

# 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.**

**January 12, 2020**

**Baptism of Our Lord**

**10:15am**

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

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# Festival Holy Communion

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## INTRODUCTION to the Baptism of Our Lord

*The Christmas Cycle ends this day, the Baptism of Our Lord. In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*



## Gathering

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

## Choir Prelude

## Welcome

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the pressing 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.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
As we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*The presiding minister gives thanks over the water.*

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
On this day, at the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
We praise you for the water of this ✠ font, and the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
As we are sprinkled with this water, shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

*The service continues with gathering song. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly is sprinkled with water during the singing.*



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
 2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;  
 3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
 4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
 the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
 to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.  
 that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

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**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.**

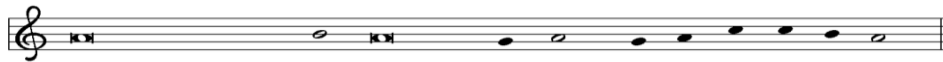
**KYRIE**



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.



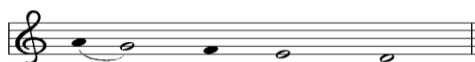
Lord, have mer - cy.



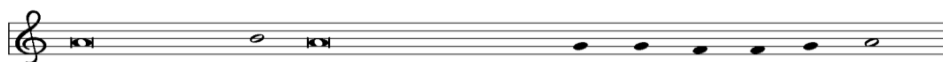
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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      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.



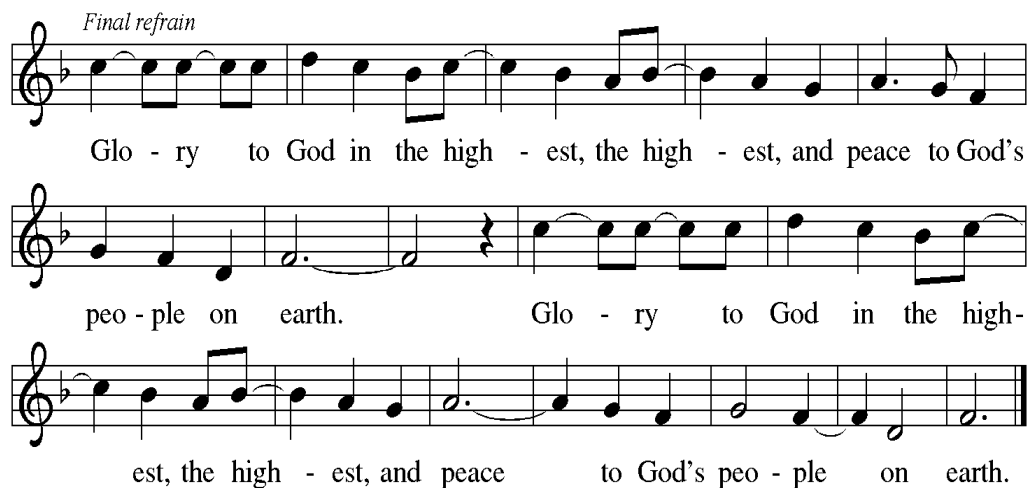
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*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: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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 3:13-17

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew.

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

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## Children and Youth Message

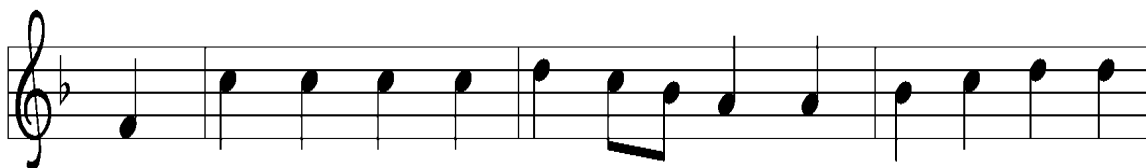
## SERMON

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

ELW# 304



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism

as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

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?

**C: I renounce them.**

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

**C: I renounce them.**

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

**C: I renounce them.**

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.**

*The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people 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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

*A brief silence.*

*After each petition:*

A: Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, 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.*

## **MEAL**

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

### **OFFERING**

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

**OFFERING SONG:**

**O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!**

**ELW# 308**

*(Stanza 3 & 4)*



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. We ask this through Christ the Lord. C: 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:*

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: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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: 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. 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:

## Spirit of Gentleness

ELW# 396

*Refrain*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness  
call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,



stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an-cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

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## ***Additional Communion songs are sung as needed***

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray.

God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



## **Sending**

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

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

#### **BLESSING**

**P:** 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 always. **Amen.**



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;  
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill:  
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.  
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

## 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.*

### **Welcome to worship! Welcome returning 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!

**Wear your name tag every Sunday**

If you signed up for one, it is waiting for you. If you need one, just ask! Members and friends, please wear your name tag to every church function. We want St. Stephen Church to be a place where everyone knows your name!



**IN OUR PRAYERS...**

**In our prayers** today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Normagene Richardson, Mildred Grady, Laurel Blake, Katie Paff, Dorothy Johnson, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy Fennelli, Edith Reichenbach, Jim Loggins, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

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

✠ Bill Y. Tony, Ariana, John W., Zeus, Lorraine, C.C., Enes, Richie, John ✠ Eric, Edith, Bill, Carol, Susan, Jim, Craig, Braemen, Chandler, Aiden, Cheryl, Craig, Robert, Jerry, Becky, Mellisa, Nettie, Donnie ✠ Pat Jean, Pat Ruth, Glen, Carlota, George, Gene, Annette, John, Joanna, Betty, Chuck, Susan, Carol, Eric.

**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 January 2020**

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

10:15 AM	<u>January 12</u>	<u>January 19</u>	<u>January 26</u>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Carol Jacobson	Eric Castaneda	Natalie Prego
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Natalie Prego	Sera Butz	Carol Jacobson
<b>LECTOR</b>	Pat Belanger	Erika Flanigan	Rita Sharkey
<b>USHERS –Need 4 to Serve</b>	Erika Fanigan R. Mottesheard Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w)	Rosie Fennelli Lisa Castaneda (w) Jeanne Pettit Pat Engle	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Suzanne Loggins
<b>Head Usher</b>	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
<b>GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve</b>	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
<b>SOUND</b>	Larry Jones	Dennis Magarrell	Eric Castaneda
<b>PROJECTION</b>	Jake VanZile	Jake VanZile	Larry Jones

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:**

**Last Sunday Attendance: 79**

**Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 5,588.48**

**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 12—The Baptism of Our Lord

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

10:15am Worship/Renewal of Baptismal Vows

### Monday 13—

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

### Tuesday 14—

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

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

7:00pm Exodus Bible Study (Luther Room)

### Wednesday 15—Martin Luther King, Jr., Renewer of Society

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 16—

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### Friday 17—St. Antony of Egypt, Renewer of the Church, 356AD

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

### Saturday 18—CONFESSION OF ST. PETER

### Sunday 19—Second Sunday After Epiphany

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

10:15am Worship

11:30am Worshipping Commission

4:00pm Martin Luther King Service (at Redeemer)



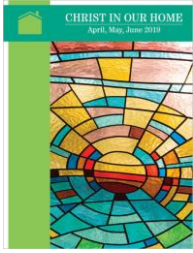
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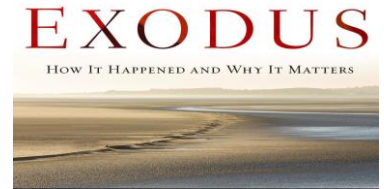


## ***Our devotionals, Christ in Our Home and Word in Season are available today***

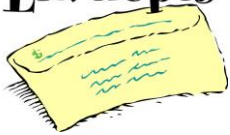
They cover January through March. Pick yours up in the Narthex today and make a New Year's resolution to spend some time in devotion Our Lord every day in 2020.

## ***Tuesday Evening Bible Study every Tuesday and Sunday***

We gather at 7:00pm in the Luther Room to study of the Book of Exodus. The class is repeated on Sunday from 9-10am in Pr. Bob's office. 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!!



## **Offering Envelopes**



## ***Don't forget your 2020 offering envelopes...***

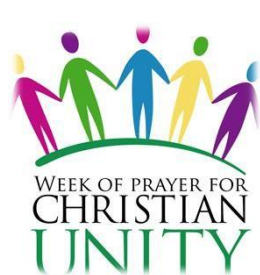
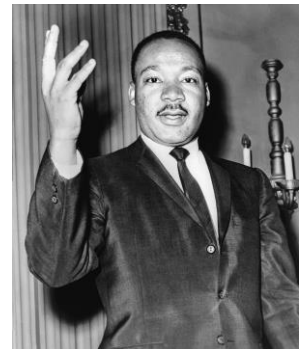
If you haven't yet, pick them up today. Remember you can also elect to give your offering or special gifts to St. Stephen on our website at [www.ststephenlutheran.net](http://www.ststephenlutheran.net). Just go there and click on "Give" and then "electronic giving."

## ***You are invited: Annual Broward-Bahamas Conference MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION SERVICE--SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020, 4PM***

Where? Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3500 W. Oakland Park Blvd, Lauderdale Lakes.

The Rev. Fay Golding, Pastor, will be our host

FEATURING: + Redeemer Youth Band + Redeemer Youth Dance Troupe  
+ Songs & Prayers of Praise and Hope + Young Adult Voices Sharing Vision  
+ Delicious Jamaican Cultural Feast



## ***Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Save January 23 at 7:00pm!!!***

Each January Christians of various faith communities gather to lament the sinful division of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, to celebrate what we have in common, and to pray for the gift of unity from the Holy Spirit. Please join your Christian brothers and sisters from other churches on Thursday, January 23 at 7:00pm for this year's prayer service in our community. Join us this year at St. Paul the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 2700 NE 36th St. Lighthouse Point. A reception follows the service!

## ***St. Stephen Church at Unity in the Community—join the fun!***

The 9th annual Unity in the Community Family Fun Day will take place at Pompano Community Park on Sat., Jan. 25, 2020. Once again St. Stephen



will have a booth. We need some volunteers to set up, break down and man our booth. Please see Carol Jacobson if you can help and come out that day! The event will include activities for children, various musical and cultural groups and live demonstrations by the Broward Sherriff's Office and Pompano Beach Fire Rescue. Featuring: • Free Admission and Free Parking • Free food and drinks (while supplies last) • Expo area for businesses, non-profits and civic organizations • Performances by local talent and professional DJ • Live auction and raffle for fabulous gifts and prizes to benefit our academic scholarship fund to benefit local Pompano Beach high school graduates.

***If you are interested in the future mission of St. Stephen, come to our Values Retreat***

Who are we as a congregation? On Friday evening, February 7 and Saturday, February 9 (exact times to follow), Sr. Michelle Collins will lead our congregation in a review of our mission or purpose statement and the creation of 4 or 5 core values or guiding principles that will help give our ministry in this community direction for the next year or two. See Pr. Bob's letter in the January *Messenger* for more details on this process that is rooted in prayer and the New Testament Book of Acts. This retreat will only achieve its purpose if a significant number of people from the St. Stephen community participate. There will be snacks on Friday night and lunch on Saturday. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up begins next Sunday!



***Change for Change Tower:***

**NovusWay**

During the month of January, we will be collecting our change for NovusWay, the camping ministry of the Florida-Bahamas Synod. Our camp is Luther Springs in Hawthorne Florida (near Ocala). Each year hundreds of kids from congregations and communities all over Florida are impacted by one of our camps (NovusWay has three other camps in the Southeast in addition to Luther Springs). The money we collect will be used for camp scholarships to help campers who otherwise could not pay to have the powerful experience of outdoor ministry at a Lutheran camp. On January 26, we will have "Camp Sunday" at St. Stephen and our special guest will be Pr. Jan Setzler, who will be here to preach and share with us the work we are doing together in Lutheran outdoor ministry. Please be generous for our children.

***Holy Grill: SORTING PARTY THIS WEDNESDAY AT 10am***

***Join us if you can.*** Breakfast continues to be served Wednesday at 9am and dinner at 5pm in the same location in our east lot in front of the sanctuary. Please check the box on the attendance card if interested becoming a volunteer. Be sure to include your email. Pr. Bob will contact you. We continue to collect for these clothing needs: **Men's/women's underwear, socks, T-shirts, shorts, towels.**



**January Serving Volunteers:**

	<b>9am</b>	<b>5pm</b>
1/15	Judy Dooge – Karen Breslin	Joe Leone
1/22	Suzanne Loggins – Carol/Kelly Jacobson	Jake Waldecki
1/29	Juliet Crawford – Judy Dooge	Judy Hoyer