St Stephen

Evangelical Lutheran Church



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

May 29, 2016

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

Rev. Pedro Suarez

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

—WE GATHER—

INTRODUCTION

God hears every prayer—the prayer of the outsider as well as the prayer of the insider. The attentive nature of our God is evident as God comes to us again and again in the word and in the supper. "Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD." Do it today.

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.



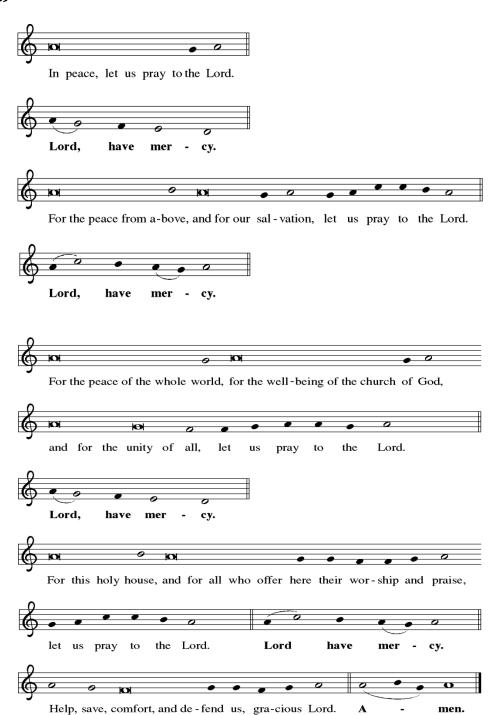
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THE GREETING

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: Merciful Lord God, we do not presume to come before you trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great and abundant mercies. Revive our faith, we pray; heal our bodies, and mend our communities, that we may evermore dwell in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **AMEN**

Children's Message

-WE HEAR GOD'S WORD-

FIRST READING: 1Kings 8:22-23, 41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³ He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ⁴¹ "Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name ⁴²—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³ then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (ELW): Psalm 96:1-9

- ¹O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

SECOND READING: Galatians 1:1-12

Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— ² and all the members of God's family who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

- ⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! ⁹ As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!
- ¹⁰ Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.
- ¹¹ For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; ¹² for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

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 7:1-10

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ² A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. ³ When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. ⁴ When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, ⁵ for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." ⁶ And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; ⁷ therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸ For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." ⁹ When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰ When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ!

You may be seated.

SERMON Rev. Pedro Suarez

—WE RESPOND—

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



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APOSTLES' CREED

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

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body. and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Rejoicing in the triune God, 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

MUSICAL OFFERING:

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

ELW #610



- Christ, the heal er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- From ev 'ry ail-ment flesh en dures our bod ies clam or
- con flicts that de stroy our health we rec og nize the world's dis ease;
- faith, in your com-mu ni ty Grant that we all, made one in



re-stored when reached by love that nev - er How can we fail to be our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need. in our com-mon life de-clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these? the whole-ness that, en-rich-ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

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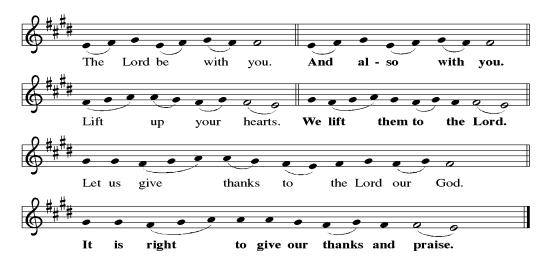
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OFFERING PRAYER

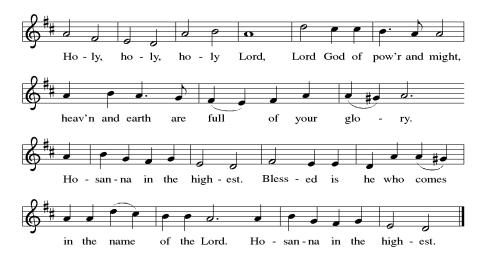
A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.

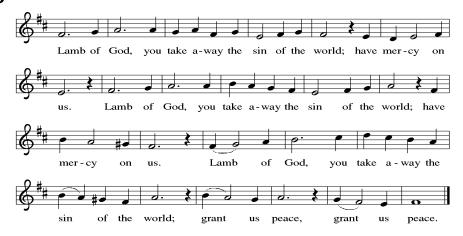
We believe Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine by his Word of Promise. All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of God's forgiving love, strengthening faith, and grace-filled hope. Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a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

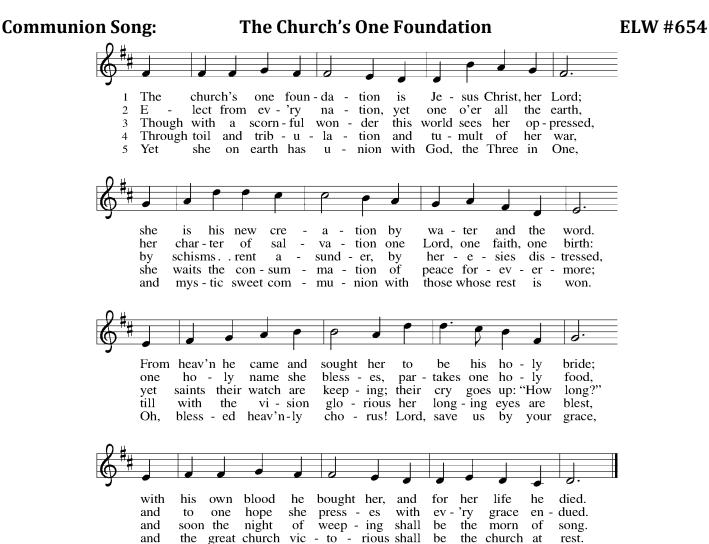
Reception of Communion

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"





Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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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.**

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~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 \oplus give you peace. **Amen.**



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 Rinehold, 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: 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.

Announcements

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 musician director, Cesar Vidaud.

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.

COUNCIL MEETING: Council members please note that our regular monthly meeting will be on the 31st of May at 7pm. at Pastor Pedro Suarez's home.

PRAISE AND PRAYER: Please join us for a time of singing contemporary songs with meditation and prayer every Thursday at 7:00pm.

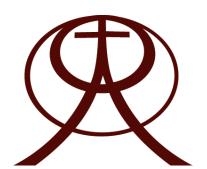
FOOD PACKING EVENT: Food For the Poor is hosting a **great hands-on, food packing event** entitled "Join the Pack" on June 4, 2016 at Advent Lutheran Church in Boca Raton. During the event, 500 volunteers will hand-pack 100,000 meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. These meals will be sent to Haiti to provide much needed nutrition to starving children. We are delighted to invite you to join us to help us pack! We are recruiting teams of twenty to pack meals in two-hour shifts. For more information please contact Cassandra Celestin at 954-427-2222 ext. 4020.

Service Assistants for May

10:15 AM	<u>May 29</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Pat Belanger
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff
LECTOR	Sera Butz
USHERS – Need 4 to Serve	Floyd MacDonald Lisa Castaneda Carole Jacobson Jean Pettit
Head Usher	Head Usher – Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to serve	Eduardo Arango Marie Koach
SOUND	Katie Paff
PROJECTION	Larry Jones



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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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