

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 3, 2019

All Saints Sunday

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

FESTIVAL HOLY COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION to All Saints Sunday *(All Saints is November 1 and transferred to today)*
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. In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In the assembly today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest," who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus in today's gospel. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.



Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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, 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. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

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.

At this font, 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.



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness dread, their one true light.
 King of glory passes on his way.
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful



they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are
 servants cometh rest; . . . sweet is the calm of paradise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 strong.
 blest.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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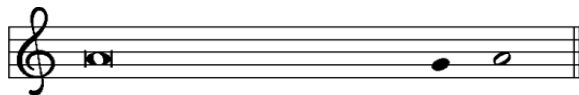
GREETING

P: Beloved of God, called to be saints:

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



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.



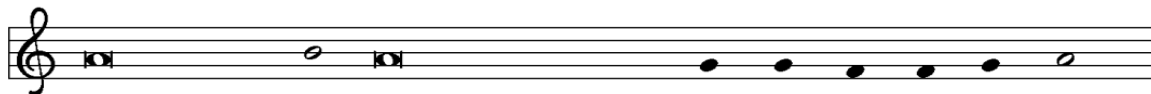
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Worthy is Christ"

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, 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.

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, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

A reading from Daniel.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

²**Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**

³Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;

let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.**

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶**Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

⁷to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

⁸**to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,**

⁹to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

A reading from the second letter to Ephesians.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION AND PROCESSION (repeated as the procession returns)

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 6:20-31

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

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

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. ²⁷"But I say to you that listen. Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated as the procession returns. Then the assembly is seated.

Youth and Children's Message

SERMON

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer

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

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Blest Are They

ELW #728

Leader or All

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
her - it the earth. Blest are they, who
shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
chil - dren of God. Blest are they, who
cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
pure of heart; they shall see God.
suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain
All

Re - joice and be glad!
Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!
Re - joice and be glad!
Yours is the king-dom of God!

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 Music: BLEST ARE THEY, David Haas
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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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:

For All Your Saints, O Lord (verses 1, 2, and 5)

ELW #427



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

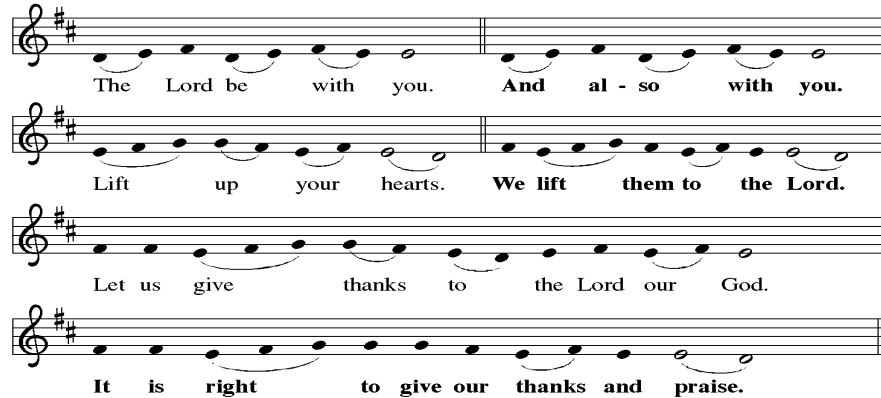
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Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

OFFERING PRAYER

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

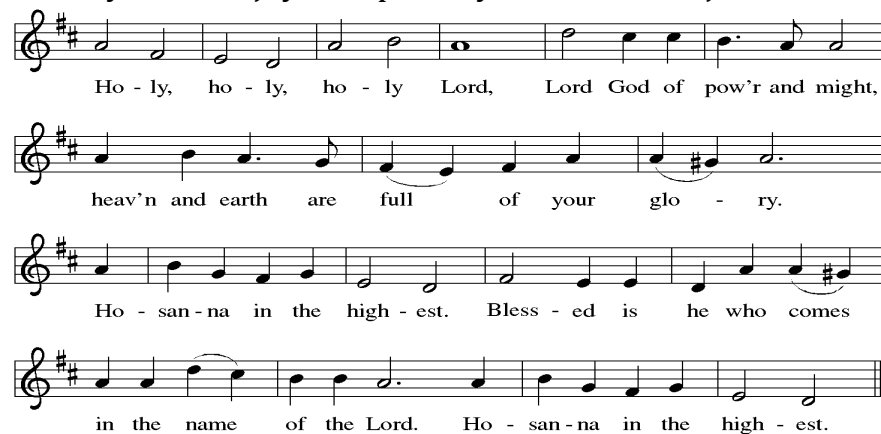
Let us pray. God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name.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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The 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, 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.

The presiding minister continues to give thanks:

...Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son...
...all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate...
...that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God...
...all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold 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.



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 Paschal 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.

Communion Song:

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW #485

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. . . . If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of . . . God, who have

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world. . . .

Refrain
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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Additional Communion music is sung as needed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

An assisting minister leads the prayer.

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.**



Sending

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

Announcements

REMEMBRANCE OF THE BLESSED DEAD AND BLESSING

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

P: The love of God surround you; the grace of Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength. The blessing, mercy and peace of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit be with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

When Peace, like a River

ELW# 785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

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: 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)

✠ JoJo, Richard, Jane, Carol, Greg, Lisa & family, Ann, Linda, Guillermo, Melissa, Carole, Cindy, Dean, Doris, and Jon's mom ✠ 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, Eric and Nicholas.

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 3</u> <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	<u>November 10</u>	<u>November 17</u>	<u>November 24</u> <i>Christ the King</i>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego	Eric Castaneda	Carol Jacobson
TORCH BEARERS	Eric Castaneda Zac Smith			Eric Castaneda Zac Smith
ACOLYTE	Carol Jacobson	Pat Belanger	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego
CRUCIFER	Carol Jacobson			Natalie Prego
BOOK BEARER	Pat Belanger			Pat Belanger
LECTOR	Catherine Zippay	Rita Sharkey	Erika Flanigan	Tom Peterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Suzanne Loggins Jeanne Pettit Lisa Castaneda (w) Karen Breslin	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
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Larry Jones	Eric Castaneda	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz
PROJECTION	Jake VanZile	Dennis Magarrell	Larry Jones	Jake VanZile



Sunday Schedule

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

Church Staff

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday 3 – All Saints Sunday

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

Monday 4—St. Martin de Porres, Renewer of Society, 1639

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 5

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
7:00pm Bible Study

Wednesday 6

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
7:00pm Congregation Council Meeting (Luther Room)

Thursday 7—John CF Hoyer, Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, Ludwig Nommensen, missionaries

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

Friday 8

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 9

Happy and blessed Saturday!

Sunday 10—22nd 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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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! 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!

We welcome new members today!

Pictures and bios will appear in next week's bulletin.

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. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America the age of First Communion is determined by the parents and pastor and is traditionally when children can have some appreciation of what is happening in this sacrament. Pastor Bob and Sera Butz will lead a class on Sundays, November 3, 10 and 17 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. The stage for the whole biblical narrative is set in Genesis. Genesis 1-11 portrays the beginning of the world, the fall into sin, and the flood with its aftermath. Genesis 12-50 tells the story of Israel's ancestors and is especially concerned to speak of God's promises to this family. 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:



Breakfast continues to be served Wednesday at 9am and dinner on Wednesday 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

11/6 Juliet Crawford - Carol & Kelly Jacobson
11/13 Karen Breslin - Joe Leone
11/20 Suzanne Loggins / Juliet Crawford
11/27 Carol & Kelly Jacobson - Karen Breslin

WEDNESDAY 5PM

Rita Sharkey
Erika Flanigan
Jake Waldecki
Joe Leone

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Attendance: 75

Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 3,322

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