



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

November 1, 2020

All Saints Day

10:15am

Festival Holy Communion

Introduction to All Saints Day

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. Vestments and paraments today are white, symbolizing joy. The Liturgy is in its festive form and includes Thanksgiving for Baptism with the sprinkling of the assembly with baptismal water on this solemn feast day of the church. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.



Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands and faces the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who joins us to the great communion of saints. **Amen**

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. On this All Saints Day, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

During the pandemic water is not kept in the font. The presiding minister gives thanks over the water that will be used.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

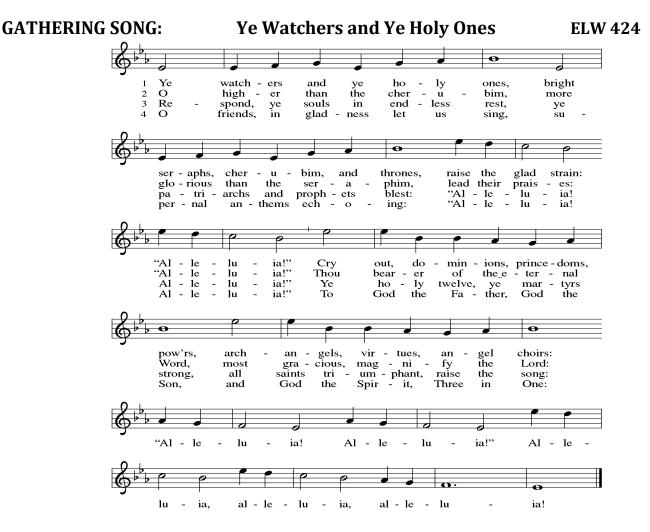
Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Over this water, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into this water and all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly remains standing to sing, turning to the altar as the cross passes by. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly is sprinkled with water during the singing.

During this time the CDC and the Bishop's Office recommend against congregational singing. In the building, a leader will sing on our behalf. The words and music are here for your meditation, please do not sing out loud. A leader sings verses 1-3 of the Gathering Song



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APOSTOLIC GREETING

The presiding minister and assembly greet each other.

Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ, have mercy.

A: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: Alleluia.

For now, the Canticle of Praise will not be sung, it is rather spoken in unison by the assembly.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: Glory to God

Worthy is Christ is spoken, the assisting minister leading the assembly.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept, then the presiding minister leads the prayer.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly sits.

Word



God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12singing, "Amen!

forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

 ^4I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

 $^8\mbox{Taste}$ and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger,

but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is

what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

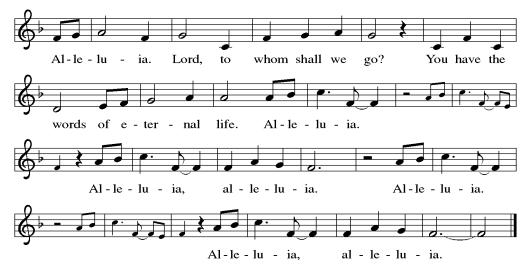
L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

After a brief silence, the assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation is sung by a leader

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

P:

The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

- ¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
- ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- 8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

A leader sings verses 1, 2 and 7 of the following hymn on behalf of the assembly.



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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light. true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Let us remember all the saints who have served the church and the world as we offer our prayers to God

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Hear our prayer, O God, save us from all our troubles.

P: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, O God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The assembly sits.



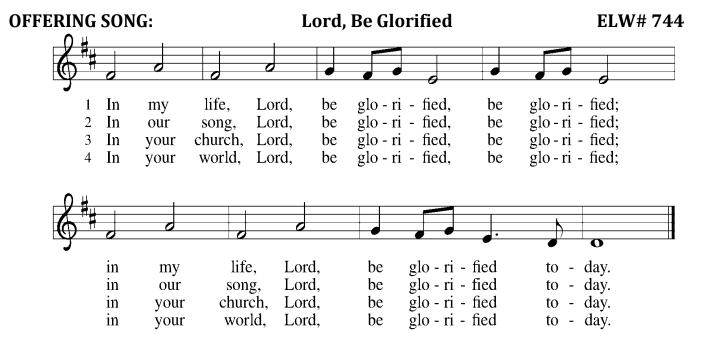


God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Invitation to Offering

SETTING THE TABLE

The Offering Song is sung by a leader on behalf of the assembly.



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Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick

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The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

Amen.

We are using our most ancient Eucharistic prayer, ascribed to St. Hippolytus, a priest in Rome at the start of the third century. It was written before the "Holy, Holy" was regularly sung and therefore does not include that canticle. We use it now for its simpler form while we are not singing as an assembly.

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.

The presiding minister continues to give thanks:

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,...
...through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy 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

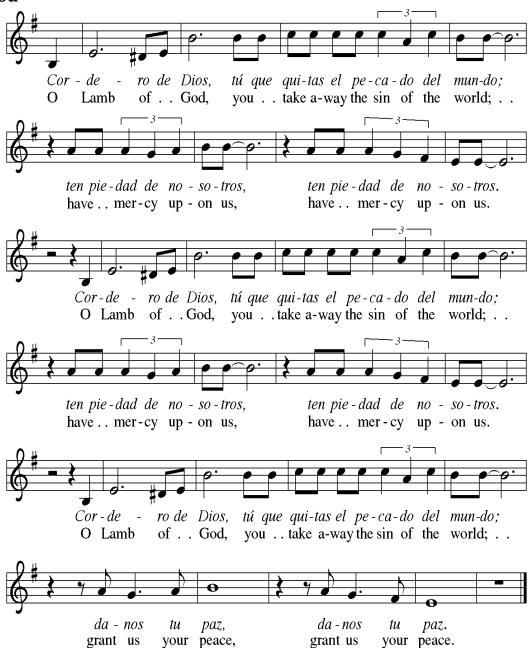
The bread is broken for the communion.

P: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

The assembly is seated.



Lamb of God





After you have received holy communion, all who desire may come to the votive candles in front of the altar, light a taper from the candle that burns there, and place it in the sand box in memory of your deceased loved ones that you remember before God this day.



The assembly stands and the assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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

Announcements

REMEMBRANCE OF THE BLESSED DEAD AND BLESSING

The presiding minster moves to the tapers and prays, followed by the Blessing.

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the

→ Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Sending Song is sung (verses 1,5, and 6) by a leader on behalf of the assembly. The assembly turns to face the cross as it passes by.

The assembly turns toward the cross as it passes by.

SENDING SONG:

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

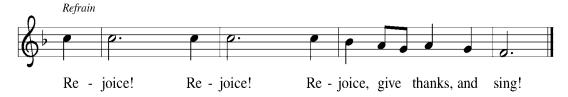
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4 Still lift your stan-dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king. send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days. pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth. as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.



- 5 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore: the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

A: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

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: Carol Chmelynski, Lisa Castaneda, Kelly Jacobson, Carol Jacobson, Randy Mottesheard, Marti Stroberg, Dolores Lauterberg, Laurel Blake, Dorothy Johnson, James Loggins, Don Schutt, Normagene Richardson, Mildred Grady, Rosie & Jimmy Fennelli, Pat Engle.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS OF THE PARISH

Amparo, Blanca, Eric Hecker, E. Kuckert, Susie, Belinda, Marjorie, Roy, Andrea, Sheriff Thompson and family, Officer Sancho and family, Jerry, Aiden, Chandler, Becky, Cheryl, Robert, Braemen, Craig, Taylor, Betty, Nettie, Sharon, Jan, Joe, Natalie, Carol, Janice, Letty Gonzalez.

IN A FACILITY OR HOMEBOUND:

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.



RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY OUTSIDE!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be given today by Pastor Bob in the church parking lot, in front of the main entrance from 12:00pm—12:30pm. It will be drive through. Please follow the ushers' directions on arrival and maintain social distancing. Please wear a mask except when receiving the sacrament.

Welcome to in person worship!!! Please respect our guidelines:

We expect everyone to use face masks when in the building.
 If you forget your face covering, we have extras for you, but no one can enter the building without a face covering and they must be worn at all times except at the moment of communion. Face coverings and water bottles will be available near the entrance to the nave for those who need them.



- Offering plates will be placed on a stand as people enter and exit. Greeters will stand behind a table warmly welcoming worshippers from a distance.
- We continue to encourage electronic giving.

- Outside doors and bathroom doors will be propped open, so no one touches a doorknob or handle.
- Initially, following CDC guidelines, <u>all</u> congregational singing will be limited to an individual or ensemble who will sing on behalf of the assembly.
- For now, only the verbal greeting of Peace will be exchanged in the liturgy. Sharing the peace for now should be nothing more than exchanging a simple bow to those on your right and left.
- There will be one communion station, single file, following the ushers' directions and the markings on the floor to maintain social distancing. At the time of holy communion, exit the pew via the <u>side isles</u>, and go to the rear of the church. As you round the corner to the central isle there will be another touchless sanitizing station. Please sanitize your hands and proceed down the center isle to receive the sacrament following the floor markers. The pastor distributing the host will try to avoid touching communicants' hands as much as possible. Communicants are reminded to come forward with <u>flat outstretched hands</u>.
- Following the Liturgy, the pastor will be present outside the outer doors to greet people, but will remain socially distanced with no physical contact.

Change for Change Tower: Discretionary Fund

As the holidays approach, during the months of November and December we will dedicate the Change for Change Tower to support a new ongoing Pastor's Discretionary Fund. During this difficult time, it will allow the pastor to help with emergency needs in the community and in the congregation. This would include such things as emergency fuel for a stranded motorist, food vouchers for the hungry on a day the Holy Grill is not serving, bus passes, emergency overnight accommodations, or other special emergency needs that might arise. Please give generously to get this fund going. **Bring your loose change**



and bills to church and let's fill up the Change for Change Tower. You may give on line by following the link on our homepage at: www.ststephenlutheran.net



New video system on the way!

Thanks to a generous memorial gift from the Pettit family in memory of Jeanne's mother, Edith Reichenbach, new state of the art video monitors is soon to be installed in the church in the next weeks. There will be one high definition flat screen at the front of the sanctuary and one in the rear to support worship and preaching going forward. This will allow viewing of screen no matter which direction the assembly is facing in worship.

During this pandemic we will be relying less on paper and more on screens going forward.

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All Saints Day Remembrance

These names of our deceased loved ones have all been inscribed in the Book of the Names of the Dead on display in front of the altar. The book will remain at the altar throughout November.

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Henry R. Zippay Jr.

Judy Boots

Don Bootes

Janet Ragsdale

Brant Ragsdale

Charles Wittmann

Alberta Wittmann

James Brunton

Carol & Jay Becker

Kevin Cumiskey

Elaine Gabrielli **Dennis Swarmer**

Lurella Swarmer

Joseph Chmelynski

Paul Chmelynski

John Chmelynski

Rose Chmelynski

Harry Ambrose

Katherine & Wallace Trykoski

Don Burroughs

Iva & Walter Glowe

Henry Quimi

Marie Koach

Luis Lino

Frank Daoud

Edith Reichenbach

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Juanita Estremera

Cruz Estremera

Jovita Arce

Fransisco Arce

Daisy Karnell

Alex Sr & Paula Bonet

Alex O. Bonet Jr

Jimmy Rosa

Barbara Greco

Julia Velez

Rudy Koch

Beverly Sheehan

Audrey Shumway

Marie Corrin

Jane Reinhold

Kathy Runk

Barbara Kaptain

Trudy Di Carlo

Jan Danker

Paul Hanzlik

Carl Derk

Harry Koch

Bill Zurick

Ross and Lola Strawn

Dr. Milton Jacobson

Frank Black

Eileen Black

Thomas Black

George Morgan

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Harold Shaffer

Helen Shaffer

Michael Butenko

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Richard Richardson

George Schaefer Yvonne Schaefer Nadya Hazineh Richard Abadie Amal Tintinalli William Crawford

Cynthia and Lloyd Langbauer

Jose Manuel Alvarez Sr.

Diane Adler

Great Uncle Myron My Grandmom Great Aunt Gayle

Becky & Harland Glenn Jeffrey David Glenn Jeremy Michael Glenn

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