

# St Stephen

Evangelical Lutheran Church



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

June 19, 2016

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 & 10:15am

Rev. Pedro Suarez

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

—WE GATHER—

### INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific—the demonic—nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the Holy Communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you are able.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God:

**C: 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.**

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

**C: Amen.**



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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## THE GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray together:

**C:** O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## Children's Message

—WE HEAR GOD’S WORD—

**FIRST READING:**

**Isaiah 65:1-9**

1 I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that did not call on my name.<sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;<sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;<sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine’s flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;<sup>5</sup> who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.<sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps<sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, “Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,” so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all.<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 22:19-28

<sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup> **Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!**

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup> **I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> **For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

<sup>28</sup> **For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

## SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: Please Rise for the Gospel Acclamation.

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia ”

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### **GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup> Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—<sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

You may be seated.

—WE RESPOND—

P: Please stand as you are able for the Sermon Song.

**SERMON SONG: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

**ELW #843**



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*After each petition of the prayer is said:*

A: Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share with one another the peace of the Lord.



# ~WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE~

## OFFERING

**MUSICAL OFFERING:**

**When we are living**

**ELW #639**



1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos,*      *pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,*  
1 When we are liv - ing,      it is in Christ Je - sus.  
2 'Mid times of sor - row      and in times of pain. . . .  
3 A - cross this wide world,      we shall al - ways find . . . .



*y si mo - ri - mos*      *pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.*  
and when we're dy - ing,      it is in the Lord. . . .  
when sens - ing beau - ty      or in love's em - brace. . . .  
those who are cry - ing      with no peace of mind; . . .



*Sea que vi - va - mos*      *o que mu - ra - mos,*  
Both in our liv - ing      and in our dy - ing,  
wheth - er we suf - fer,      or sing re - joic - ing,  
and when we help them,      or when we feed them.



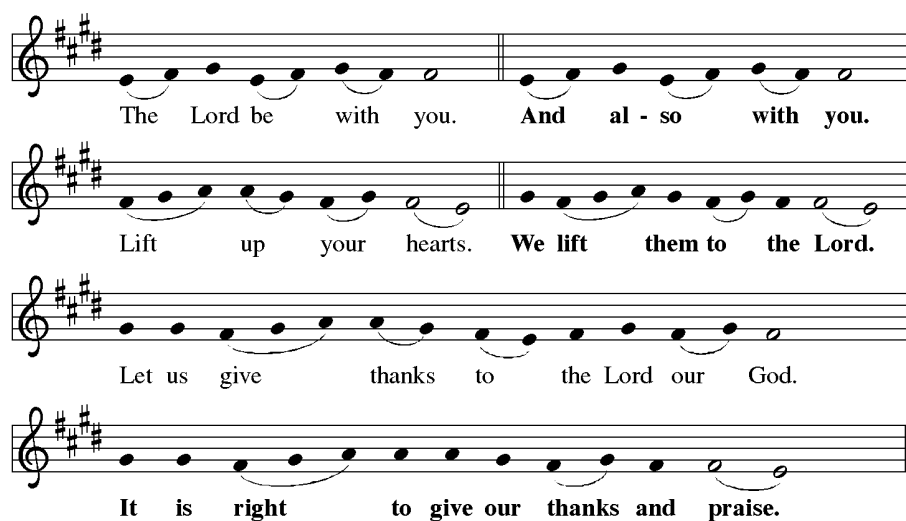
*so - mos del Se - ñor,*      *so - mos del Se - ñor.*  
we be - long to God,      we be - long to God.  
we be - long to God,      we be - long to God.  
we be - long to God,      we be - long to God.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

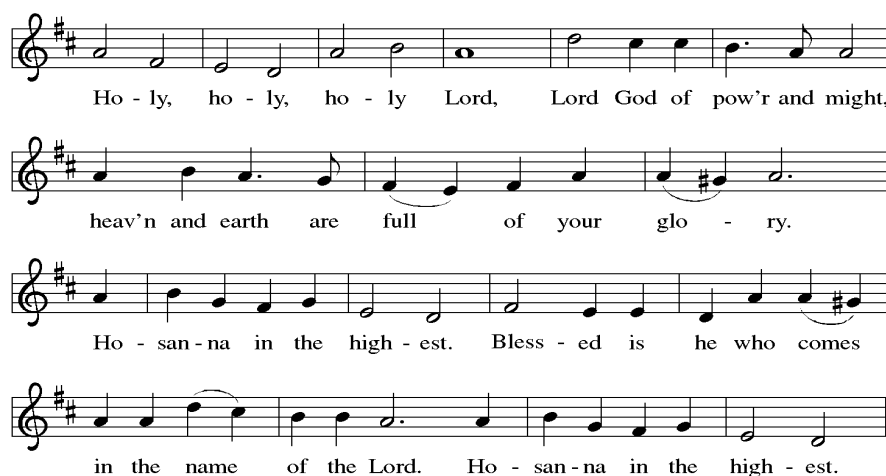
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### Dialogue (Sung)



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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For 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.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

P: And now, we come to You in prayer, as our Savior Jesus has taught us:

**C: 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.**

## **Invitation of Communion**

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*We believe Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine by his Word of Promise. All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of God’s forgiving love, strengthening faith, and grace-filled hope. 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).*

**Reception of Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*Communion distribution is continuous. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the bread in your hands as you hear the words “The body of Christ, given for you” to which you may respond, “Amen.” You may then dip the bread into the cup as you hear the words “The blood of Christ, shed for you,” to which you may respond, “Amen.” Please note that the communion wine is alcohol-free. Please indicate if you need gluten-free elements.*

**“LAMB OF GOD”**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

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## *Instrumental Music*

*Cesar Vidaud*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ~WE ARE SENT FORTH~

### Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's faces shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:**

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

**ELW #705**



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**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: Cynthia Langbauer. We also need to pray for, Kathy Runk, Marie Koach, Roy Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, Larry and Beverly Sheehan, Chico E., Paul Hanzlik, C.C., Pastor Ed Bary and Don Schutt on the death of his wife Kathi Schutt and for her family.

**Prayers for Friends of the Church:** Anna Czerniawski, Elena Mullahey, Joyce Brelsford, Dennis VanCour, Lucille Capece, Marty Shram, Lexie Sachlis, George F., David Spall, Joan Coletti, Giacomo Dresseno, Isolina Quintana, Adam Rubino, Berna, Braemen Weiner, Chandler Weiner, Debbie Seckel, Elaine Brustad, Elizabeth Kraus, Hazel Quire, Juan Tavarez, Kenneth Smith, Mary Taylor, Norma Duckworth, Cynthia, Tim Tyler, Richard H., Laurie Engelhardt, Lemmuel Knowles Sr, the Rodriguez Family.

*We are always updating our prayer list. If you would like your name added or removed, please notify Pat Belanger or the office.*

**Flowers sponsor this week by:** Rita and Bill Sharkey in memory of Kathi Schutt

# Announcements

**FAMILY & FRIENDS NIGHT:** We will try a new way of doing our Faith Formation. Beginning June 23 at 5:30 p.m. we will have soup & salad plus fellowship, followed by different faith learning opportunities for all ages. At 7:00 p.m. we will close our evening with a Praise and Prayer time, all in the Fellowship Hall. Join us!

**JOIN THE "SUMMER CHOIR!"** A small group will be forming a "summer choir" to sing once a month--the first Sunday of each month: June 5, July 3 and August 7. There will be a rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. on the Thursday evening before each of these dates. Like to sing? Come join us. Questions? See our music director, Cesar Vidaud.

**9:00 A.M. LITURGICAL WORSHIP:** Beginning June 19 and on the 9:00 am service will also be a regular liturgical service during the summer, since our Faith Formation will be on Thursdays. **The 10:15 a.m. will remain the same.**

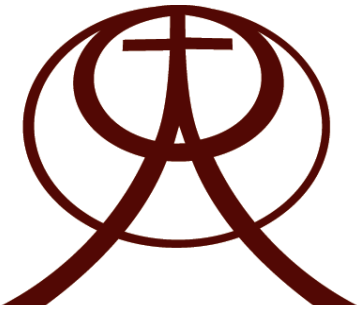
**FILLING OUT PEW PADS:** At the end of each pew there are some pads for information. Please fill them out as you are able, and we may contact you if you wish, with the monthly Newsletter, or indicate if you need a pastoral call.

## ***HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!*** ***Service Assistants for June***

<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b><u>June 19</u></b>	<b><u>June 26</u></b>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Aura Suarez	Pat Belanger
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff	Maddie Kibler
LECTOR	Kevin Otterson	Sera Butz
USHERS – Need 4 to Serve	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Tom Peterson Diane Paff	Darin Kibler Marsha Kibler Drew Kibler Floyd MacDonald
Head Usher	Head Usher –Linda Hanzlik	Head Usher – Linda Hanzlik
GREETERS – Need 2 to serve	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Larry Jones	Dennis Magarrell
PROJECTION	Sera Butz	Sera Butz



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