



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

August 19, 2018

13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering

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

INTRODUCTION

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands as able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal God our creator:

C: In you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners;

and for his sake, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG:

Voices Raised to You

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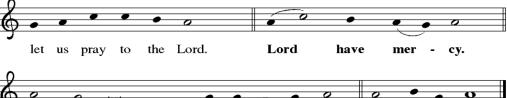
GREETING

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





Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE "This is the feast"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly sits.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

A Reading from Proverbs.

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, ⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:9-14

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger,

but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;

I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

¹²Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

A Reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

P: The Holy Gospel, according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

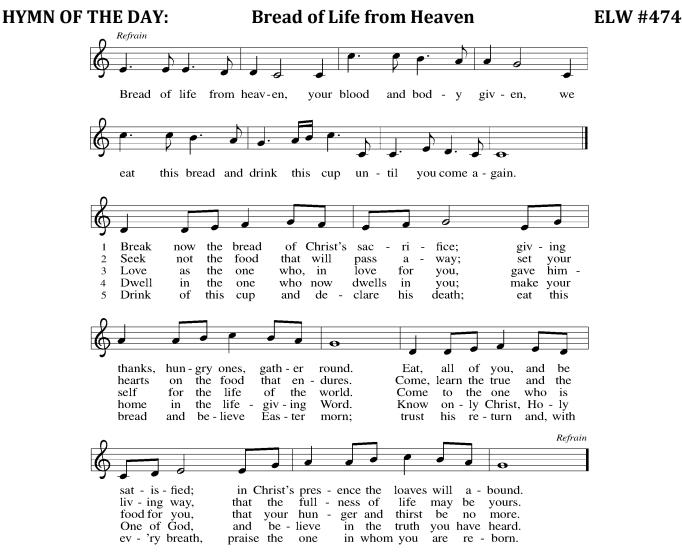
The assembly is seated.

Youth and Children message

SERMON

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



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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: Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

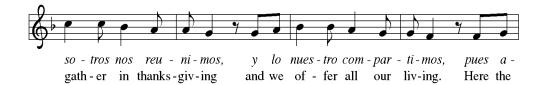
MUSICAL OFFERING:

God Extends an Invitation

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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

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.

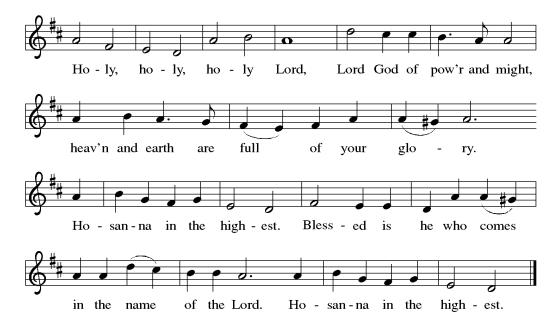
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:



Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer... and to form us again into one.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal to be the body and blood of Christ: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, both now and forever. **Amen**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray.

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

P: This is the Lamb of God. This is the bread of life.

Whoever comes to Jesus will never be hungry, and whoever believes will never be thirsty. *The bread is broken for the communion. The assembly is seated.*

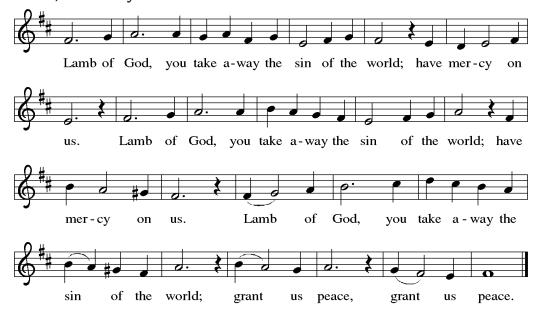
All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest if you desire a blessing.

At St. Stephen we receive Holy Communion by receiving the bread and then either drinking directly from the cup or by intinction: That means that you may **receive the bread in your hand and then dip bread in the wine**.)

Gluten free bread is available on the right side. (please ask)

Alcohol free wine is available on the right side. (please ask)

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





I Am the Bread of Life



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Instrumental Music

Cesar Vidaud

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.



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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

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: Kathy Runk, Jimmy Fennelli, Caroline Smith, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Laurel Blake, Jim Loggins, Diane Adler, Katie Paff, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

Prayers for Friends of the Church: (Please renew your request every 3 weeks)

➡ Marcus Castaneda, Pastor George Cruz, the Zambrano family at the death of Oswald Zambrano, and the family of Homer Smith who passed away on Monday ➡ George Stewart, Marjorie, Aurea Soto, Connie's Huber daughter, Joyce Brelsford, and Kathy Runk and the family of John McKenzie upon his death ➡ Julia, Rosie's Fennelli family, Yvonne Vasquez, Laurie Gonzalez, Bob Lehr, Vera and Brian DeBolt, Dawn's Schramm sister in law, Gene, Amanda, and Carol Chmelynski.

In a facility or homebound:

Audrey Shumway - Willow Wick, Janesville, Wisconsin 53545
Barbara Kaptain - The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.

1080 NW 15TH Room 215 Boca Raton, Fl. 33486

Jane Reinhold – Platinum Loving Group, P. O. Box 410572, Melbourne, FL 32941

Evelyn Braun – 6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433

Jim Loggins - John Knox Village - Woodlands

651 SW 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Announcements

Welcome all Guests and St. Stephen members!

We are thankful you are here! Please take a moment to fill out the attendance cards in the worship folder with your name, number and email—especially if you are visiting so that we can welcome you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Pr. Schaefer. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the gathering area at the back of the church following the liturgy this morning. St. Stephen members: don't forget to put a little something in the jar on the table to help support this ministry!

Need to speak to or get in touch with the pastor?

Pr. Schaefer's cell phone and email address are listed in the staff directory. Take note of his contact information and feel free to be in touch as needed! **Please help Pastor learn your name by introducing yourselves to him at the door!**

HELP WANTED!

St. Stephen is a beautiful spot for a wedding. For interested non-members, it can be a tool to introduce people to our congregation and to get to know the pastor through the pre-marital counseling process. One of the important jobs in wedding planning is that of the Wedding Coordinator. We currently have no one in that position. This person coordinates scheduling, answers questions about the facilities, helps at the rehearsal, and oversees the ceremony on the day of the wedding. The Wedding Coordinator does get \$125 per wedding. If you might be interested in learning this position, please speak to or contact Pr. Schaefer.

We invite you to sign up for the flowers that beautify our altar each Sunday.

They are only \$35 per week and you may take them home after the liturgy or they will be given to the sick or homebound. They may be given in memory or in honor of someone. Signup is on the back wall of the gathering area (Narthex).

Get involved: Socializing and Stewardship Commission

This team helps coordinate fellowship activities and stewardship at St. Stephen. The next meeting is on September 24 at the home of Carol Jacobson. We would welcome more people to become involved in the life of our parish. If you are interested, see Carol Jacobson or Pr. Bob today!

Join us in praying for those who have asked our prayers

Our email prayer chain is for the purpose of drawing the community in prayer for those who are sick or in special need of prayer. On Tuesday morning, we send out the names of those who were added to the attendance cards on Sunday. Special requests during the week will be sent out Friday morning. If you have prayer request, call the church office during the week.

Please remember the ministries of St. Stephen with your regular offerings.

Stewardship has been defined as everything you do after you say, "I believe." Part of stewardship is our financial generosity and commitment to Christ through his Church. Summers are always challenging times for congregations and St. Stephen is no exception. As a response to God's blessings to you, we encourage you to keep your offerings current especially if you are planning to be away. Not only does your generosity support local mission and ministry here, but through our mission support to the Florida-Bahamas Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we support ministries around the globe. Thank you for your commitment!

Worship Assistants for August

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10:15 AM	August 19	August 26
ASSISTING	Sera Butz	Carol Jacobson
MINISTER		
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Pat Belanger	Erika Flanigan
USHERS –Need	Harry Ambrose	Marsha Kibler (w)
4 to Serve	Patricia Engle	Drew Kibler
	Lisa Castaneda (w)	Darin Kibler
	Terry Shumway	Erika Flanigan
Head Usher		
	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS –	Lynda Smith	Kelly Jacobson
Need 2 to Serve	Zachary Smith	Rose Jones
SOUND	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz
PROJECTION	Larry Jones	Eric Castaneda

(w) will give wine at communion. Thank you all for serving.

Stewardship Snippet

Aug. 19, 2018 (13th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

Ephesians 5:15,16 – Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

God gives all of us the same abundance of time – 24 hours in every day, and it's so easy to waste! Steward disciples pray for wisdom to live each day to its fullest, and to turn away from the world's evils.



Sunday Schedule

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

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 19

10:15am Sunday Worship

Monday 20

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 21

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Congregation Council Meeting

Wednesday 22

8:00am Quilting

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 23

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:30pm Choir rehearsal

Friday 24

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 25

Happy and blessed Saturday!

Sunday 26

10:15am Sunday Worship



"Pastor says all the answers are in here. I guess he never had to take one of Miss Hathorne's geography exams."

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