

# St Stephen

**Lutheran Church, ELCA** 



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

**November 26, 2017** 

**Christ the King** 

10:15am

Rev. Tom Peterson

#### —WE GATHER—

#### INTRODUCTION

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

#### **WELCOME**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom. **C: Amen.** 

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

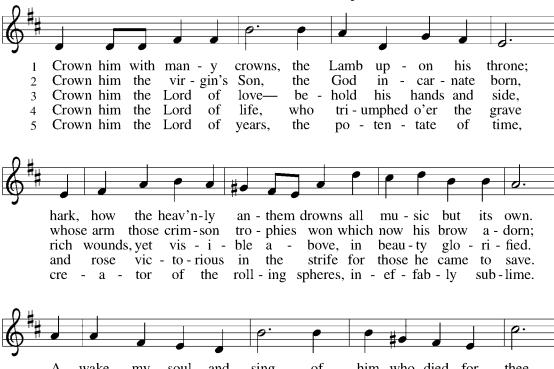
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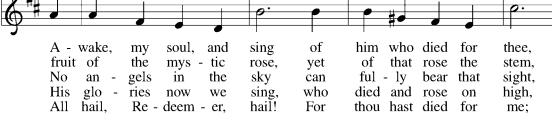
P: Gracious God:

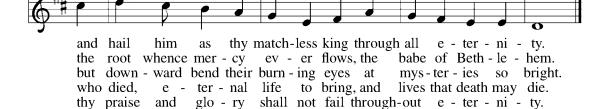
C: O God, our merciful redeemer, we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for + his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

C: AMEN.







Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

#### 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)**



pray to the Lord.

let us

pray to the Lord,

let us

#### HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the feast"



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

#### Children's message

#### —WE HEAR GOD'S WORD—

#### FIRST READING:

#### Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GoD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GoD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM (ELW): PSALM 95:1-7a

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

#### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance

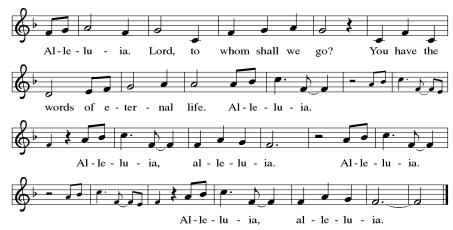
among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' 41Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

<sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON Rev. Tom Peterson

#### —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: Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

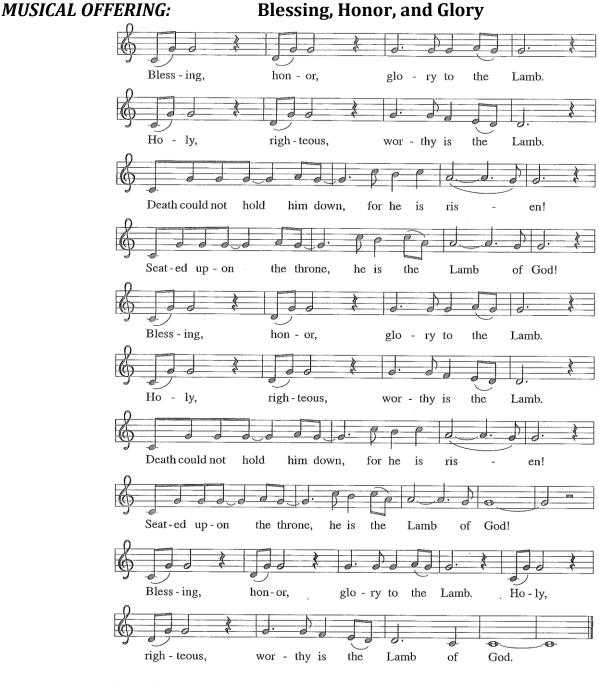
#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

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.

#### **OFFERING**



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BLESSING, HONOR, AND GLORY

**ELW #433** 

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

A: Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need.

The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.

As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love;

let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

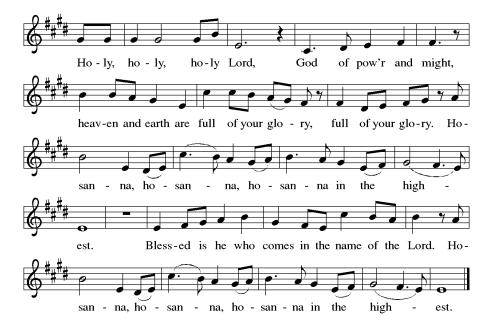
We lift them to the Lord.

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, 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, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,

you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,

and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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 life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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**

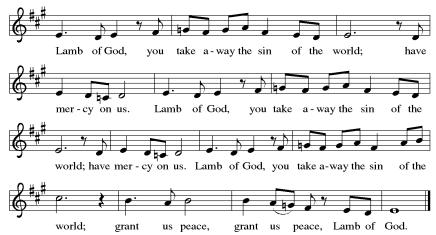
P: Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

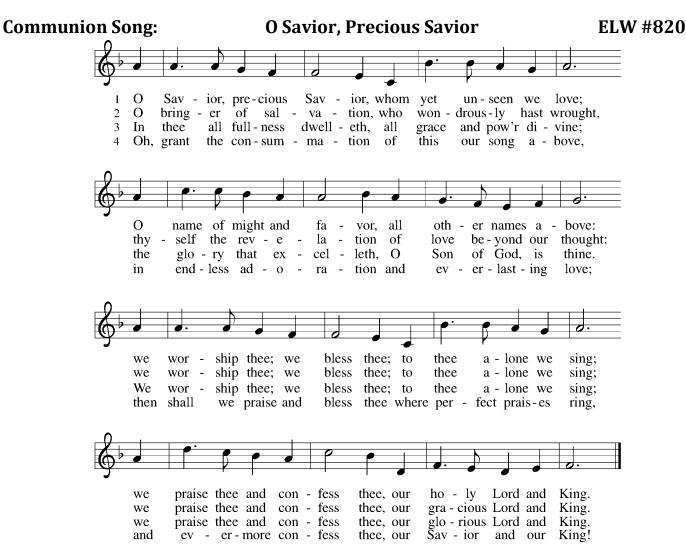
#### **Reception of Communion**

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 indicate if you need gluten-free and alcohol-free elements.

#### "LAMB OF GOD"





Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

#### Instrumental Music

Cesar Vidaud

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

A: Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

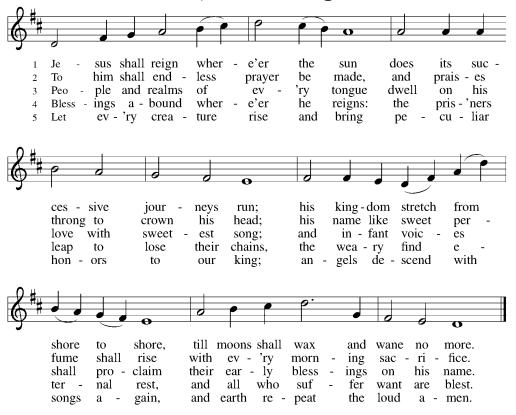
C: Amen.

#### ~WE ARE SENT FORTH~

#### Benediction

P: The love of God surround you; the grace of + Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore. **C: Amen.** 

#### Announcements



**ELW #434** 

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

#### **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: Rudy Koch, Laurel Blake, Jim Loggins, Barb Taylor, Diane Adler, Jean Rogers, Katie, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Lisa Allen, Bob & Jane Reinhold, C.C., Trudy DiCarlo and Marie Koach.

**Prayers for Friends of the Church**: Damien S., Monique Rogers and her mom Betty, Marie Trykoski, 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, Adam Rubino, Berna, Braemen Weiner, Chandler Weiner, Debbie Seckel, Elizabeth Kraus, Kenneth Smith, Mary Taylor, Cynthia, Richard H., Laurie Engelhardt, and the family of Jane Isner who died peacefully last week.

### **Announcements**

**ESTIMATE OF GIVING:** A gentle reminder to fill the Estimate of Giving out. There will be copies printed in the Narthex. Please fill it out and send it back either by email at <a href="mailto:sslcpompano@gmail.com">sslcpompano@gmail.com</a> or drop it off at church office.

**BARBARA'S UPDATE:** St. Stephen's family members, Barbara Kaptain now resides at the Atrium, assisted living at Boca Raton, 1080 NW 15<sup>TH</sup> St Room #215 (just off I-95 and Glades Road). Please note that we are the only "family" close enough to visit and seeing a familiar face will surely keep Barbara smiling. A good time to visit is any day between 2pm – 4pm.

**THE LUTHER ROOM:** Most of us know it as the Choir Room, other know it as the Music Room, it is the room west of the Narthex. Through the years it has become also a storage room. Unfortunately, it has also been neglected, and since it is being used for more than choir practices, it doesn't feel inviting or part of the growing church that we are now. We would like to renovate this room. We hope to dedicate this "Martin Luther Room" as part of our commemoration of the 500 years of the Reformation on October 29, 2017. Would you like to be part of this effort? Please make your donation in an envelope specifying, "Luther Room by \_\_\_\_\_ in honor of \_\_\_\_\_." You may also contact the church office.

#### Service Assistants for today

10:15 AM	November 26 Christ the King
ASSISTING MINISTER	Sera Butz
ACOLYTE	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Carol Jacobson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Marsha Kibler Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Suzanne Loggins
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Katie Paff
PROJECTION	Larry Jones



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#### **Sunday Schedule**

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

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