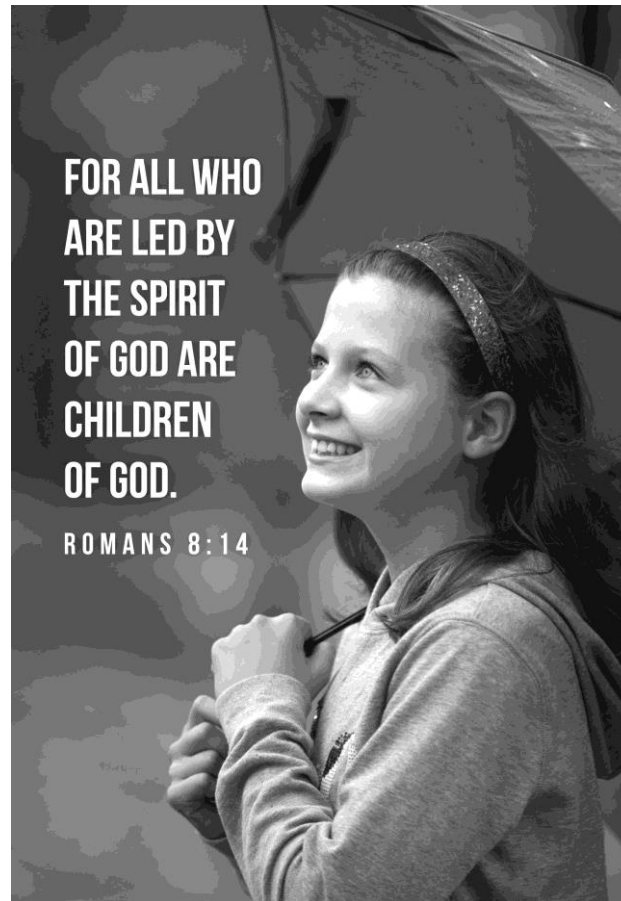




# St Stephen

**Lutheran Church, ELCA**



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

**June 3, 2018**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:15am**

**Rev. Dr. Sidney Nelson**

## INTRODUCTION

*Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should not ever work anyone else seven days a week. Even slaves should be able to rest; even resident aliens. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.*

## CHOIR PRELUDE

We are glad to have pastor Rev. Tom Peterson as our worship leader today.  
Pastor Peterson is a member of the St. Stephen.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who stretches out the heavens,  
who sends light to the nations,  
who gives breath to us all. Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Eternal God our creator:

**C: In you we live and move and have our being.  
Look upon us, your children,  
the work of your hands.  
Forgive us all our offenses,  
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.  
By your grace draw us near to you,  
our refuge and our strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit given to us.  
In the mercy of almighty God,  
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;  
and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.

**C: AMEN.**



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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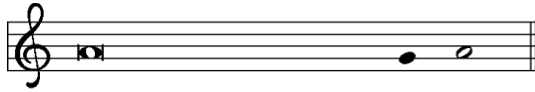
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**THE GREETING**

**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.

# KYRIE (Sung)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



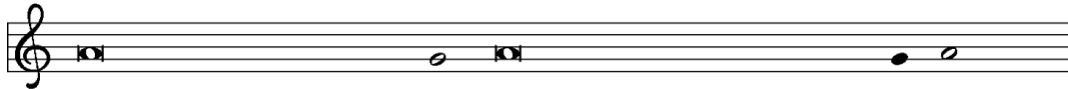
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



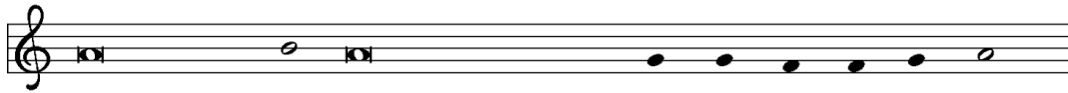
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

# HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the feast"

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

## Youth and Children message

**FIRST READING:**

**Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 81:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.**

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram’s horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>**for this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know:

<sup>6</sup>**“I eased your shoulder from the burden;  
your hands were set free from the grave- digger’s basket.**

<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;

I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

<sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.

<sup>10</sup>**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

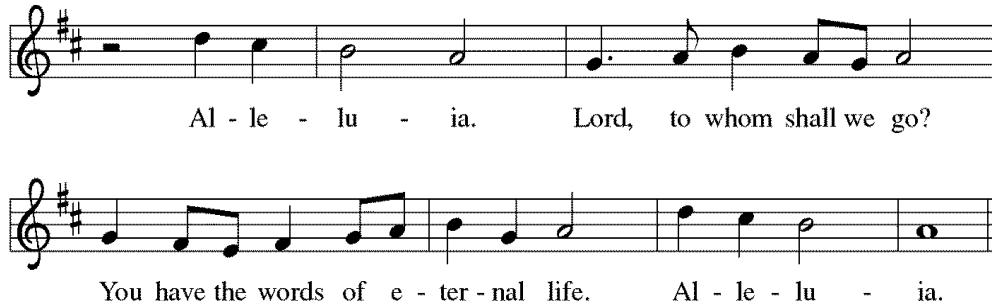
<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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. Mark, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

### **GOSPEL: Mark 2:23--3:6**

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**Rev. Tom Peterson**

—WE RESPOND—

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

SERMON SONG:

God Is Here

ELW #526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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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: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

*After each petition of the prayer is said:*

A: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: 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.

~WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE~


**OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING:**


**Let Us Go Now to the Banquet**

**ELW #523**


*Refrain / Estribillo*




Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the




me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is




re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



*Refrain / Estribillo*

cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.  
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe,  
donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad,  
trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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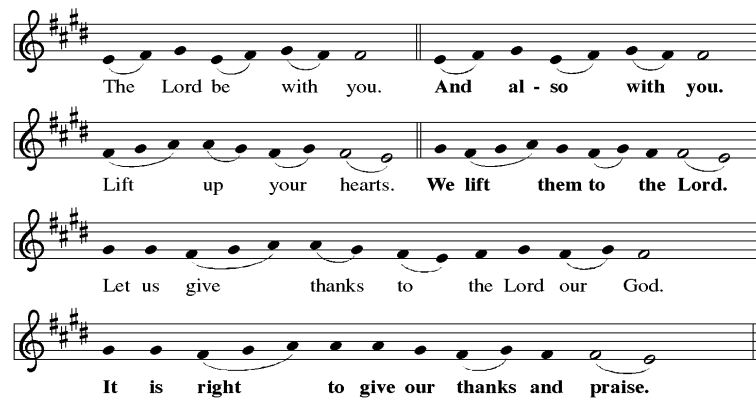
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**OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

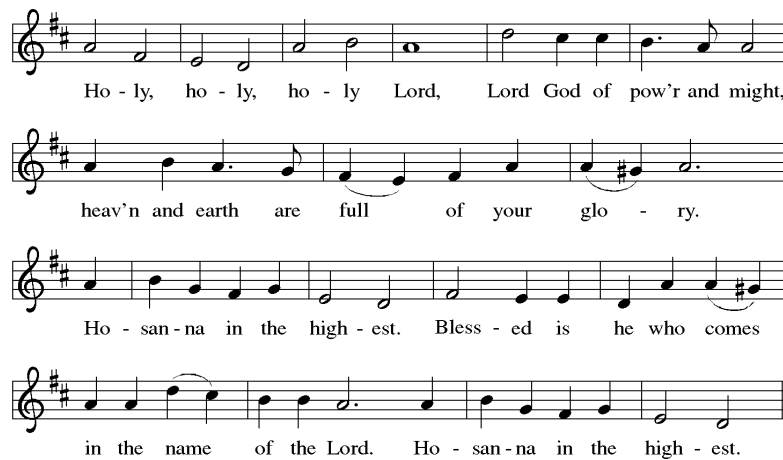
# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## 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.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

# The Lord's Prayer

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

**C: Amen... 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

(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).

P: Welcome to the Lord's table.

**Holy Communion** (Our communion is by intinction: **Receive the bread and 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)

P: The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**C: Amen.**

## "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 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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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: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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## DISMISSAL

**A:** Go in peace. Share the joy of God's love.

**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: Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Laurel Blake, Jim Loggins, Diane Adler, Katie, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

### Prayers for Friends of the Church: (Please renew your request every 3 weeks)

✠ Celeste, and for Calvary Lutheran in Minong, Wisconsin ✠ Aliya and Lem, please also pray for pastor Nelson's son.

**In the hospital:**

Edith Reichenback - Holy Cross Hospital  
4725 N Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, Fl. 33308

**In a facility or homebound:**

Audrey Shumway – Stratford Court of Boca Raton Room #233A  
6343 Via De Sonrisa Del Sur, Boca Raton, FL 33433

Barbara Kaptain – The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.  
1080 NW 15<sup>TH</sup> 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  
651 SW 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Pray for our Florida Bahamas Synod as they are in assembly this weekend. And pray for our delegates Eric Castaneda and Natalie Prego.

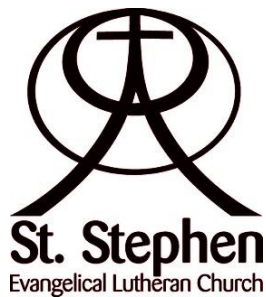
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The people who requested the Living Lutheran Magazine have now been entered into the magazine's data base and will start receiving the Living Lutheran's July edition.
- Trinity Lutheran, Pembroke Pines, is hosting a week- long day camp led by staff from Luther Springs Monday - Friday June 25-29 2018 9am-3pm for only 25\$ for the entire week. Yes, 25\$!  
All welcome! Pre-Registration highly encouraged as space is limited.

***Service Assistants for June***

<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b><i>June 3</i></b>	<b><i>June 10</i></b>	<b><i>June 17 Father's Day</i></b>	<b><i>June 24</i></b>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Pat Belanger	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz
<b>ACOLYTE/TORCH BEARER</b>	Sera Butz	Pat Belanger	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler
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<b>USHERS –Need 4 to Serve</b>	Suzanne Loggins Linda Hanzlik (w) Jeanne Pettit Floyd MacDonald	Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w) Lisa Castaneda Patricia Engle	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Linda Hanzlik (w) Floyd MacDonald	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Erika Flanigan
<b>Head Usher</b>	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Linda Hanzlik	Marsha Kibler
<b>GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve</b>	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Caroline Smith Lynda Smith	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
<b>SOUND</b>	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz	Dennis Magarrell	Dennis Magarrell
<b>PROJECTION</b>	Larry Jones	Eric Castaneda	Sera Butz	Larry Jones

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



**Sunday Schedule**

10:15 a.m. Worship  
Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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**Activity Calendar**

**Sunday 3**  
10:15am Sunday Worship  
**Monday 4**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
**Tuesday 5**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
**Wednesday 6**  
8:00am Quilting  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
**Thursday 7**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
7:30pm Choir rehearsal  
**Friday 8**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
**Saturday 9**  
Happy and blessed Saturday!  
**Sunday 10**  
10:15am Sunday Worship



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