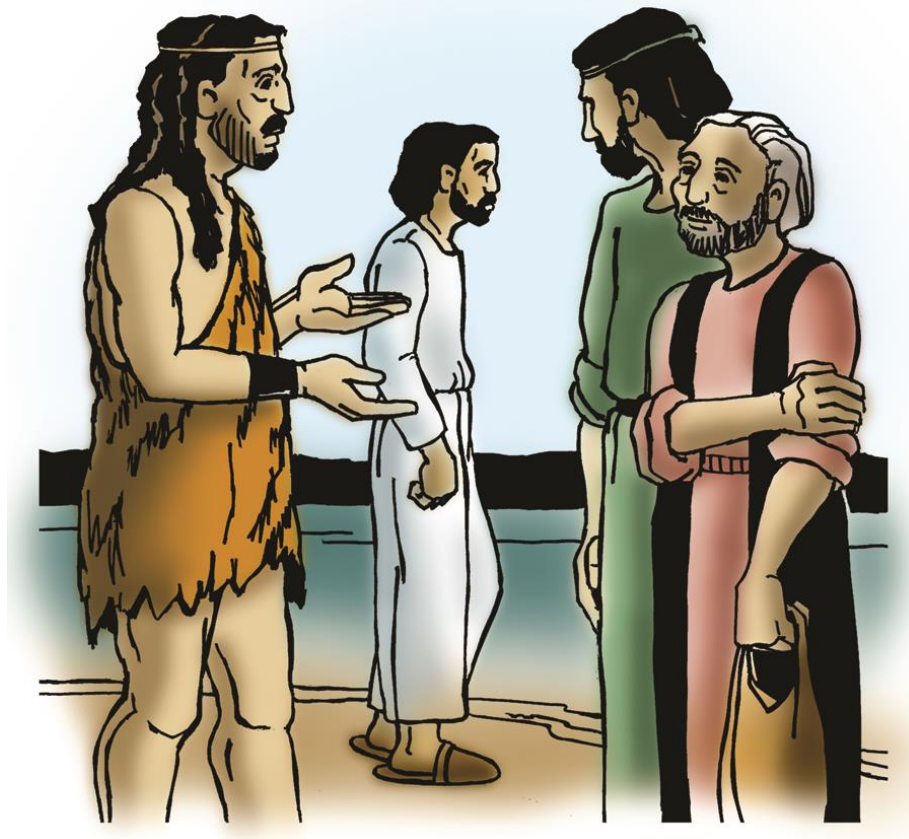


# St Stephen

a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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

**January 19, 2020**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**10:15am**

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

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# Holy Communion

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## INTRODUCTION to the Second Sunday after Epiphany

*We return to "ordinary time." The vestments and paraments are green, signifying growth. Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*



## Gathering

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

### Choir Prelude

### Welcome

### 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,**

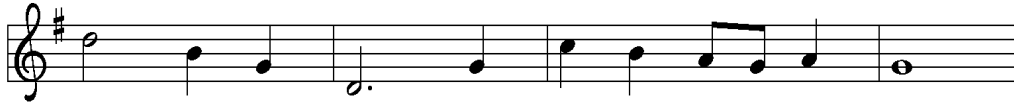
**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*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 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
 2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
 3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing,  
 4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
 though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,  
 to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;  
 through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
 and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
 and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,  
 that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
 who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
 see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
 may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

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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.**

**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, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly sits.*



## Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently up- on the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**

**They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us,  
none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

<sup>6</sup>**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;**

**you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup>And so I said, “Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup>**‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.’”**

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

<sup>10</sup>**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;**

**I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

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

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: John 1:29-42

P: The Holy Gospel, according to John.

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

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with

water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

### Here I Am, Lord

ELW# 574



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky,	I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain,	I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame,	I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin	my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them.	They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them.	My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night,	I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone,	give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide	till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them?	Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them.	Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them.	Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you  
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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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:** 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: **Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am**

**ELW# 814**

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;  
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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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.**

## 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 Holt 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.*

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

**Come to the Table**

**ELW# 481**

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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 Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956  
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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.

**C: Amen.**



# Sending

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

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

## 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:

## Drawn to the Light

ELW# 593

1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the  
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one  
 3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the

heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be  
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -  
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -

lost, we were drawn to the light of God.  
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.  
 gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

*Refrain*

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the  
 light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a  
 sight to be drawn to the light of God.

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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: Don Schutt, 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)

✠ Eric, Edith, Jim, ✠ Pat Jean, Pat Ruth, Glen, Carlota, George, John, Eric ✠ Vilma, Joe, Christina, Henry, Medina's family, Melissa, Gary, C.C., Greg, Cheryl, Robert, Braemen, Aiden, Jerry, Craig, Becky, Connor, Melissa, Donnie, Nettie, Gene, Annette, Joanna, Betty, Chuck, Susan, Bill, Carol.

## 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

**Flowers this week sponsored by:** Bertilda Rincon in memory of Betty and Richard Martin.

## *Assisting at Worship in January 2020*

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

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

## *January Holy Grill Serving Volunteers:*

**9am**

1/22

Suzanne Loggins – Carol/Kelly Jacobson

1/29

Juliet Crawford – Judy Dooge

**5pm**

Jake Waldecki

Judy Hoyer

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER:**

**Last Sunday Attendance: 103**

**Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 6,652**

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

# 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!

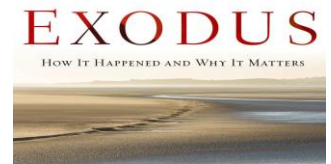


## **New name tags are here!!! Pick yours up this morning!**

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!

## **Bible Study every Tuesday evening and Sunday morning**

We gather Tuesday 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!!



## **Annual Broward-Bahamas Conference**

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION SERVICE—TODAY at 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 Service: This Thursday 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 next Saturday, January 25, 2020, 11am—4pm. 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 Sheriff's Office and Pompano Beach Fire Rescue. Featuring: • Free Admission and Free Parking • Free food and drinks (while supplies last)

***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 today!



***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.

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

We will next welcome new members into this community of faith on 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 and Pr. Bob will be in touch with you.



***Holy Grill Feeding Ministry:***

***Broward Heath Department will be here this week.***

Free Hep C vaccinations will be provided, a class, and gift certificates for food at Publix for participants. 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. **Thanks to all who helped sort clothes this past Wednesday!** 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.**



### 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 19—Second Sunday After Epiphany

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

10:15am Holy Communion

11:30am Worshipping Commission

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

### Monday 20—St. Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, Martyr, 1156AD (Transferred)

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

### Tuesday 21—St. Agnes, Martyr, 304AD

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

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

7:00pm Exodus Bible Study (Luther Room)

### Wednesday 22—

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 23—

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Christian Unity Service at St. Paul, Lighthouse Point

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### Friday 24—

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

### Saturday 25—CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

11am—4pm Pompano Beach Unity in the Community

### Sunday 26—Third Sunday After Epiphany

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

10:15am Holy Communion/Camp Sunday

11:30am Congregation Council Meeting



## 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"

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