

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.**

October 13, 2019

18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION to the 18th Sunday After Pentecost

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.



Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands and faces the baptismal font. 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, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.

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 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
 2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
 3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
 4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
 5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the

might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
 word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
 wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
 heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:

show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958
 Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566
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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**

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

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
 we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
Refrain
 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.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly sits.



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

A reading from 2 Kings.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with

his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who de-light in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

A reading from 2 Timothy.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is

not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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 17:11-19

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

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

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

Children and Youth 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

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

ELW #617



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

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APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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:

Come, Ye Disconsolate (verses 1 and 3 only)

ELW# 607



1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;
2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.



Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Text: Thomas Moore, 1779–1852, sts. 1–2; Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, st. 3
Music: CONSOLATOR, Samuel Webbe Sr., 1740–1816

Dedication of Red Burse and Veil

OFFERING PRAYER

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

Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

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, mighty Lord, gracious Father: ...

...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.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup...to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, ...and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

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

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

The bread is broken for the communion. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

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, 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: Just As I Am, without One Plea ELW# 592

1 Just as I am, with-out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a-bout with man-y_a con-flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re-ceive, wilt wel-come, par-don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un-known has bro-ken ev-'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man-y_a doubt, fight-ings and fears with-in, with-out,
 cleanse, re-lieve; be-cause thy prom-ise I be-lieve,
 bar-rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a-lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871
 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

An assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Sending

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

Announcements

BLESSING

All may make the sign of the cross as they receive God's blessing.

The peace of God which surpasses all human understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord; and the blessing, grace and mercy 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:

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW# 886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
 sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace! | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n. |
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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

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: Linda Hanzlik, Normagene Richardson, Mildred Grady, Laurel Blake, Kathie Paff, Dorothy Johnson, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy Fennelli, Edith Reichenback, 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)

✠ Lee, Jake, “Pop”, Kelly, Joe, Natalie, Carole, Cindy, Dean, Greg, Lisa & family, Carol, Pat Walters, Erick, Greg ✠ Buffi, Lem, Natalie, Joe, Eric, Pat Jean, Pat Ruth, Glen, Robert ✠ JoJo, Richard, Jane, Eric, Carol, Greg, Lisa & family, Ann, Chandler, Craig, Braemen, Cheryl, Aiden, Jerry, Becky, Nettie, Melissa, Robert, Jill, Jordan, Linda, Guillermo, Carole, Cindy, Dean, Doris, and Jon’s mom.

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

Flowers this week sponsored by: Rita Sharkey & sister Angela in memory of mom’s birthday.

Assisting at Worship in today

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

10:15 AM	<u>October 13</u>	<u>October 20</u>	<u>October 27</u> <u>Reformation Sunday</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Eric Castaneda	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz
TORCH BEARERS			Eric Castaneda Lynda Smith
ACOLYTE	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego
CRUCIFIX			Sera Butz
BOOK BEARER			Pat Belanger
LECTOR	Rita Sharkey	Erika Flanigan	Tom Peterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Erika Flanigan R. Mottesheard Lynda Smith Zachary Smith	Rosie Fennelli (w) Jimmy Fennelli Jeanne Pettit Patricia Engle	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Suzanne Loggins
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Dennis Magarrell	Dennis Magarrell	Larry Jones
PROJECTION	Larry Jones	Jake VanZile	Chris Belanger

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!



Today we dedicate a new red communion burse and veil for the chalice...

They are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rosie's brother, Alex Bonet, by the Fennelli and Castaneda Families. We will use these on the next "red" Sunday, Reformation Day.

New Name Badges are available on the gathering area welcome table!

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!



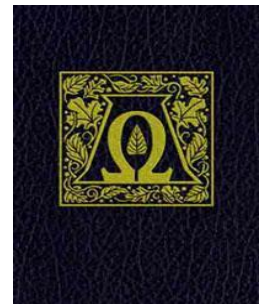
God's work. Our hands.

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.

All Saints Sunday is November 3!

On this feast day, dating to the early centuries of the church, we remember and give thanks for all the saints—both those who are known to the whole church for their heroic faith and lives, as well as those known only to us. There is a Book of the Names of the Dead in the back of the church for you to enroll those deceased loved ones you would like to remember in prayer on All Saints Sunday. Please write as many names as you like. The Book will be out all month and will be displayed in front of the altar throughout November. *Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine on them.*



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. Please check one of 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.** **WE ARE VERY SHORT ON MEN'S ITEMS RIGHT NOW.**

Several Worship Gifts still available!

There are a several items remaining that we are seeking to enrich our worship life. There are still several chalice veils that go on the altar in the color of the day or season (***It would be a blessing to receive the available white set for this Christmas season!***). Lent (purple) and Easter (White) are also still available. There is a sheet with these gifts and costs available on the welcome table in the gathering area. They may be given in memory or honor of someone, or simply to God's glory.



The Book of Genesis: Tuesdays at 7pm in the Luther Room. NO CLASS THIS WEEK ONLY—WE RESUME OCTOBER 22.

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!!



Mark your calendars! On October 27 we will observe Reformation Sunday with Confirmation and the dedication of the new Luther Room.

Bishop Pedro Suarez, bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod will preside and preach at the Festival Eucharist. He will confirm Zack Smith and Jake VanZile in the faith and bless the Luther Room. Be sure to join us. A special reception for the confirmands and the bishop will follow the Liturgy in the Narthex and Luther Room!

Inviting New Members on All Saints, November 3!

If you have been worshipping for a while or are just interested in the St. Stephen community, we would love to welcome you into a relationship with the congregation through membership. We will receive new members next on All Saints Sunday, November 3. Check the box on the attendance card today or speak with Pr. Bob and get more details.



Saturday, October 26-Yard Sale and Oktoberfest

See the flyers in this bulletin for details. See Carol Jacobson for a table and more info (954-942-8935).

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Attendance: 53

Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 4,061.47

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 13—18th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00am New Member Orientation
 10:15am Worship
 11:45am Socializing Commission (sanctuary)
 11:45am Worshipping Commission (Luther Room)

Monday 14

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 15—St. Theresa Avila, Teacher and Renewer, 1582

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
 7:00pm NO Bible Study this week only

Wednesday 16

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 17—St. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch & Martyr, 115AD

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

Friday 18—ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 19

Fellowship Hall Rented

Sunday 20—19th Sunday After Pentecost

10:15am Worship
 11:45am Confirmation Ministry

Reformation Sunday—October 27: Bishop’s Visitation

OCTOBER HOLY GRILL VOLUNTEERS

WEDNESDAY 9AM

10/16 Suzanne Loggins – Juliet Crawford
10/23 Carol/ Kelly Jacobson – Joe Leone
10/30 Suzanne Loggins – Karen Breslin

WEDNESDAY 5PM

Jake Waldeck
 Rita Sharkey
 Joe Leone



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