

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.**

September 16, 2018

17th 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

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GATHERING SONG:

Give Me Jesus

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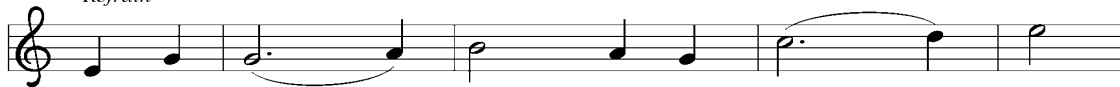


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark. . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

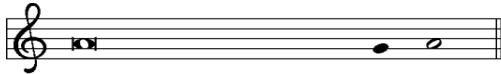
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Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

REETING

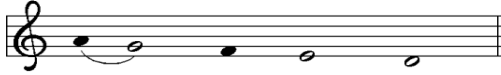
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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.



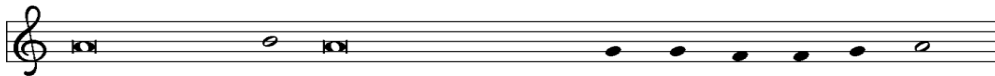
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



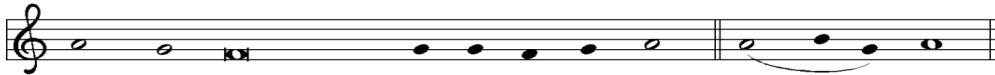
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 "Glory to God"



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, 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 50:4-9a

A Reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
 I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death,**

my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

A Reading from James.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield fresh.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and

others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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:

Lift High the Cross

ELW #660

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain
 our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Holy Baptism

God brings those who are baptized out of death and into life.

PRESENTATION

Mientras se canta un himno bautismal, los candidatos, padrinos y padres se reúnen en torno a la pila bautismal.

En el Santo Bautismo, nuestro Padre celestial por gracia nos libra del pecado y de la muerte al unirnos a la muerte y resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Nacemos hijos de una humanidad caída; en las aguas del bautismo, renacemos como hijos de Dios y herederos de la vida eterna. Por el agua y el Espíritu Santo, se nos hace miembros de la iglesia, es decir del cuerpo de Cristo. A medida que vivimos con él y con su pueblo, crecemos en fe, amor y obediencia a la voluntad de Dios.

Uno de los padrinos de cada candidato presenta al candidato de la siguiente manera o con palabras parecidas:

Yo presento a Mia Elena Guzmán para recibir el Sacramento del Santo Bautismo.

The presiding minister addresses parents:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

Movidos por el amor cristiano, ustedes han presentado a *estos niños* para el Santo Bautismo. Deben, por lo tanto, traerlos fielmente a la casa de Dios y enseñarles el Padrenuestro, el Credo y los Diez Mandamientos. A medida que *vayan* creciendo, deben poner en sus manos las Sagradas Escrituras y proveer medios para su instrucción en la fe cristiana a fin de que, viviendo en el pacto de su bautismo y en comunión con la iglesia, puedan vivir santamente hasta el día de Jesucristo.

¿Promete cada uno de ustedes cumplir con estas obligaciones?

Cada persona contesta:

Sí, lo prometo.

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

I present Mia Elena Guzman for the sacrament of holy baptism.

As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *them* among God's faithful people, bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *their* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *them* in faith and prayer, so that *your children* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your child* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Mia Elena in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Mia Elena and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Les pido que profesen su fe en Jesucristo, que rechacen el pecado y confiesen la fe de la iglesia, la fe en la cual bautizamos.

¿Renuncian ustedes a todas las fuerzas malignas, al diablo y a todas sus promesas vanas?

Sí, renuncio.

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

Mia Elena, yo te bautizo en el nombre del Padre,

Quien preside sumerge al candidato o derrama agua sobre la cabeza del candidato.

y del Hijo,

Quien preside sumerge al candidato o derrama agua sobre la cabeza del candidato por segunda vez.

y del Espíritu Santo. Amén

The assembly may be seated as the ministers and baptismal group go before the altar.

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receive a baptismal garment.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain Mia Elena with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross with Sacred Chrism on the forehead of the baptized.
Mia Elena, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Un representante de la congregación puede dar una vela encendida a cada bautizado o a los padrinos de un niño pequeño, diciendo:

Brille de tal manera tu luz delante de los demás que vean tus buenas obras y glorifiquen a tu Dios.

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

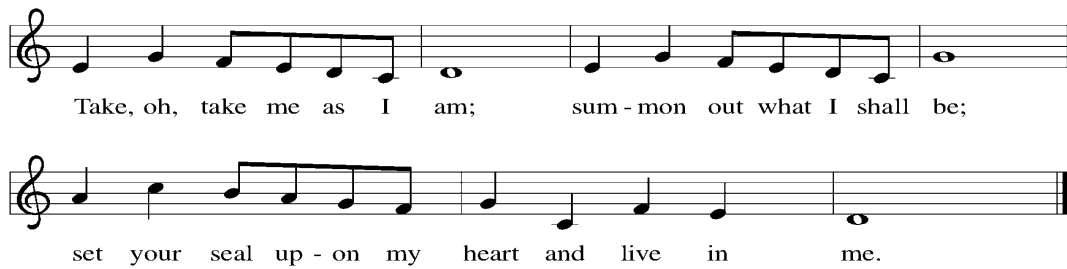
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING:

Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am

ELW #814



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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 Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell
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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

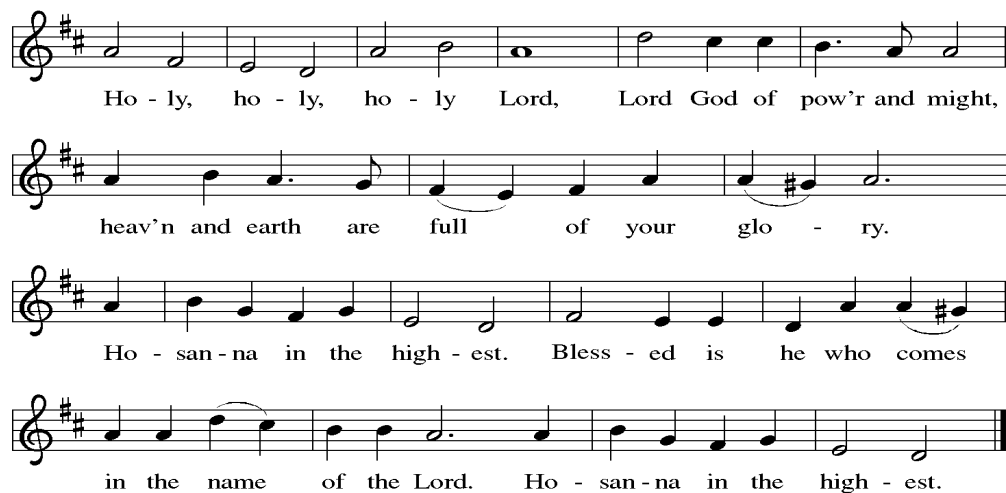
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign....

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

C: 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.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants ...all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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. **Amen.**

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Song:

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW #810

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard-ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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 consolation 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:

Lead On, O King Eternal!

ELW# 805



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

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, and Shelley Amato.

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

✠ Carolyn Sharp, Deborah Sharp, Lynn Sunis, Senator McCain, Adrian, Jean, Nino, Rosie's Fennelli family, Vera DeBolt, Joyce Brelsford, George Stewart, Aurea Soto, and for the families of the Jacksonville shooting, our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and those affected ✠ William & Gerry Stewart, Annette, Gene, Joanna, Betty, Peace, Cheryl, Robert, Aiden, Chandler, Becky, Braemen, Jerry, Mary, Craig, Nettie, Jennifer Castaneda and Cristina Rosua ✠ Eric Hecker, Nicholas De Faria, Ryan Schaly, Joanna Betty, Gene, Annette.

In a facility or homebound:

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Flowers this month sponsored by:

9/20 Marti, Lynda & Zachary in memory of dad, Harry Danforth.
9/27 Aubrey Shumway
9/30 Lauterberg's family in memory of Wayne 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!

We Welcome Mia Elena Guzmán...

Mia will be baptized into Christ's one holy catholic Church during our liturgy today. Her parents are Milton Jose Guzman and Yuris Sugay Lemus. Her godparents are Jose Valenzuela and Dora Franco. Welcome to the body of Christ!

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.

Annual Blessing of the Animals—Saturday, October 6th from 10am—2pm.

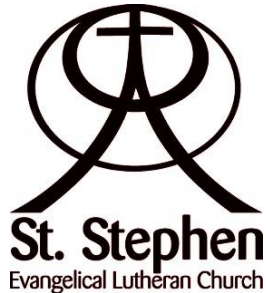
Food and fun in front of the church! All animals, living and stuffed are welcome! Invite all your neighbors and friends in the community. The animals don't need to be Lutheran ☺.

Installation of the Rev. Robert Schaefer as Pastor—Sunday, October 14th at 3:30pm.

Bp. Pedro Suarez will preside and preach at this festive liturgy. A reception with finger food and refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex and join in the celebration.

Help Wanted: Do you like electronics?

We are seeking to grow our sound and projection team. These people work the controls in the back of the church for both the sound system and the images we project. Contact Pr. Bob if you would like to know more.



Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 16

10:15am Sunday Worship & Baptism

11:45am-12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

11:45am Worshipping Commission

Monday 17

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 18

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 19

8:00am Quilting

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 20

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 21

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 22

Happy and Blessed Saturday!

Sunday 23

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45am-12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

Assisting at Our Worship Celebrations in September

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

10:15 AM	<u>September 16</u>	<u>September 23</u>	<u>September 30</u>
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Pat Belanger Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz
ACOLYTE	Sera Butz	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Tom Peterson	Catherine Zippay	Tom Peterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Terry Shumway Linda Hanzlik (w)	Suzanne Loggins Jeanne Pettit Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w)	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Erika Flanigan
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson
SOUND	Eric Castaneda	Terry Shumway	Dennis Magarrell
PROJECTION	Larry Jones	Dennis Magarrell	Larry Jones

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