

# St Stephen

a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor



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

August 16, 2020

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

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## Holy Communion

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### Introduction to the Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

*In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*



### Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### Prelude

### Welcome

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be God forever, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, God is merciful to us and blesses us. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Lord, too often we have failed to maintain justice, and do what is right.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, you came to call sinners.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, give us your blessing, that all the ends of the earth may stand in awe.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.*

God is merciful to us and blesses us; in the name of Jesus Christ ✝ your sins are forgiven. May the light of God's face shine upon us.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG:

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW# 858



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

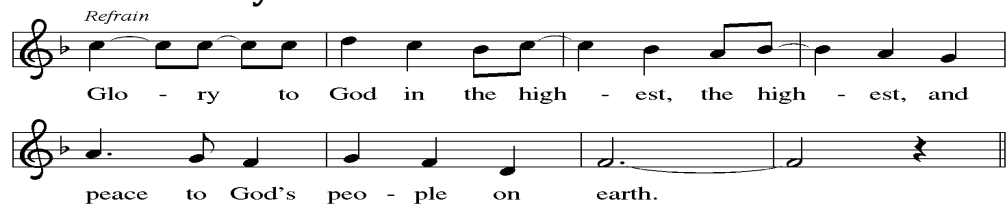
*The presiding minister and assembly greet each other.*

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

**And also with you.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE: Glory to God

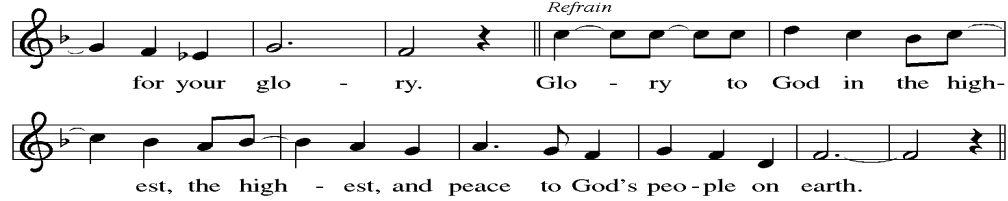
*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

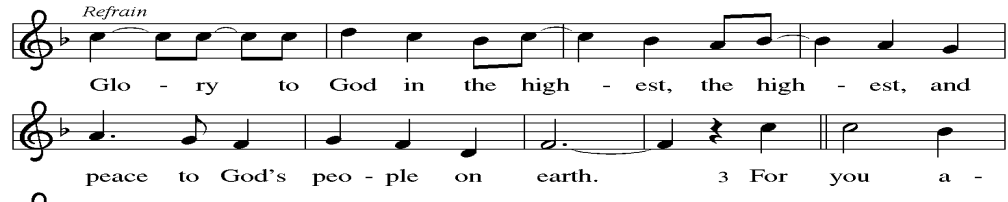
*Refrain*



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

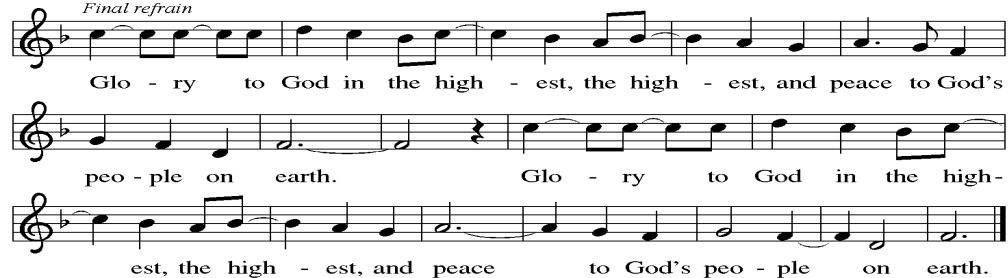


Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly sits.*



## Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. <sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— <sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. <sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 67**

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**

**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

### **SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

A reading from Romans.

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

P: ✚ The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

The Rev. Robert Schaefer

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW# 612

*Refrain*  
Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,  
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

*Refrain*

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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 Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen  
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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.**

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition of the prayer is said:*

A: ....., merciful God: C: **help us, O Lord.**

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

*The assembly sits.*



## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## SETTING THE TABLE

### OFFERING SONG:

### We Eat the Bread of Teaching

ELW# 518

*Refrain*

We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are  
giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er  
joined, the great-est and the least, we all are  
one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.

1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our  
2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and  
3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her

hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-  
gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-  
rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-

*Refrain*

ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.  
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.  
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

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*The assembly stands.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

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, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The presiding minister continues to give thanks:*

Lord, you are holy indeed, ...

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.:

**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

*The bread is broken for the communion.*

P: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

*The assembly is seated.*

### Lamb of God



*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
*O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



*ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.*  
*have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.*



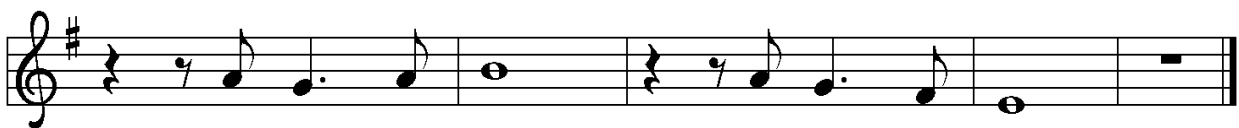
*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
*O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



*ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.*  
*have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.*



*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
*O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



*da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.*  
*grant us your peace, grant us your peace.*



- 1 Praise, praise! You are my rock. The wind, the waves are high. You hold me  
 2 Praise, praise! You are my rock. My des - ert sand is dry. You break the  
 3 Praise, praise! You are my rock. You calm the fear and pain. One word of  
 4 Praise, praise! You are my rock. You host the ta - ble set. We break the



when the waves are strong. You hold me lest I die, I die.  
 rock, a riv - er flows. You hear me when I cry, I cry.  
 faith and I am well, I rise to praise and walk a - gain.  
 bread, we drink the cup; we know whom we have met, have met.



Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

- 5 Praise, praise! You are my rock. The Easter grave is sealed;  
 you roll the stone—you, God, alone—  
 then sin and death are healed, are healed.  
 Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.
- 6 Praise, praise! You are my rock.  
 You stood high on a hill.  
 A holy cloud: you are on high.  
 Be still, my heart, be still, be still.  
 Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assembly stands and the assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

God of the welcome table, in this meal we feast on your goodness and are united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth healed and sustained by Christ's body and blood, so that we may share your love and peace with all, through the giver of abundant life. Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**



## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Announcements

### BLESSING

*All may make the sign of the cross as they receive God's blessing.*

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:**

**Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**ELW# 886**



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,                      6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
O fallen human race!                                      be now and ever giv'n  
Look and be saved through faith alone,              by saints below and saints above,  
be justified by grace!                                        the church in earth and heav'n.

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**DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



***RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY OUTSIDE!***

The Eucharist is the Real Presence of Jesus and central to nourishing and sustaining our faith—especially during this pandemic. While we can't safely gather in large groups in the church yet, you are encouraged to come with your loved ones to receive the Lord's Supper in a safe way outside the church. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be given today by Pastor Bob in the church parking lot, in front of the main entrance from 12:00pm—12:30pm. It will be drive through. Please follow the ushers' directions on arrival and maintain social distancing. Please wear a mask except when receiving the sacrament.

**IN OUR PRAYERS...**

In our prayers today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Randy Mottesheard, Susanne Loggins, Pastor Bob, Marti Stroberg, Dolores Lauterberg, Jake Waldecki, Sera Butz, George Arce, Laurel Blake, Dorothy Johnson, James Loggins, Don Schutt, Normagene Richardson, Mildred Grady, Carol Chmelynski, Rosie & Jimmy Fennelli, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Katie Paff, Bob Reinhold, and Shelley Amato, The Castaneda family, Pat Engle.

**PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS OF THE PARISH**

✠ Belinda Barfield, Marjorie, Nicole Doherty, Roy Branham, Gene Chris Amanda. Annette Madison Mason Betty Joanna Susan Betty, Chuck, Pat, Bruce.

## IN A FACILITY OR HOMEBOUND:

Barbara Kaptain – The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.  
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Evelyn Braun – 6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433  
Jim Loggins - John Knox Village – Woodlands 700 SW 4th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060  
Bud Danker - 3020 N. Ridge Road Apartment W-316 Ellicott City, MD 21043.



*In response to the amazing love, mercy and grace of God, St. Stephen Lutheran Church is a community that openly welcomes all who are seeking God's divine love and grace. All are welcome in this place regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic situation or life situation, marital or relationship status, or your doubts about faith and church. Our unity is in Christ. Your family, children, friends, spouses and partners are welcome. Your diversity and uniqueness enriches and expands our community. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.*

### ***It's time for a clean-up day! (sort of)***

Covid-19 is not only having a big effect on our lives, it is also starting to have an effect on the church grounds! The place is starting to look like an old west town—we just need tumble weeds...Things getting overgrown and generally messy looking from lack of use. Normally we would ask people to come together for a work and cleanup day. Unfortunately, we still can't do that right now. The Congregation Council had the great idea to have a virtual parish cleanup day. It works like this: The Administration Team has provided a list of all the projects that need attention around our campus. Please refer to my ***Weekly Update from St. Stephen*** from this past Wednesday for a list of projects that are available.

### ***Zoom St. Stephen Family Check-in***

Many of us haven't been together for a long time, so it's time again to have a virtual coffee hour and check-in with each other. I will host a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and again on Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00pm. Please join us for one of these virtual gatherings simply to check-in with each other and receive the latest news from St. Stephen. Before these virtual gatherings, I will send a link via email. All you need to do is click on the link on your computer or smart device and you will gain access to the meeting. If you just want to join by phone, there is a number you can call for that as well. If you have any questions about how to do this, please "reply" to this email or better yet, call me in the office (954.942.4473) and I will coach you! It's just like a conference call except with video!



We are currently supporting FEEDING SOUTH FLORIDA with our virtual Change for Change Tower. Feeding South Florida is the largest, most efficient food bank serving Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties. **Send your loose change to Church and let's fill up the Change for Change Tower. You may give on line by following the link on our homepage at: [www.ststephenlutheran.net](http://www.ststephenlutheran.net)**

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