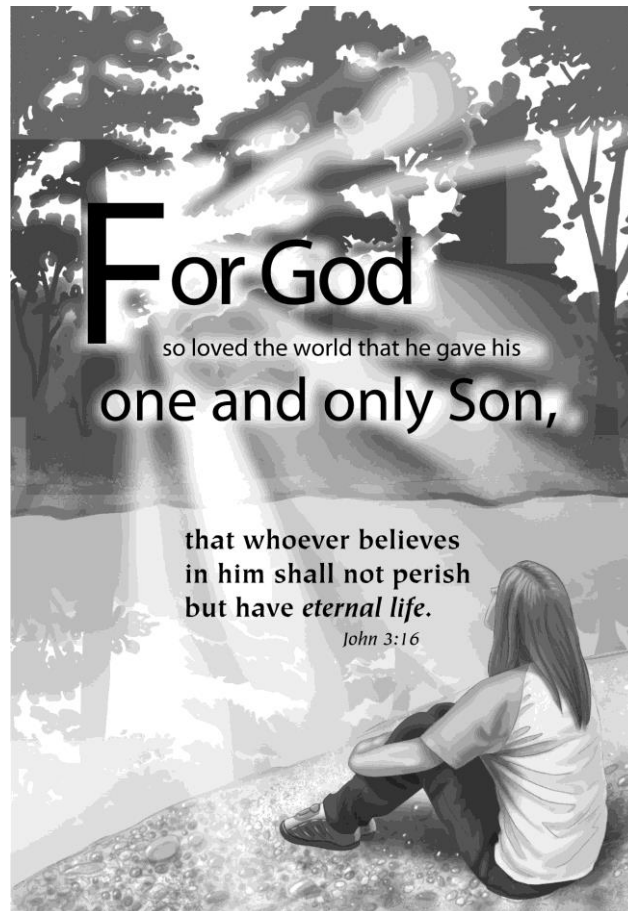




St Stephen

Lutheran Church, ELCA



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

March 18 2018

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:15am

Rev. Dr. Sidney Nelson, Interim Pastor

—WE GATHER—

INTRODUCTION

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s light and truth into our hearts. We see God’s heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P: During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.

**We confess that we often stray from you
and turn aside from your way.**

**We fail in love, neglect justice,
and ignore your truth.**

Have mercy on us and wash away our sin.

Create in us clean hearts

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

Barry Porter

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

—WE HEAR GOD’S WORD—

Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come?
² **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**
³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴ **He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**
⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
⁸ **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

GOSPEL:

John 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

“If the Lord wasn’t walking by my side”

Rev. Dr. Sidney Nelson

— WE RESPOND —

SERMON SONG:

“If the Lord wasn’t walking by my side”

Barry Porter

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 PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Pastor)

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

- Regular Offering is received now for the mission and ministry of St. Stephen Lutheran Church.
- After the Gospel Concert offering plates will be placed to receive a “free will offering” to support the Barry Porter Gospel Ministries.

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 -

THE OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dialogue

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.**

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.

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: Welcome to the Lord's table.

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 on the table on the right side 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.

Communion Song:

Taste and See

ELW #493

Refrain - All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,
taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All

1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.
3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
I called the Lord, . . . who an - swered me;
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain

for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou - bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

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P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

C: AMEN.

P: You may be seated.

GOSPEL CONCERT BY BARRY PORTER OF BARRY PORTER GOSPEL MINISTRIES.

PRELUDE AFTER CONCERT

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Laurel Blake, Jim Loggins, Barb Taylor, Diane Adler, Katie, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, Trudy DiCarlo, Marie Koach and Shelley Amato.

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

✠ Henry Q., Patrick Falco, Susan Perez, Dustin and Bettie, Juan Coletti ✠ Denise Heude, Patrick Falco, Susan Perez, Rosemarie Burgland, Gail's Gregory family. ✠ Edna Hayn, Sue Lainetti, Frank and Marie's Muligan niece, and Joan Coletti.

In Our Prayers

In a facility or homebound:

Trudy DiCarlo - John Knox Village

Barbara Kaptain - The Atrium

Jane Reinhold - 6700 NW 21ST St. Margate

Evelyn Braun - 6152 Verde Trail #106 Boca Raton

Jim Loggins - John Knox Village - Woodlands

In our prayers today and in the days ahead, we remember the victims of the Parkland school shooting.

Calendar	
Sunday 18	10:15am 5th Sunday in Lent Gospel Elvis Concert 11:45am Confirmation Class
Monday 19	9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
Tuesday 20	9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
Wednesday 21	8:00am Quilting 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
Thursday 22	9:30am-12:30pm Office Open 12:15pm Midweek Worship 7:00-7:30pm Worship 7:30 Choir rehearsal
Friday 23	9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
Saturday 24	6:00pm Fellowship Hall rented
Sunday 25	10:15am Palm Sunday Procession of the Palms

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **There will be two Lenten services** on March 22, 2018. Those serving at the **12:15 pm service** is Pat Belanger, as Assistant Minister and Acolyte, Rosie Fennelli as usher and greeter. **The 7 p.m. service**, servers are Asst. Minister Carol Jacobson, Acolyte Katie Paff, Ushers and Greeters Lynda Smith, Zac Smith and Caroline Smith. We are pleased to have Rev. Tom Peterson as our preacher at both services.
2. **Easter lilies** are for sale today \$10 each. Take home after Easter service.
3. The church council is looking into the **"Living Lutheran"** magazine. This is the ELCA National magazine and is well loved in our churches. This used to be called

"The Lutheran". The name changed recently. Indicate on your attendance card if you are interested.

4. **Gift Menu.** Next week we will bless our new Pascal candle. This candle will be used at the baptisms and Sunday worship service beginning Easter Sunday. Indicate on your attendance card if you want to make a contribution "in honor of" or "memory of" someone. Their names will be remembered in the blessing next week.
5. **Breakfast bunch** on Saturday, April 7 with Kristi Clark and John Leavitt as speakers.
6. **Attendance cards**, are in our bulletin today for members and visitors. Please place in offering plate. Thank You.

Service Assistants for March

10:15 AM	<u>March 18</u>	<u>March 25</u> <u>Palm Sunday</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz
ACOLYTE	Aiyana Cartwright	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Catherine Zippay	Rosie Fennelli
USHERS – Need 4 to Serve	Lisa Castaneda Floyd MacDonald Terry Shumway Rosie Fennelli	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Erika Flanigan
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Zachary Smith	Katie Paff Pat Belanger
SOUND	Dennis Magarrell	Eric Castaneda
PROJECTION	Larry Jones	Larry Jones

Stewardship Snippet

March 18, 2018 (5th Sunday in Lent, Year B)

John 12:21 – They came to Philip ... and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

The visitors give voice to the faithful prayer of all steward-disciples. We wish to see Jesus. We wish to see Jesus in the many ways Jesus appears in the world around us. Most dearly, we want to see him in the eyes and lives of our brothers and sisters.



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Holy Week Schedule

10:15am Palm Sunday (March 25)

- Procession of Palms
- Blessing of Pascal Candle
- Reception of Crosses

7:00pm Maundy Thursday

- Holy Communion
- Stripping of the Altar

7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae

- Service of song and Scripture
- Ends in darkness
- Leave in silence

7:30pm Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil for Broward-Bahamas
Conference at Christ Oakland Park

10:15 Easter Sunday Worship



Sunday Schedule

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

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As we thank Barry Porter for his concert today in our "Free will offering". The free will offering after the concert will support the Gospel Music Ministry and your generosity will bring God's words in music to others.

The Great Vigil of Easter



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*A Broward Bahamas Conference Celebration
March 31, 2018 – 7:30 pm*

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