

# 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 24, 2019**

**Feast of Christ the King**

**10:15am**

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

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# Festival Holy Communion

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## INTRODUCTION to the Feast of Christ the King

*On this final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The white vestments and paraments and festival form of the liturgy express our joy. Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.*



## Gathering

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

### Prelude

### Welcome

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

**GATHERING SONG:**

**Victory Chant**

**CCLI # 23873**

Hail Jesus You're my King  
Your life frees me to sing  
I will praise You all my days  
You're perfect in all Your ways

Hail Jesus You're my Lord  
I will obey Your word  
I want to see Your kingdom come  
Not my will but Yours be done

Glory glory to the Lamb  
You take me into the land  
We will conquer in Your name  
And proclaim that Jesus reigns

Hail hail Lion of Judah  
How powerful You are  
Hail hail Lion of Judah  
How wonderful You are  
How wonderful You are

How wonderful You are

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

*The presiding minister and assembly greet each other.*

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.**

## WELCOMING PEOPLE TO HOLY COMMUNION

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Today this community of faith rejoices...

...Let us welcome these brothers in Christ to holy communion.

**Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you.**

**We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal,  
until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.**

## KYRIE


*Refrain*




Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

# Worthy is Christ

*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

Let us pray.

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

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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.*



### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up- on the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**"Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from the second letter to the Colossians.

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible

God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 23:33-43

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

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

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>[[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” ]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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**

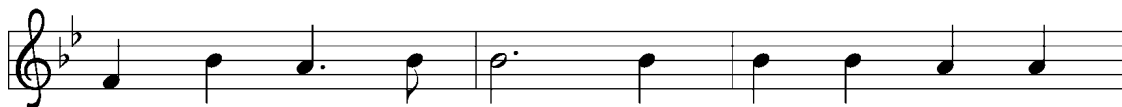
*Silence for reflection follows the sermon. The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*



1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our  
 2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -  
 3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver  
 4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose  
 give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that  
 all, you said the first must be the last and  
 nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to  
 we might rise and live. To break the law of  
 ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,  
 thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you  
 death you came, the law of love to bring: a  
 church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for  
 span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.  
 dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
 still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
 now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824-1902

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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: 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:

#### Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW# 474

(Stanza 1 and 5)

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we  
eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.





1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing  
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your  
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -  
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your  
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



Refrain

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas  
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## DEDICATION OF BURSE AND VEIL and OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the presiding minister blesses the veil and 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

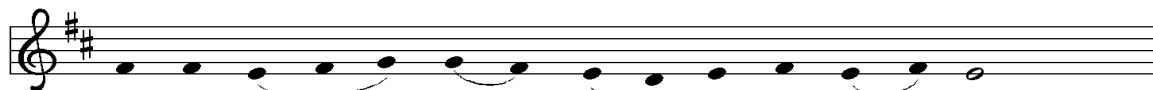
*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

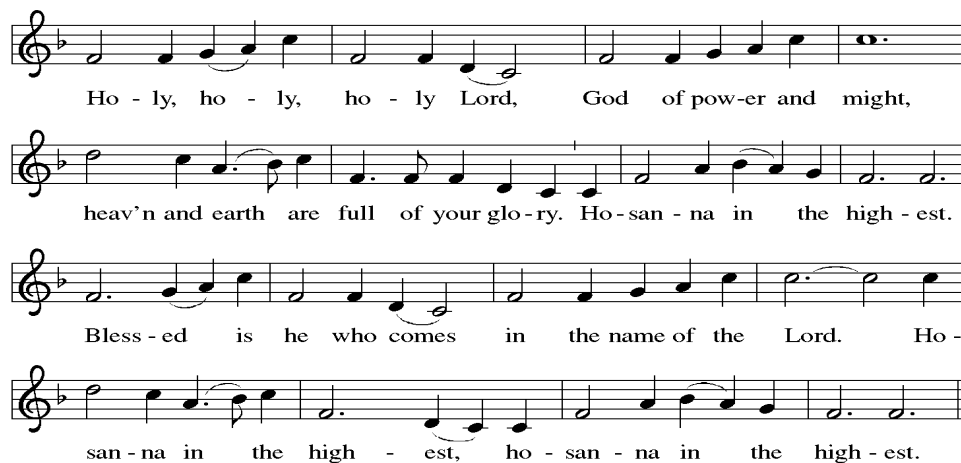


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...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:*

You are indeed holy ...

... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

...be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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, have . . mer-cy up-on us, ten pie-dad de no-so-tros, 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, have . . mer-cy up-on us, ten pie-dad de no-so-tros, 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, grant us your peace, da-nos tu paz. grant us your peace.

## Communion Song:

## Beautiful Savior

ELW# 838

1 Beau-ti-ful Sav-ior, King of cre-a-tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead-ows, fair are the wood-lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun-shine, fair is the moon-light,  
 4 Beau-ti-ful Sav-ior, Lord of the na-tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom-ing spring;  
 bright the spar-king stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru-ly I'd love thee, tru-ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je-sus is fair-er, Je-sus is pur-er,  
 Je-sus shines bright-er, Je-sus shines pur-er,  
 Glo-ry and hon-or, praise, ad-o-ra-tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor-rowing spir-it sing.  
 than all the an-gels in the sky.  
 now and for-ev-er-er-more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

*Additional Communion songs are sung as needed*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*An assisting minister leads the prayer.*

A: 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.

C: Amen.



## Sending

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

## Announcements

### BLESSING

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

P: The love of God our Creator surround you;

the grace of Christ our King release you;

and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, be your guide and strength;

and may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

### SENDING SONG:

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

ELW# 634



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—  
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6  
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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# DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ our King.

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 parish: (Please renew your request every 3 weeks)

✠ Jennifer, Celia, Kristen, Joe, Eric, Jose, Rangel, Jim, Millie ✠ Bill, Carol, Pat Jean, Pat Ruth, Glen, Jake, Mary Gangloff ✠ Greg, Carol, Ann, Valerie, Gene, Annette, Betty, Chuck, Joanna, Carmen, Hector, Christian, Jennifer, Melissa, Gary, Cheryl, Craig, Robert, Chandler, Aiden, Braemen, Becky, Nettie, Donnie, Jerry, Edward.

## 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 24</u> <u>Christ the King</u>		
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Carol Jacobson	<b>USHERS –Need 4 to Serve</b>	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
<b>TORCH BEARERS</b>	Eric Castaneda Zac Smith		
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Natalie Prego		<b>Head Usher</b> Rosie Fennelli
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Natalie Prego	<b>GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve</b>	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
<b>BOOK BEARER</b>	Pat Belanger	<b>SOUND</b>	Sera Butz
<b>LECTOR</b>	Tom Peterson	<b>PROJECTION</b>	Jake VanZile

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# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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!

## **First Holy Communion today!**

We welcome Mark Koach and Dylan Kelley who will receive the Lord Jesus in his body and blood for the first time in the Sacrament of the Altar. We rejoice with you and your families today!



## **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!



## **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.



God's work. Our hands.

## **Final Book of Genesis Study: This Tuesday at 7pm in the Luther Room.**

Join us for this final look at the first book of the bible. After this week, bible study will resume on Tuesday, January 7. We will begin the study of the Gospel of John. Plan on joining us now and invite someone to come with you!



## **Blue Burse and Veil for Advent**

Many thanks to Pr. Tom Peterson for donating this beautiful gift to enrich our worship. The Advent burse and veil are given in loving memory of all those who have died from HIV/AIDS. We are still in need of donations of the purple set for Lent and a white set for Easter.

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

Last call to sign up. Starting at 6pm Wednesday in 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!



## **Congregation Meeting next Sunday, December 1, The First Sunday in Advent.**

This is to serve official notice that there will be a Meeting of St. Stephen Congregation on Sunday, December 1, 2019, immediately following the 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion in the church, for the sole purpose of electing persons to the congregation council. No other business will be transacted at this meeting. Voting members are those who have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding calendar year.



## **Sign up today: Annual Wine and Cheese Fundraiser December 7**

This fun and helpful annual event is around the corner 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. Sign up today 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!



## **Live Generously Commitment Sunday at St. Stephen: December 8, The Second Sunday in Advent.**

Our stewardship theme is **LIVE GENEROUSLY**. St. Paul gives the following advice to Christians: *“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.”* (1 Timothy 6:15-19). You will be receiving material in the mail to help you discern your financial stewardship through St. Stephen in 2020. Please take time to pray about this and return your **Live Generously Estimate of Giving Card** during Holy Communion on December 8.

## **Holy Grill needs:**

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**

11/27 Carol & Kelly Jacobson -- Karen Breslin

### **WEDNESDAY 5PM**

Joe Leone

## ***STEWARDSHIP CORNER:***

Last Sunday Attendance: 65

Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 5,330

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





### Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m.  
Liturgy of Holy Communion

### Tuesday Bible Study 7:00pm (Luther Room)

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## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday 24—Christ the King - First Communion

10:15am Worship  
11:45am Worshipping Commission  
11:45am Congregation Council Meeting

### Monday 25—Isaac Watts, Hymnwriter, 1748AD

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

### Tuesday 26

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

### Wednesday 27

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  
6:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Soup Supper & Evening Prayer

### Thursday 28—Thanksgiving Day (USA)

Office Closed  
7:00pm NO Choir Rehearsal

### Friday 29

Office Closed

### Saturday 30—ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

1:00pm Funeral Rite for Alex Bonet (sanctuary)

### Sunday 1—First Sunday in Advent

10:15am Worship  
11:15am Congregation Meeting to elect council members



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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