

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 21, 2018

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering

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

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who's number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands as able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to meet our Risen Lord in word and sacrament, let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our † Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

The assembly remains standing to sing, turning to the altar as the cross passes by.



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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GREETING

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

C: 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

P: Let us pray.

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

P: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly sits.

Word

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

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 53:4-12

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**
¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.
¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

A reading from Hebrews.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I

have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Youth and Children 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:

O Christ, Our Hope

ELW #604



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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: Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING:

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW #712

(verses 1, 3, and 4)



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of life,
you give us these gifts of the earth,
these resources of our life and our labor.
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. **Amen.**

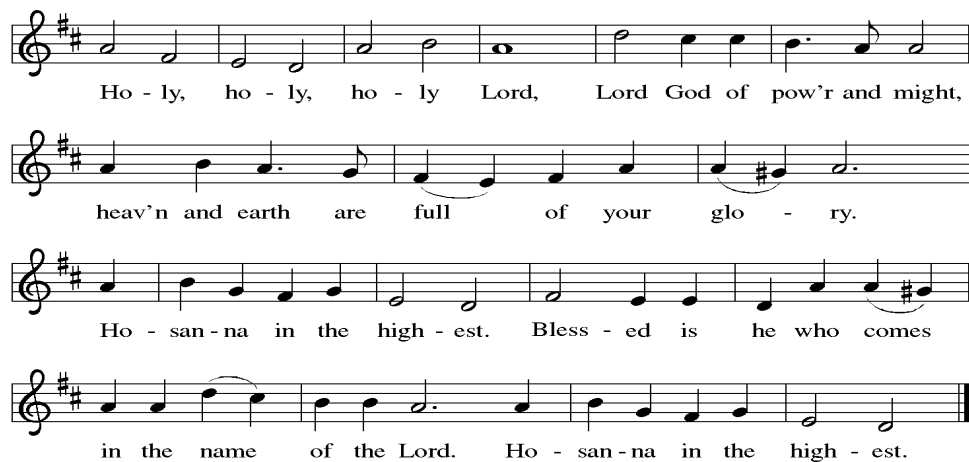
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, 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:

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
and all you have created rightly gives you praise, ...
...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

...Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: 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

P: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
and make us one with you.

The bread is broken for the communion. The assembly is seated.

All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. 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 wine.***

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.*



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.



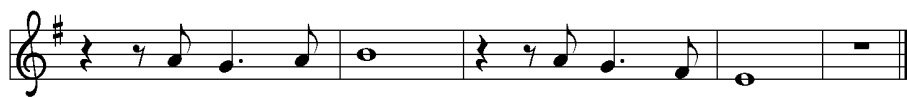
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ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



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.

Leader or All

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,

say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no

fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Final refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us the gifts that form us to be humble and courageous:
the body and blood of your Son.

May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness,
that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Messiah and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

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

BLESSING

P: The God of all compassion bless you in every way, grant you hope all the days of your life,
fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG:**The Lord Now Sends Us Forth****ELW# 538**

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta, es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our prayers today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Laurel Blake, Kathy Runk, Jimmy Fennelli, Caroline Smith, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Jim Loggins, Diane Adler, Katie Paff, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, Shelley Amato and Barbara Lewis.

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

✠ Gene, Annette, and Sandra ✠ Rebecca Cox, Lieber's family, Erika's grandma Lucy, George Stewart, Aurea Soto, families of police officers killed in Florence, for world peace and all who were in the path of Hurricane Michael ✠ Cheryl, Robert, Jerry, Mary, Craig, Nettie, Chandler, Becky, Aiden, Braemen, Emelia, Chico Enes, Vera DeBolt, Margareth Bushman, and for those affected by hurricane Michael, give them comfort and hope.

In a facility or homebound:

Audrey Shumway - Willow Wick, Janesville, Wisconsin 53545
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

Flowers sponsored this week: Rick and Bob in honor of their mom's birthday, Dolores Lauterberg.

Parish Announcements

Welcome to worship!

We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and first time visitors today. 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!

Luther Room Team

Don't forget that if you volunteered to serve on the Luther Room renovation team, that we will be meeting today after worship in the Luther Room to get this important project off the ground!

Thank you from Pastor Schaefer:

Words can hardly express how thankful I am to the entire St. Stephen community and especially those who directly participated in my installation and the wonderful dinner that followed last Sunday afternoon. It was a beautiful liturgy and reception that I will long cherish and be grateful for. Thank you all! -Pastor Bob

\$2700.00!!!

That is the amount that St. Stephen has sent to the Office of the Bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod for direct relief to those congregations and people in the Panhandle who have been affected by Hurricane Michael. This figure does not count any donations that have been made directly to the ELCA through

Lutheran Disaster Relief. In addition to the \$1700 that was directly given in the Installation offering, the congregation council has added an additional \$1000 from St. Stephen.

Last Call (for now): Interested in joining St. Stephen?

We will next welcome any new members to the parish next Sunday, Reformation Sunday, October 28. If you would like to join at this time, you must speak with Pastor Bob today.

Wine & Cheese – Saturday, October 27

This fun event will be in the Fellowship Hall from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Come enjoy good wine, great finger food, raffles, music and companionship! Bring your friends and neighbors, everyone is welcome! A suggested donation of \$15.00 as a fundraiser for our congregation would be collected at the door.

We are invited to the Broward-Bahamas Conference Reformation Service...

Next Sunday afternoon October 28 at 4:00pm, St. John’s Church in Hollywood (2919 Van Buren Street, Hollywood, FL) will host a conference wide observance of the Reformation with a Festival Eucharist. Following the liturgy there will be a light German-American upper in the St. John Parish Hall. If you would like to sing in the volunteer choir, be at the church at 3pm. There is no charge for the dinner but please let Pr. Bob know if you would like to attend. In addition, choirs and members of all conference congregations are invited to participate.

Worshipping Commission Date Change:

Please take note the next meeting of the St Stephen Worshipping Commission will be next Sunday, October 28 at 11:45am. This is a change from the originally scheduled meeting on October 21.

Change for Change: Puerto Rican Relief

Puerto Rico’s revision of the death toll from last September’s horrific Hurricane Maria to 2,975 elevates the storm to one of the greatest catastrophes of recent times in the United States. During September and October, we will be collecting money in the Change for Change tower in the Narthex to help with the ongoing relief effort in Puerto Rico through the ELCA Caribbean Synod. Please be generous. The Congregation Council also designated the \$712 that was currently in the tower for this effort.

Assisting at Our Worship Celebrations in October

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

10:15 AM	<u>October 21</u>	<u>October 28</u>
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Natalie Prego	Sera Butz
ACOLYTE	Sera Butz	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Erika Flanigan	Kevin Otterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w) Lisa Castaneda Suzanne Loggins	Darin Kibler Drew Kibler Marsha Kibler (w) Erika Flanigan
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Katie Paff	Larry Jones
PROJECTION	Dennis Magarrell	Jake Vanzile

**JOIN US:
SUNDAY NOVEMBER
ADULT FORUM**

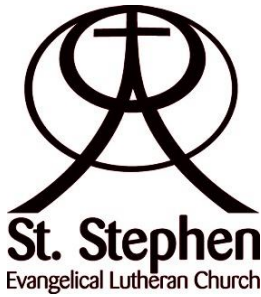
***Signs of God’s Love:
Ourselves, Our Time, Our Possessions***

November 4, 11, 18 from 9:15—10:00am

Stewardship has been defined as everything we do after we say, “I believe.” How does God want to use us and what we have to be signs of God’s gracious presence in the world? We will look at scripture to help us understand the call of Christians is to live generous lives of service in the church and in the world.

PLEASE VOTE NOW!

Is there a better time for you to attend adult formation other than Sunday morning? Indicate that on the space on your attendance card.



Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship
 Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

Church Staff

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 21

- 9:15am Adult Forum (Front of church)
- 10:15am Sunday Worship
- 11:30 Luther Room Team
- 11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

Monday 22

- 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 23

- 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 24

- 8:00am Quilting
- 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 25

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

Friday 26

- 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 27

- 4:30pm-7:30pm Wine & Cheese

Sunday 28

- 10:15am Reformation Worship w/new members
- 11:45am Worshipping Meeting
- 11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry



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