



St Stephen

Lutheran Church, ELCA



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

May 27, 2018

**1st Sunday after Pentecost
The Holy Trinity**

10:15am

Rev. Dr. Sidney Nelson

—WE GATHER—

We welcome Victor Jortack to our worship today. The first 3 songs we sing today are his compositions. We thank him for his wonderful ministry to the church of our Lord and we thank him for his worship leadership today.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Larry Jones

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and 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, as your children.

Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from our 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.

OPENING SONG:

Everybody, Sing it Out

Cantalo

Estrillo

Si tú pue - des, cán - ta - lo, cán - ta - lo,
Ev - 'ry - bod - y, sing it out, sing it out,

cán - ta - lo. Si tú pue - des, cán - ta - lo,
sing it out. Ev - 'ry - bod - y, sing it out,

cán - ta - lo, cán - ta - lo al Se - ñor. ñor.
sing it out, sing it out . . . to the Lord. Lord.

Estrofas

1 Si des - cu - bres en la ma - ña - na los mil co -
1 When the first new light of the ris - ing sun comes to

lo - res de la crea - ción, te das cuen - ta de la ar - mo -
wake the col - ors of dawn, as you stand in beau - ty may

Estrillo

ní - ay que tú e - res par - te de la can - ción.
you be shown you're a part of that an - cient song.

- 2 Si en un niño ves la sonrisa y en sus ojitos ves la ilusión,
te sorprende que la inocencia ponga alegría en tu corazón. *Estrillo*
- 3 Si en el silencio tú te das cuenta que no estás solo — en tu canción,
que en tu camino en la vida la melodía — es el amor de Dios. *Estrillo*
- 2 *When your heart is heavy may you discover new hope in every child,
and may you be filled with unexpected joy in the miracle of their smiles. Refrain*
- 3 *May you pause to listen enough to hear you are not alone in your song,
and may you learn to follow the melody of our God's creative love. Refrain*

Text: Victor Jortack; tr. Bret Hesla and William Dexheimer-Pharris
Music: CANTALO, Victor Jortack

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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.



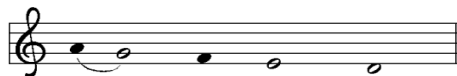
Lord, have mer - cy.



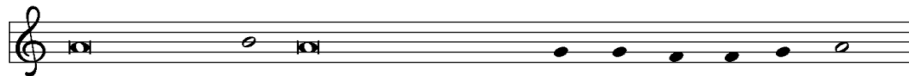
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Youth & Children's message

—WE HEAR GOD'S WORD—

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

“This is the Day”

This is the day the Lord has made for me.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.

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SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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. John, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON “SAFE”

Pastor Victor Jortack

—WE RESPOND—

SERMON SONG:

“Jesus Saves”

Dmin Emin7 A7 Dmin
Je-sus saves Je-sus heals He re-
Je-sus loves Je-sus cares He for-
Je-sus smiles when you smile Je - sus

Gmin Gmin7 C7 F Emin7
stores He makes whole You are well
gives He gives hope You are free
cries when you cry When you walk

A7 Dmin Eb A7
... In His hands He's a - live He's in
... from the dark He is peace He is
... He's the way When you talk He's the

Dmin Gmin Gmin7 C7 F
you God the Fa - ther cre - at - ed you
light
word

Bb7 Emin7 A7 Dmin
... God the Spir - it brought you home God the

Gmin Gmin7 C7 F Bb7 Emin7
Son made you His own with the wa -

A7 Dmin
ter you are His song

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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:

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

ELW #451



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker
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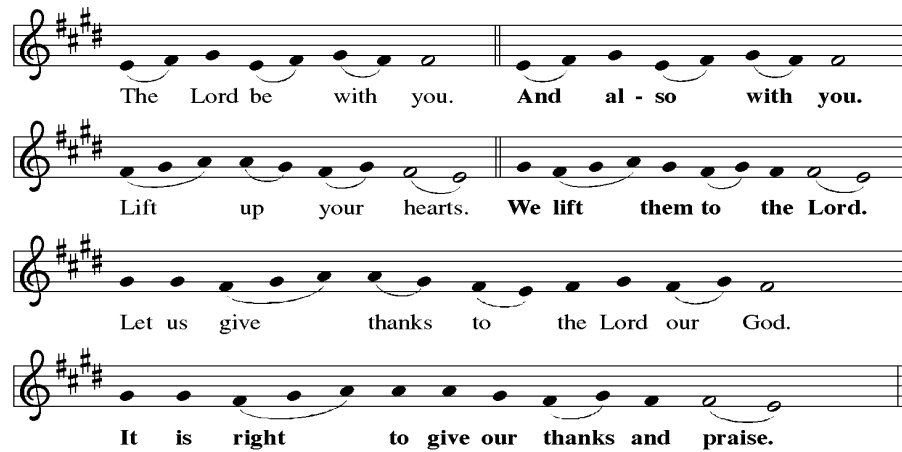
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OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

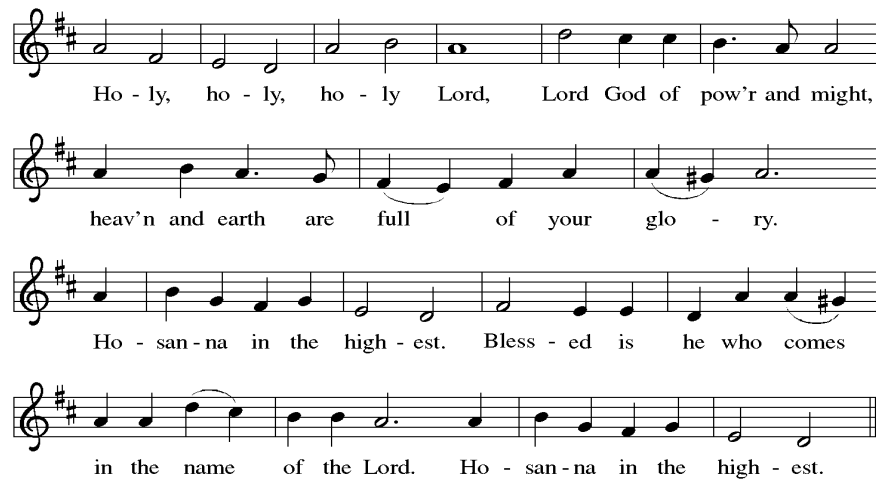
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

**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 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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Instrumental Music

Cesar Vidaud

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
 you have given us not only this bread and cup,
 but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
 Filled again by these signs of your grace,
 may we hunger for your reign of justice,
 may we thirst for your way of peace,
 for you are Lord forevermore.

Amen.

~WE ARE SENT FORTH~

Benediction

P: May God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

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

SENDING SONG:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

ELW #413



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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)

✠ Barb Gummo ✠ Celeste, and for Calvary Lutheran in Minong, Wisconsin ✠ Wendy, Diane's Johnson children and grandchildren, Aiden, Chandler, Becky, Bramen, Cheryl, Robert and Craig.

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

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 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
651 SW 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Flowers this week sponsored by: Marsha Kibler

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. For those who want to receive the magazine please sign in on the attendance card.
- 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

10:15 AM	<u>May 27</u>	<u>June 3</u>	<u>June 10</u>	<u>June 17</u> <i>Father's Day</i>	<u>June 24</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Sera Butz	Pat Belanger	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz
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USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Patricia Engle Harry Ambrose Linda Hanzlik (w) Terry Shumway	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
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Linda Hanzlik	Marsha Kibler
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Caroline Smith Lynda Smith	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Eric Castaneda	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz	Dennis Magarrell	Dennis Magarrell
PROJECTION	Larry Jones	Larry Jones	Eric Castaneda	Sera Butz	Larry Jones

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

Activity Calendar

Sunday 27
10:15am Sunday Worship

Monday 28
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 29
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 30
8:00am Quilting
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

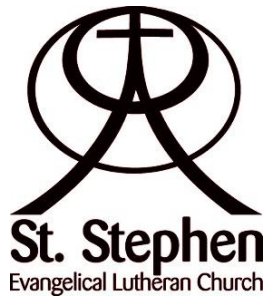
Thursday 31
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Friday 1
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 2
Happy and blessed Saturday!

Sunday 3
10:15am Sunday Worship





Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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Victor Jortack was born in Argentina in a Jewish Family. He became Christian as he was in the US as a foreign student with AFS. He was baptized in his new church, Trinity Lutheran church, Long Lake, MN in 1971.

He started his academic life with a Primary School Teacher degree, then a Lawyer, Master of Educational Psychology, a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Theology. Worked in Argentina as a Private Law Attorney, a Judge and College Professor.

He moved to the US in 1989 and after his Master of Divinity, from Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, was called to churches in Minnesota, Florida and Wisconsin. He celebrated simultaneously his 25th anniversary of ordination and his retirement last December, after serving a UCC church for 12 years.

He started playing the guitar when he was 9, and initially played in radio, TV and Festivals. Using his training as a singer, and complementing his knowledge with classes at Moorhead State University, he started composing music for the church about 28 years ago. He writes music with a Latin flavor as he tries to convey a message of joy as a new Christian. He has published numerous hymns and songs, many of them in the ELCA Spanish hymnal *Libro de Liturgia y Cántico*, while most of his work is in English and unpublished (400 + songs).

He recently relocated to Lauderdale Lakes, FL, where he lives with his wife Alicia.