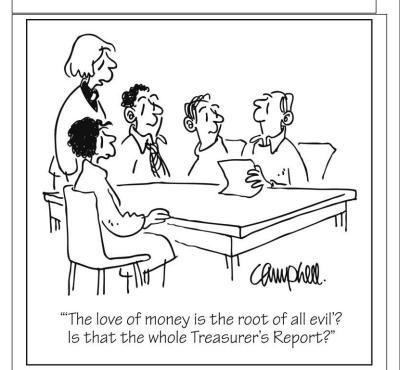
4:00pm Conference Chili Cook Off

Sunday 24

9:15am Adult Forum (Acts) Pastor's Office

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45 - 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry



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