

# St Stephen

a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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

**November 10, 2019**

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

**10:15am**

**The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor**

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# Holy Communion

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## **INTRODUCTION to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

*We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.*



## **Gathering**

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

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen**

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. 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.

**Amen.**

*The assembly continues standing to sing, turning to the cross as it passes by.*



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -  
 2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are  
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
 4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and



a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for  
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with  
 glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the



your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;  
 nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might  
 peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,  
 praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;



all our la - ment with peace you still.  
 all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 who is by one and all a - dored.  
 God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640-1690; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812-1897, adapt.  
 Music: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR, Melchior Vulpus, 1570-1615

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

**Glory to God**



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



O Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -  
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly sits.*



### FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

A reading from Job.

<sup>23</sup>“O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! <sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; <sup>26</sup>and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27a</sup>whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;

listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

<sup>2</sup>**Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

<sup>3</sup>Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not regarded what others do;**

**at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

<sup>5</sup>My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.

<sup>6</sup>**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;**

**incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

<sup>7</sup>Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

<sup>8</sup>**Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

<sup>9</sup>from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

### SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

A reading from the second letter to the Thessalonians.

<sup>1</sup>As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup>He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup>But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through

grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

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

<sup>27</sup>Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup>and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup>then the second <sup>31</sup>and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup>Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

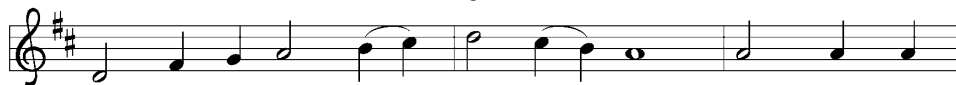
*The assembly is seated.*

## Children and Youth Message

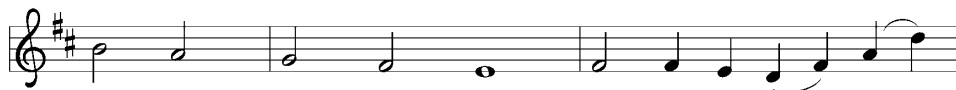
## SERMON

**The Rev. Robert Schaefer**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon. The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| <p>5 He lives to bless me with his love;<br/>         he lives to plead for me above;<br/>         he lives my hungry soul to feed;<br/>         he lives to help in time of need.</p>                       | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br/>         he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br/>         he lives my mansion to prepare;<br/>         he lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br/>         he lives and loves me to the end;<br/>         he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;<br/>         he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br/>         He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br/>         what joy this blest assurance gives:<br/>         I know that my Redeemer lives!</p>    |

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 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*After each petition of the prayer is said:*

A: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*After all have greeted each other the assembly is seated.*



## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING/Offering Music

*The assembly stands.*

### OFFERING SONG:

### God Extends an Invitation

ELW# 486



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la  
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -  
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -  
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.  
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Text: Miria T. Kolling; English and Spanish tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923  
Music: NUESTRO PADRE, Miria T. Kolling  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads this prayer.*

Let us pray. God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## 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.**

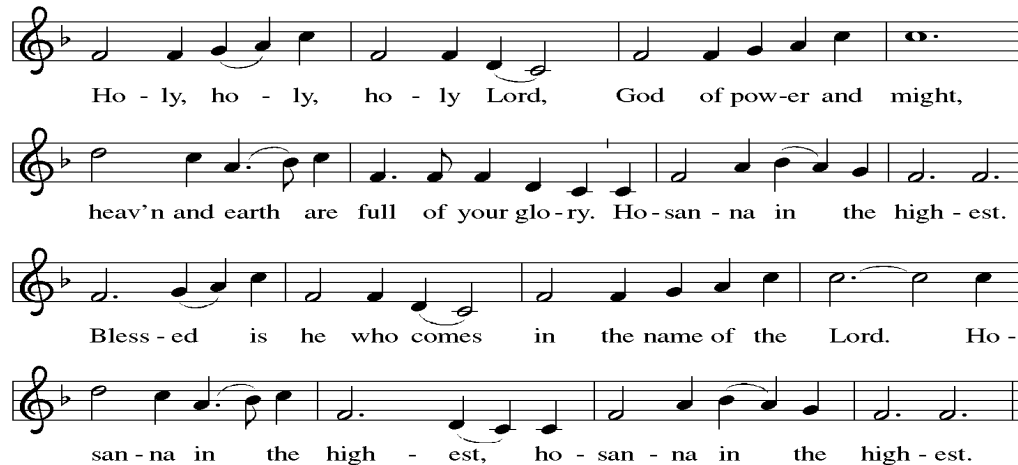
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The presiding minister continues to give thanks:*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: ...

... With thanksgiving we lift this bread and this cup before you and proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Hunger no more. Thirst no more.  
 Come to the banquet of life.

*The assembly is seated.*

*All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. If you desire baptism, the pastor would love to speak with you! 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.*

*At St. Stephen we receive Holy Communion by receiving the bread and then either **drinking directly from the cup or by intinction** (That means that you may receive the bread in your hand and then dip bread in the cup.)*

**Gluten free bread is available on the right side. (please ask)**

**Alcohol free wine is available on the right side. (please ask)**

The body of Christ, given for you. *Response: Amen.*

The blood of Christ, shed for you. *Response: Amen.*

## Lamb of God

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
 O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
 have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
 O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
 have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
 O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.  
 grant us your peace, grant us your peace.



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.

2 *En la tristeza y en el dolor,  
 en la belleza y en el amor,  
 sea que suframos o que gocemos,  
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.*

3 *En este mundo por doquier habrá  
 gente que llora y sin consolar.  
 Sea que ayudemos o que alimentemos,  
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.*

Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942;  
 st. 2-3, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931; tr. George Lockwood, b. 1946

Music: Spanish traditional

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**Additional Communion songs are sung as needed**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*An assisting minister leads the prayer.*

Let us pray.

We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. May this eucharist keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**



**Sending**

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

**Announcements**

**VETERANS DAY PRAYER AND BLESSING**

*The presider pray, then all may make the sign of the cross as they receive God's blessing.*

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good

work and word; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly turns toward the cross as it passes by.*

**SENDING SONG:**

**Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

**ELW# 547**

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,  
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—  
The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,  
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.  
The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now  
reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.  
Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing  
to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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**DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

**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: Normagene Richardson, Mildred Grady, Laurel Blake, Katie Paff, Dorothy Johnson, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy Fennelli, Edith Reichenbach, Jim Loggins, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

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

✠ Mary, Pat Jean, Pat Ruth, Glen, George, Jill & Jordan, Mariah & Milton ✠ Gene and family, Annette and family, Betty & Chuck, John, Joanna, Betty, Emma, Carlos, Chandler, Craig, Braemen, Cheryl, Aiden, Jerry, Becky, Nettie, Robert, Donnie, Angela & family, Nicholas ✠ Celia, Kristen, Joe, Eric, Jose, Rangel, Jim, Millie.

**In a facility or homebound:**

- 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 700 SW 4th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060
- Bud Danker - 3020 N. Ridge Road Apartment W-316 Ellicott City, MD 21043

***Assisting at Worship in November***

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

10:15 AM	<u>November 10</u>	<u>November 17</u>	<u>November 24</u> <u>Christ the King</u>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Natalie Prego	Eric Castaneda	Carol Jacobson
<b>TORCH BEARERS</b>			Eric Castaneda Zac Smith
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Pat Belanger	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego
<b>CRUCIFER</b>			Natalie Prego
<b>BOOK BEARER</b>			Pat Belanger
<b>LECTOR</b>	Rita Sharkey	Erika Flanigan	Tom Peterson
<b>USHERS –Need 4 to Serve</b>	Zachary Smith (w) Lynda Smith R. Mottesheard Pat Engle	Rosie Fennelli (w) Jeanne Pettit Suzanne Loggins Karen Breslin	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
<b>Head Usher</b>	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
<b>GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve</b>	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
<b>SOUND</b>	Eric Castaneda	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz
<b>PROJECTION</b>	Dennis Magarrell	Larry Jones	Jake VanZile

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to worship! Welcome returning winter residents!** We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and our first time guests today. Stop at the desk to pick up a **name tag** if you don't have one. Please take a moment to fill out the attendance cards in the worship folder with your name, number and email—especially if you are visiting so that we can welcome you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Pr. Schaefer. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the gathering area at the back of the church (Narthex) following the liturgy this morning. St. Stephen members: don't forget to put a little something in the jar on the table to help support this ministry! We thank **Linda Hanzlik** for her generous stewardship of this ministry of hospitality!

## **Meet our Newest Members: Welcome to St. Stephen!!!**



**Judith "Judy" Hoyer**  
Deerfield Beach



**Anne "Annie" Mandler**  
Deerfield Beach



**Al and Kitt Schneider**  
Hillsboro Beach

## **Wear your name tag every Sunday**

If you signed up for one, it is waiting for you. If you need one, just ask! Members and friends, please wear your name tag to every church function. We want St. Stephen Church to be a place where everyone knows your name!



## **First Holy Communion on Christ the King Sunday (November 24)**

We invite all baptized children of members and friends of St. Stephen to prepare to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Pastor Bob and Sera Butz are leading a class this Sunday and next from 11:30 to 12:15 in the Luther Room.

## **Change for Change Tower: Hurricane Relief in the Bahamas**

For the final three months of 2019, we will be forwarding all money collected in the Change for Change tower to the Office of the Bishop in the Florida-Bahamas Synod to assist our brothers and sisters there recover from Hurricane Dorian.



***The Book of Genesis: This Tuesday and each week at 7pm in the Luther Room.***



The Bible's first book contains many well-known stories, many familiar since childhood: creation and the Garden of Eden; an ark full of animal adrift in the flood; Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the dreams of Joseph. Now hear these ancient stories in a new way and find that from Eden to Egypt, Genesis affirms God's love for all! Join us and, don't be shy, invite a friend!!

***Thanksgiving Eve Soup Supper and Evening Prayer—November 27***

Starting at 6pm at the Fellowship Hall we will be gathering to celebrate our traditional Thanksgiving Eve Soup Supper. Bring your favorite soup to share with our friends. A simple service of evening prayer will follow. Come and join us! Friends and neighbors welcome!



***Thursday Evening Prayer in Advent?????????***

We are taking a poll to see if there is interest in a quiet Thursday Advent Evening Prayer service at 7pm on December 5, 12, and 19. This beautiful 30-minute devotion is a great way to prepare during this busy season for the real reason for the season—our Lord Jesus Christ. If there is interest, the Pastor will gladly offer these services. Check the box on the attendance card.

***Mark your calendars: Annual Wine and Cheese Fundraiser***

This fun and helpful annual event will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 4:30—7:30pm. As always there will be wine, cheese, soft drinks, gift cards, and a raffle, as well as a 50/50. There will be a sign up sheet soon to bring food. This wonderful St. Stephen holiday event is a \$15 donation at the door. Don't miss the fun. Invite your neighbors and friends now!



***Holy Grill needs: Clothes sorting party Wednesday, November 13 at 10:00 (Luther Room)***



Breakfast continues to be served Wednesday at 9am and dinner at 5pm in the same location in our east lot in front of the sanctuary. Please check the box on the attendance card if interested becoming a volunteer. Be sure to include your email. Pr. Bob will contact you. We continue to collect for these clothing needs: **Men's/women's underwear, socks, T-shirts, shorts, towels.**

**NOVEMBER HOLY GRILL VOLUNTEERS**

**WEDNESDAY 9AM**

- 11/13 Karen Breslin -- Joe Leone
- 11/20 Suzanne Loggins -- Juliet Crawford
- 11/27 Carol & Kelly Jacobson -- Karen Breslin

**WEDNESDAY 5PM**

- Erika Flanigan
- Jake Waldecki
- Joe Leone

***STEWARDSHIP CORNER:***

**Last Sunday Attendance: 65**

**Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 3,690**

**WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!**





### Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship  
Holy Communion is celebrated weekly  
11:45 a.m. Confirmation Ministry

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## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday 10 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

10:15am Worship  
11:30am First Communion Instruction (Luther Room)

### Monday 11—St. Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397AD

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

### Tuesday 12

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
7:00pm Genesis Bible Study (Luther Room)

### Wednesday 13

9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry  
9:00-12pm Threads of Love  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
5:00-6:00pm Holy Grill Feeding Ministry

### Thursday 14—

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### Friday 15

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

### Saturday 16

10am-4pm Synod Vitality Workshop (St. John, Hollywood)

### Sunday 17—23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

10:15am Worship  
11:30am First Communion Instruction (Luther Room)



### Online Giving

We offer you the opportunity to give online through our website and also to set up automatic offerings so you don't wish to fill an envelope each week, if you choose. Electronic gifts are fast and secure.

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