

# 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 23, 2019**

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**10:15am**

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

# Festival Holy Communion

## INTRODUCTION to The Feast of the Transfiguration

*Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by the Spirit of God.*



## Gathering

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

## CHOIR PRELUDE

## WELCOME

*The assembly stands to sing, turning to the altar as the cross passes by.*

## GATHERING SONG:

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.  
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

## 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.

# KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, the high-est, and



peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



*Refrain*

for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God in the high-



est, the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.*

P: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*The assembly sits.*



## Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.

## FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you

the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 2**

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD’s anointed?**

<sup>3</sup>“Let us break their yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

<sup>4</sup>**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup>**“As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree of the LORD,

who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

<sup>10</sup>**And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup>**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.**

**Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

A reading from Second Peter.

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION AND PROCESSION**



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 17:1-9**

**P:** †The Holy Gospel, according Matthew.

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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

***The Gospel Acclamation is repeated as the procession returns.***

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Children and Youth Message**

## **SERMON**

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



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.  
 Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854



## Holy Baptism

God brings those who are baptized out of death and into life.

### PRESENTATION

*Candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.*

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*Sponsors present the candidate:*

I present *Isabella Marie Avila* for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses parents:*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *her* among God's faithful people,  
 bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper,  
 teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
 place in *her* hands the holy scriptures,  
 and nurture *her* in faith and prayer,  
 so that *your child* may learn to trust God,  
 proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
 care for others and the world God made,  
 and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your child* grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *this child* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *her* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support *Isabella Marie* and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

**We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses candidate for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of child.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**



## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

*The presiding minister baptizes the candidate.*

*Isabella Marie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receive a baptismal garment.*

*The presiding minister continues:*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughter new birth, cleanse her from sin, and raise her to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*

Sustain *Isabella Marie* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross with Sacred Chrism on the forehead of the baptized.*

*Isabella Marie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.*

## **WELCOME**

*A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:**

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God**

**and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

# 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. **Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated After all have greeted each other the assembly is seated.*



## MEAL

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

## OFFERING/Anthem

*The assembly stands.*

### OFFERING SONG:

### The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

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1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is  
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the  
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the

read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,  
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;  
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud

and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.  
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.  
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

*Refrain*

Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.

Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.

Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.

The feast is read - y to be - gin;  
 the feast is read - y to be - gin.

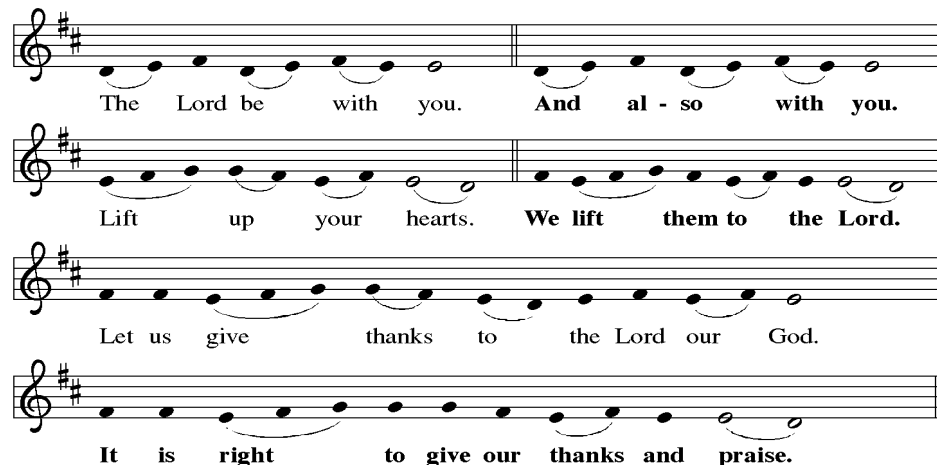
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 Music: graham Kendrick  
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## BLESSING OF BURSE AND VEIL AND OFFERING PRAYER

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.

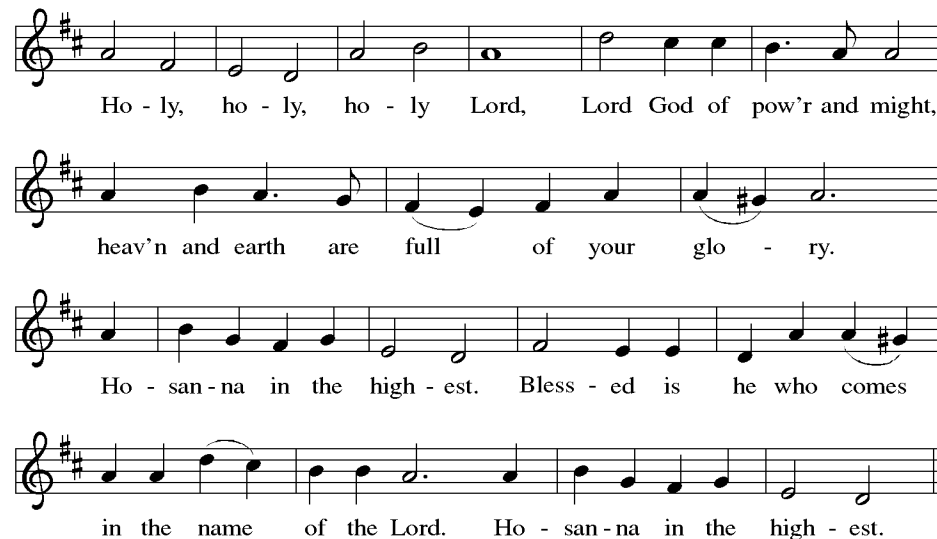
**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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:*

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: 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.*

*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

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.



Tu - ya es la glo - ria, la hon - ra tam - bién;  
 1 Yours, Lord, is the glo - ry, and hon - or as well;  
 2 Yours, Lord, the do - min - ions, and pow - er as well;  
 3 To you I sur - ren - der my be - ing, my life;  
 4 Glo - ry in the high - est, and on earth as well.



tu - ya pa - ra siem - pre. A - mén, a - mén.  
 yours, Lord, now and al - ways.  
 yours, Lord, now and al - ways.  
 all, Lord, I sur - ren - der. A - men, a - men.  
 Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia.

2 *Tuyos los dominios, los tronos también; tuyos para siempre. Amén, amén.*  
 3 *A ti yo me rindo, te adoro también, amo absoluto. Amén, amén.*  
 4 *Gloria en las alturas y en la tierra también; gloria aleluya. Amén, amén.*

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 Music: TUYA ES LA GLORIA, traditional  
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**Additional Communion songs are sung as needed**

**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)*

**BLESSING**

*The assembly stands as the presiding minister 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.**



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## 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: 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)

✠ Gary, Ann, Kathy, George, Mary Ann, Harry, Kathy M., Nettie, Melissa, Connor, Edward, Karl, Donna, Warren, Jackie, Oswaldo, Enrique, Jake, Marilyn, George, Greg, Valerie, Jason, Melissa, Annie, ✠ Rick, Mary, Carlos ✠ Laurel, Dorothy, Phil, Cheryl, Robert, Amber, Chandler, Braemen, Aiden, Jerry, Craig, Becky, Mike & Leigh, C.C., Bill, Carol, Susan, Gene, Chris, Amanda, Annette, Joanna, Betty, Chuck, Madison, Mason, John, Joseph, Daphne, Kathryn, Joni.

## 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 –  
 Jim Loggins -  
 Bud Danker -

6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433  
 John Knox Village – Woodlands 700 SW 4th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060  
 3020 N. Ridge Road Apartment W-316 Ellicott City, MD 21043



***Assisting at Worship today***

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

10:15 AM	<b><i>February 23</i></b> <b><i>Feast of the Transfiguration</i></b>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Carol Jacobson
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Natalie Prego
<b>TORCH BEARER</b>	Eric Castaneda Zachary Smith
<b>BOOK BEARER</b>	Pat Belanger
<b>LECTOR</b>	Rita Sharkey
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Natalie Prego
<b>USHERS –Need 4 to Serve</b>	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
<b>Head Usher</b>	Rosie Fennelli
<b>GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve</b>	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
<b>SOUND</b>	Eric Castaneda
<b>PROJECTION</b>	Jake Waldecki

***February Holy Grill Serving Volunteers:***

**9am**  
**2/26** Laurie Matarazzo – Suzanne Loggins

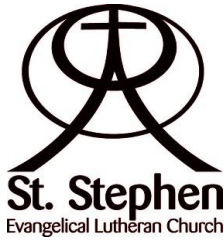
**5pm**  
 Jake Waldecki

***STEWARDSHIP CORNER:***

**Last Sunday Attendance: 117**

**Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 2,685**

**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 23—Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

10:15am Holy Communion/Holy Baptism

11:30am Socializing Commission (Luther Room)

### Monday 24—Weekday

9:30am-12:30pm Office Closed

### Tuesday 25—Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, 1921AD

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

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

7:00pm Bible Study (Luther Room)

### Wednesday 26—Ash Wednesday

8:00am-9:30am Ashes to Go (14<sup>th</sup> Street lot)

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

9:00-12pm Threads of Love

12:15pm Spoken Ash Wednesday Liturgy (church)

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

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

7:00pm Sung Ash Wednesday Liturgy (church)

### Thursday 27—Lent Weekday

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### Friday 28—Lent Weekday

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

### Saturday 29—Lent Weekday

### Sunday 1—First Sunday in Lent

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

10:15am Holy Communion



## Online Giving

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"



# 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.

## ***Holy Baptism today!***

We rejoice to receive Isabella Marie Avila into Christ's holy catholic Church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning. Isabella's parents are Lidia and Jorge. We welcome you to the Lord's family!



## ***Lent Burse and Veil***

We bless and dedicate a beautiful new purple burse and veil for the Lenten season this morning. They are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Don Burroughs by Carol and Kelly Jacobson. Thank you for this gift!

## ***Welcome to St. Stephen Church***

We rejoice to welcome new members into this community of faith today. Even though they have been around and active for quite a while, Mike and Kathy Hopkins are formally transferring from another ELCA congregation. Here's a little about them:

**Kathy:** I grew up Catholic and on a dairy farm, going to a parochial school. I joined the Lutheran Church early in my marriage (married 38 years). I was an RN in a small rural hospital for 40 years, I retired a year ago and now work more with Mike. I have a CDL license and drive dump truck when he needs it. I love my cabin in the woods and walking my dogs on dirt roads on the opposite end of the country. I love all the new friendship I have made.

**Mike:** I grew up in a small rural town, going to a Lutheran Church. My love of construction came from my grandfather. I



started working construction young and was self-employed out of high school and college. I like building things in my shop, taking care of our woods up north, my dogs and doing what Kathy tells me.



***Lent begins on this week on Ash Wednesday, February 26***

Our 40-day journey of baptismal renewal begins. Here is our schedule for Ash Wednesday. Be sure to begin this holy season of penitence and preparation in church:

**8:00am to 9:30am—ASHES TO GO**

For those who can't attend the full liturgy this day, drive up ashes in front of the fellowship hall from 8:00 until 9:30 AM.

**12:15 SPOKEN ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY.**

Simple Holy Communion and Distribution of Ashes in the church

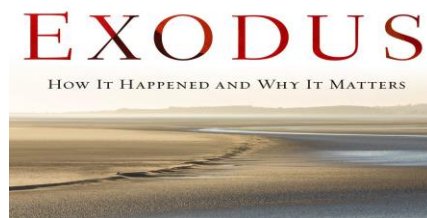
**7:00 PM SUNG ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY**

Holy Communion with song and Distribution of Ashes in the church

On Thursdays in Lent there will be a simple celebration of Holy Communion with a mediation on the Small Catechism at 12:15pm and 7:00pm each week. Please take home and post the Lenten Calendar that you received in this bulletin.

***Final Exodus Bible Study this Tuesday and next Sunday***

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!!



***Ever wonder what we worship the way we do?***

***Have questions about this liturgy stuff?***

If you weren't here last Sunday for our "Narrated Eucharist," you can still pick up a copy of the little booklet called *Learning the Liturgy: What to Expect at St. Stephen*. They are available on the wooden table in the back of the nave.

***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.**

