



Encouraging and strengthening faith in Jesus, and sharing the joy of God's love.

July 02, 2017

4th Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

Rev. Pedro Suarez

—WE GATHER—

INTRODUCTION

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God:

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. 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.

C: AMEN.

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet



y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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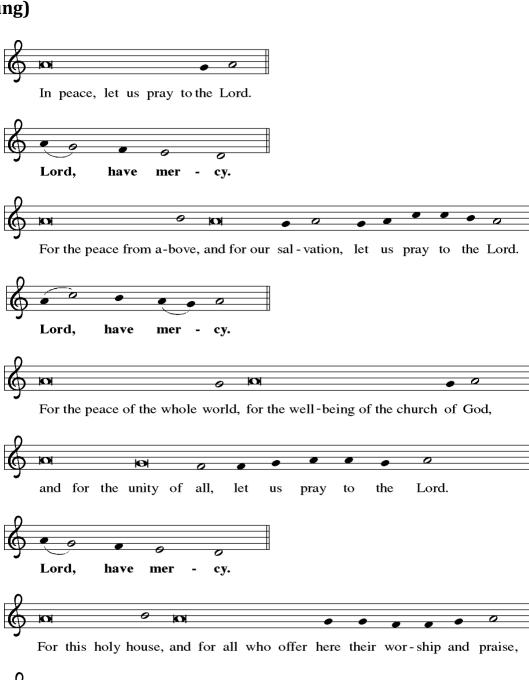
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THE GREETING

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

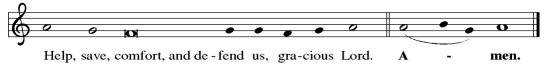
C: And also with you.

KYRIE (Sung)

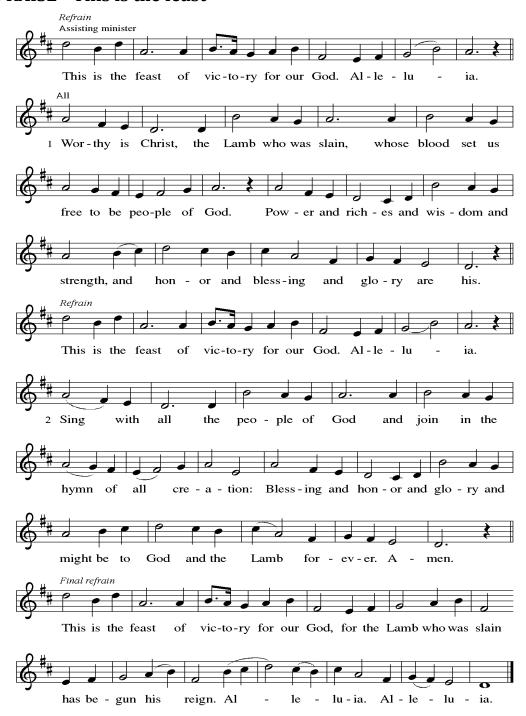








HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the feast"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

—WE HEAR GOD'S WORD—

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (ELW): PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;

you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

3"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Please Rise for the Gospel Acclamation.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia"



P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

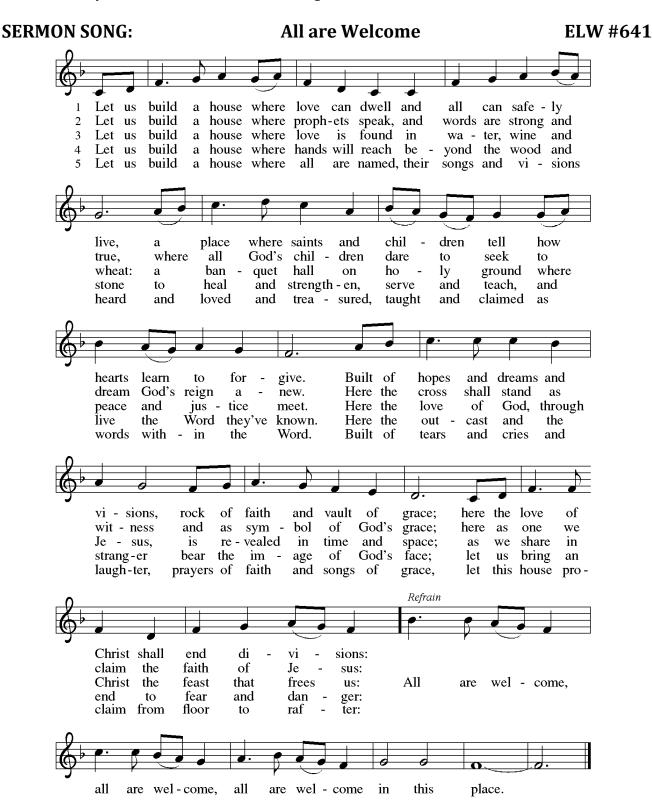
[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON Rev. Pedro Suarez

P: Please stand as you are able for the Sermon Song.



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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- P: These persons have come to us from other congregations and desire to be members of our community of faith. They are: Antonio Alves, Jessika Gabrielli, Robert & Judith Fix, Rafael Suarez, Ashley Cartwright, and Julia Barfield.
- P: Brothers and sisters, is it your intention to be active members of St. Stephen Lutheran Church?

NM: Yes, it is.

P: Then I ask you to profess your faith along with this assembly.

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.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share the Lord's super, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

NM: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

- P: Let us pray: We thank you, Lord, for these new members of our congregation. By your life-giving power, bind us to each other in you, strengthen us for service, support us all our days, and bring us at length to that day when all your children will be one and you will be All-In-All, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**
- P: Let us welcome them among us.
- C: We welcome you as members of St. Stephen Lutheran Church to join with us in worshiping God, hearing his Word and sharing his supper, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share with one another the peace of the Lord.

~WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE~

OFFERING



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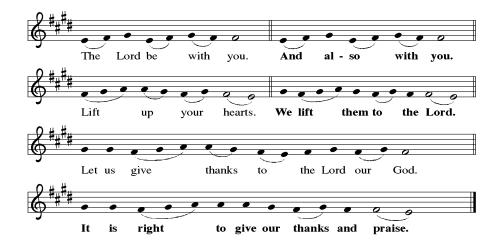
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850

OFFERING PRAYER

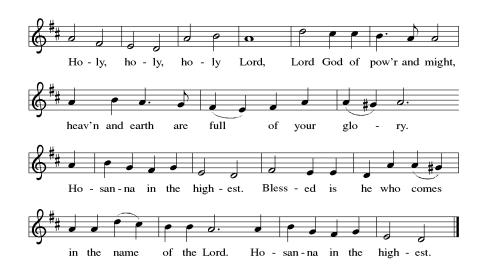
A: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dialogue (Sung)



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

P: And now, we come to You in prayer, as our Savior Jesus has taught us:

C: 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.

Invitation of Communion

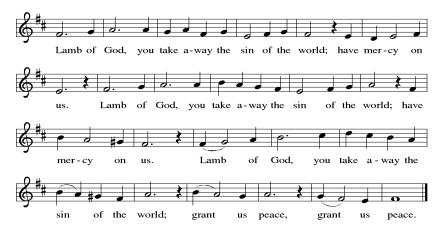
P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Reception of Communion

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

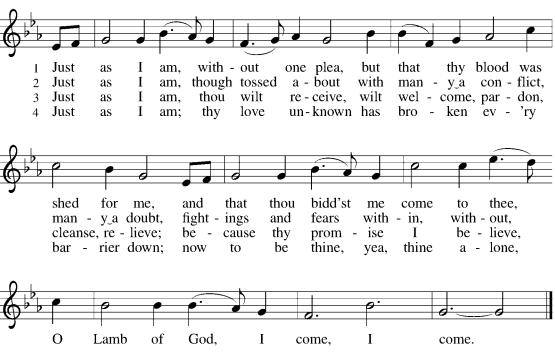
Communion distribution today is at the Altar rail and received by intinction. Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of an usher, and kneel or stand (as you are able) at the Altar rail. Receive the bread in your hands and dip it in the wine. The wine is alcohol free. There is no group dismissal. Please return to your seats by the center aisle. There will be another communion station below for those that prefer not to come to the Altar rail. Please indicate if you need gluten-free elements.

"LAMB OF GOD"





ELW #592



Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

Instrumental Music

Cesar Vidaud

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

~WE ARE SENT FORTH~

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's faces shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ⊕ give you peace. **Amen.**

Announcements

with hopes and high mine. dreams as true and as song of and mine. a peace for their land for my - self I give let your will be done. you;

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the joy of God's love.

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: We also need to pray for Joe Leone, Laurel Blake, Jim Loggins, Barb Taylor, Diane Adler, Jean Rogers, Katie, Christopher Belanger, Janet Isner, Paul Hanzlik, Roy Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, Chico E., C.C., and Bud Danker and family at the death of his loving wife, Jan who passed away peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

Prayers for Friends of the Church: Kristin Deering, Fran Marron, Monique Rogers and her mom Betty, Marie Trykoski, Dennis Vancour, Myrka Alverist's family, Maggie Alverist, Ann Farrell, Normagene Richardson, Aiden Chase, Brenna Taylor, Rita Stevenson, Mike, Barbara Greco, Dr. Willis Allen, Eleanor Knauf, Alessandra, Cheryl, Nick Caldwell Sr., Lucille Capece, Lexie Sachlis, George F., David Spall, Joan Coletti, Isolina Quintana, Adam Rubino, Berna, Braemen Weiner, Chandler Weiner, Debbie Seckel, Elizabeth Kraus, Hazel Quire, Juan Tavarez, Kenneth Smith, Mary Taylor, Cynthia, Richard H., Laurie Engelhardt, and the Crawford and McGurk families at the death of Thomas McGurk.

Flowers this week sponsored by: Juliet Crawford and family in loving memory of Cynthia Langbauer.

Announcements

NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY: Today, July 2 will be receiving 7 new members to our St. Stephen's family. Let pray and welcome Robert & Judith Fix, Antonio Alves & Jessika Gabrielli, Julia Barfield, Rafael Suarez and Ashley Cartwright.

LESS PAPER FOR BULLETINS: In order to save paper and money in photocopies, **during summer**, we will print half the amount of bulletins and the ushers will only give bulletins to whoever asks for them. Otherwise, the option of projection is always there.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Thursday, August 3 until Saturday, August 5. Celebrate God's creation this summer with ReNew VBS, a 3-day curriculum that empowers kids in grade PreK-Grade 6 to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world. For more information please contact Brook Tierney or Aura Suarez.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Service Assistants for July

10:15 AM	July 2	July 9	<u>July 16</u>	July 23	July 30
ASSISTING MINISTER	Carol Jacobson	Aura Suarez	Sera Butz	Pat Belanger	Aura Suarez
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff	Sera Butz	Aiyana Cartwright	Aiyana Cartwright	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Rosie Fennelli	Rick Dunton	Catherine Zippay	Tom Peterson	Sera Butz
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Suzanne Loggins Linda Hanzlik Terry Shumway Lisa Castaneda	Floyd McDonald Lynda Smith Zachary Smith Kimmy Fennelli	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Terry Shumway Catherine Zippay	Floyd McDonald Lisa Castaneda Lynda Smith Zachary Smith	Darin Kibler Marsha Kibler Drew Kibler Linda Hanzlik
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Barbara Kaptain	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle
SOUND	Larry Jones	Dennis Magarrell	Dennis Magarell	Sera Butz	Dennis Magarell
PROJECTION	Eric Castaneda	Chris Castaneda	Katie Paff	Larry Jones	Katie Paff



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Sunday Schedule

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

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