### St Stephen

Evangelical Lutheran Church



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

June 12, 2016

**4th Sunday after Pentecost** 

10:15am

Rev. Tom Peterson, supply pastor.

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### —WE GATHER—

### INTRODUCTION

The enormity of our sin is surpassed only by the mercy of God. We come, repentant, to the table of the Lord. In the body and blood of Jesus, in the announcement of our absolution, all our sins are forgiven. "Happy are they . . . whose sin is put away." Happy are we.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Please stand as you are able.

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.



Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;

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2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra-cious; nev-er shall his prom-ise fail.



sun and moon, re-joice be-fore him; praise him, gleam-ing stars and light. God has made his saints vic-to-rious; sin and death shall not pre-vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo-ken; worlds his might-y voice o-beyed; Praise the God of our sal-va-tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro-claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro-ken for their guid-ance he has made. heav'n and earth, and all cre-a - tion, laud and mag-ni - fy his name!

Text: Foundling Hospital Collection, London, 1796 Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809

### 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.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: O God, throughout the ages you judge your people with mercy, and you inspire us to speak your truth. By your Spirit, anoint us for lives of faith and service, and bring all people into your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN

### Children's Message

### -WE HEAR GOD'S WORD-

**FIRST READING:** 

2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-15

<sup>26</sup>When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. <sup>27</sup>When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, <sup>12:1</sup>and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many flocks and herds; <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." <sup>5</sup>Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup>he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

<sup>7</sup>Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup>I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup>Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife." <sup>13</sup>David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan said to David, "Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child that is born to you shall die." <sup>15</sup>Then Nathan went to his house.

The LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became very ill.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### PSALM (ELW): Psalm 32

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- <sup>2</sup> Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- <sup>3</sup> While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.
- <sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.
- <sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- <sup>9</sup> Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.
- <sup>10</sup> Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.
- <sup>11</sup> Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

### SECOND READING: Galatians 2:15-21

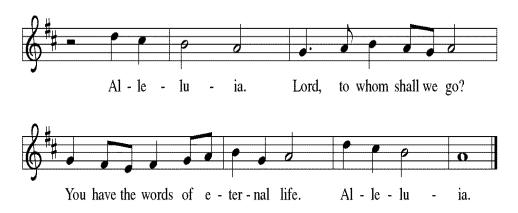
<sup>15</sup> We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup> But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup> But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. <sup>19</sup> For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; <sup>20</sup> and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now lives in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

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. Luke, the 7th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

### **GOSPEL: Luke 7:36—8:3**

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup> And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup> She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." 40 Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." 41 "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." 44 Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. 45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." 48 Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" 50 And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

8 Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, <sup>3</sup> and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

You may be seated.

**SERMON** 

**Rev. Tom Peterson** 

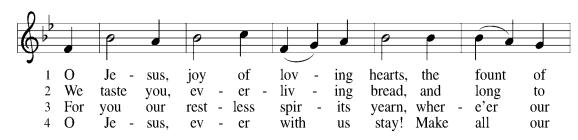
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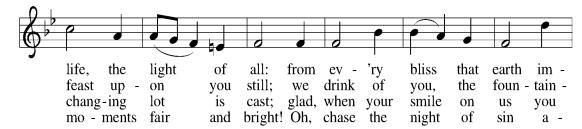
P: Please stand as you are able for the Sermon Song.

**SERMON SONG:** 

### O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

**ELW #658** 







Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.

Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815

### **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.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

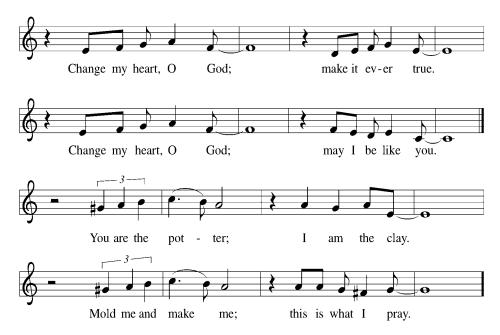
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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

### ~WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE~

### **OFFERING**



Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953 Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa Text and music © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, admin. Music Services

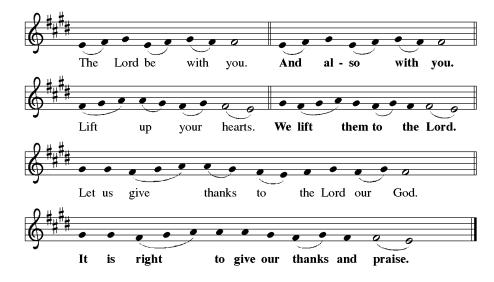
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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

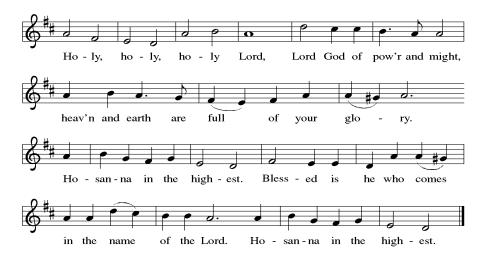
A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### 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 God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

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 we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** 

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

### Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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.

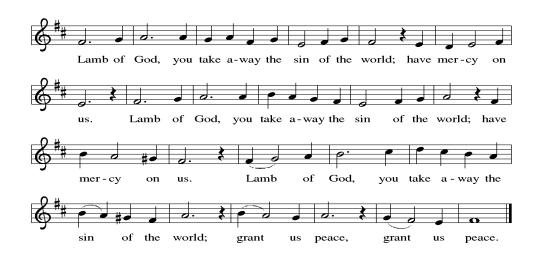
We believe Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine by his Word of Promise. All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of God's forgiving love, strengthening faith, and grace-filled hope. Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a blessing (please cross your arms on your chest if you desire a blessing).

### **Reception of Communion**

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

Communion distribution is continuous. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the bread in your hands as you hear the words "The body of Christ, given for you" to which you may respond, "Amen." You may then dip the bread into the cup as you hear the words "The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond, "Amen." Please note that the communion wine is alcohol-free. Please indicate if you need gluten-free elements.

### "LAMB OF GOD"



### **Communion Song:**

### Just a Closer Walk with Thee

**ELW #697** 



Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

### **Instrumental Music**

Cesar Vidaud

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.** 

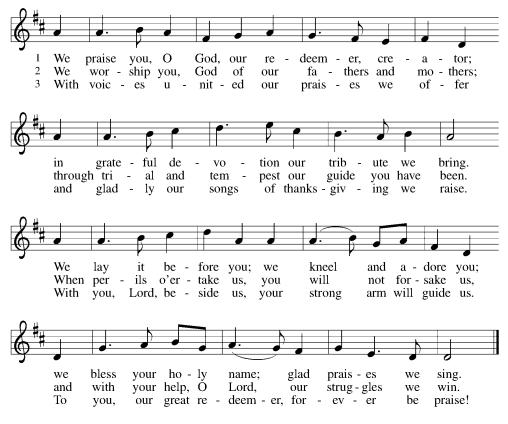
### ~WE ARE SENT FORTH~

### **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  $\,\pm\,$  give you peace. Amen.



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck, 1626

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

### 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: Cynthia Langbauer. We also need to pray for, Kathy Runk, Marie Koach, Roy Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, Larry and Beverly Sheehan, Chico E., Paul Hanzlik, C.C., Pastor Ed Bary and Don Schutt on the death of his wife Kathi Schutt and for her family.

Prayers for Friends of the Church: Anna Czerniawski, Elena Mullahey, Debbie Varie-Bright, Joyce Brelsford, Kathy Dickeroff, Dennis VanCour, Lucille Capece, Marty Shram, Lexie Sachlis, George F., David Spall, Joan Coletti, Giacomo Dresseno, Isolina Quintana, Jeannie Rogers, Adam Rubino, Berna, Braemen Weiner, Chandler Weiner, Debbie Seckel, Elaine Brustad, Elizabeth Kraus, Hazel Quire, Juan Tavarez, Kenneth Smith, Mary Taylor, Norma Duckworth, Cynthia, Tim Tyler, Richard H., Antonio C., Mireya D., Laurie Engelhardt, Lemmuel Knowles Sr., Jean and Ken McCormick, the Rodriguez Family.

We are always updating our prayer list. If you would like your name added or removed, please notify Pat Belanger or the office.

Flowers sponsor this week by: Bud and Jan Danker for their wedding anniversary.

### **Appouncements**

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY:** Our Pastor Pedro Suarez is today at the Synod Assembly at Daytona Beach with our representatives, Eric Castaneda and Natalie Prego.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Our sister Kathi Schutt was called to the Church Triumphant on Sunday May 8, 2016. All are welcome to her memorial service which will be held at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Pompano Beach on Saturday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be given to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Pompano Beach. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS NIGHT:** We will try a new way of doing our Faith Formation. Beginning June 23 at 5:30 p.m. we will have soup & salad plus fellowship, followed by different faith learning opportunities for all ages. At 7:00 p.m. we will close our evening with a Praise and Prayer time, all in the Fellowship Hall. Join us!

**JOIN THE "SUMMER CHOIR!** A small group will be forming a "summer choir" to sing once a month--the first Sunday of each month: June 5, July 3 and August 7. There will be a rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. on the Thursday evening before each of these dates. Like to sing? Come join us. Questions? See our music director, Cesar Vidaud.

**9:00 A.M. LITURGICAL WORSHIP**: Beginning June 19 and on the 9:00 am service will also be a regular liturgical service during the summer, since our Faith Formation will be on Thursdays. **The 10:15 a.m. will remain the same**.

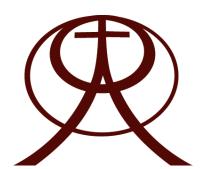
**FILLING OUT PEW PADS:** At the end of each pew there are some pads for information. Please fill them out as you are able, and we may contact you if you wish, with the monthly Newsletter, or indicate if you need a pastoral call.

### Service Assistants for June

10:15 AM	<u>June 12</u>	<u>June 19</u>	<u>June 26</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Sera Butz	Aura Suarez	Pat Belanger
ACOLYTE	Taryn Booth	Katie Paff	Maddie Kibler
LECTOR	Sera Butz	Kevin Otterson	Sera Butz
USHERS – Need 4 to	Lynda Smith	Harry Ambrose	Darin Kibler
Serve	Zachary Smith	Patricia Engle	Marsha Kibler
	Carissa Esposito	Tom Peterson	Drew Kibler
	Lisa Castaneda	Diane Paff	Floyd MacDonald
	Head Usher – Rosie	Head Usher –Linda	Head Usher – Linda
Head Usher	Fennelli	Hanzlik	Hanzlik
GREETERS – Need 2 to	Rose Jones	Caroline Smith	Kelly Jacobson
serve	Kelly Jacobson	Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones
SOUND	Kathi Paff	Larry Jones	Dennis Magarrell
PROJECTION	Larry Jones	Aura Suarez	Sera Butz



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### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

Praise and Faith formation 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service at 10:15 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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