

St Stephen

a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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

August 25, 2019

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION to the 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands and faces the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

My brothers and sisters, this is the Lord's Day, and the Lord is present to forgive us, help and heal us. To prepare ourselves to meet the risen Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Lord Jesus, you call us to refrain from pointing of the finger, speaking of evil, and to offer our food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you came to set us free from sin that clings to us like an ailment. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the mediator of a new covenant, and have sprinkled us with your blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

May almighty God have mercy on us and lead us, with our sins forgiven, into eternal life.

Amen.

The assembly continues standing to sing, turning to the cross as it passes by.



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets
 4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
 heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
 heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
 man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
 Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

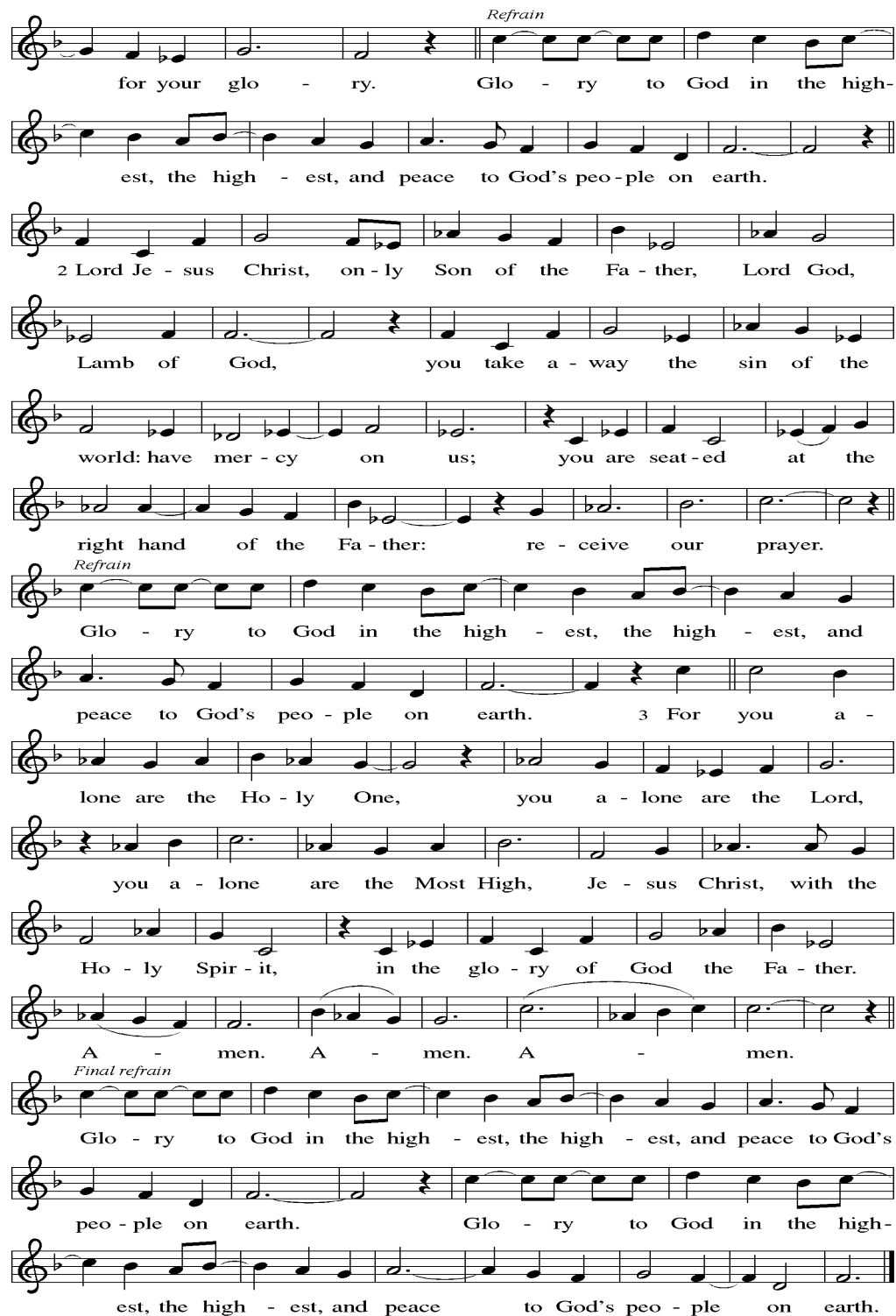


1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



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.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly sits.

Word

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

A reading from Isaiah.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-8

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**

³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

A reading from Hebrews.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet

once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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: Luke 13:10-17

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Children and Youth Message

SERMON

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are Mine

ELW #581



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
all will know my name. *To refrain*
up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

4 "I

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Music: YOU ARE MINE, David Haas
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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: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

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

After all have greeted each other the assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

The assembly stands.

OFFERING SONG:

As Saints of Old

ELW# 404



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
3 In grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield;
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your-self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our-selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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Music: REGWAL, Leland B. Sateren, b. 1913

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OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads this prayer.

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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, the source of all holiness ...

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

The assembly is seated.

*All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. If you desire baptism, the pastor would love to speak with you! 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 cup.)*

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. *Response: Amen.*

The blood of Christ, shed for you. *Response: Amen.*

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.

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.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

An assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

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.

Sending

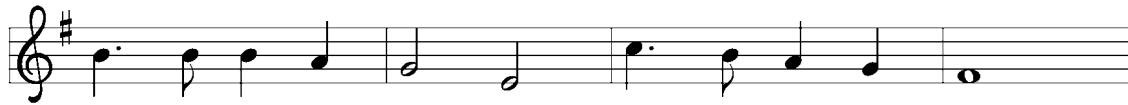
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

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

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

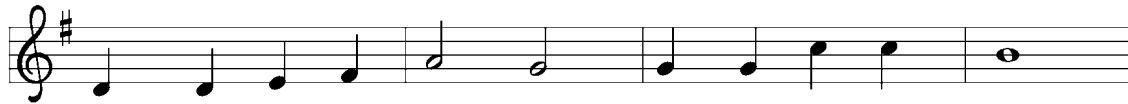
The assembly turns toward the cross as it passes by.



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.



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.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our prayers today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Laurel Blake, Dorothy Johnson, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy Fennelli, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Jim Loggins, 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)

✠ Alex Jr., Cheryl, Robert, Aiden, Nettie, Chandler, Becky, Braemen, Craig, Nettie, Jerry ✠ Robert, Dustin, Celeste's Wood family, Gene, Chris, Amanda, Annette, Madison, Mason, Chuck, Betty, Miguel, Becky, Austin, Puerto Rico, victims and families of Dayton, Ohio ✠ Jordan & Jill, Pat Jean, Pat Ruth, Glen.

In a facility or homebound:

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
700 SW 4th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Bud Danker - 3020 N. Ridge Road Apartment W-316
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Flowers this week sponsored by: Harry Ambrose.

Assisting at Worship Today

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

10:15 AM	<u>August 25</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Sera Butz
ACOLYTE	Pat Belanger
LECTOR	Natalie Prego
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Erika Flanigan
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle
SOUND	Jake VanZile
PROJECTION	Eric Castaneda

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and our first time guests today. Stop at the desk to pick up a **name tag** if you don't have one. 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 (Narthex) 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! We thank **Linda Hanzlik** for her generous stewardship of this ministry of hospitality!

St. Stephen member and former Administrative Assistant, Kathy Runk has died in Christ.

Kathy died this past Wednesday afternoon at Broward North Hospital. She was a long time active member of St. Stephen, having served on congregation council, the socializing commission, and on the staff as Administrative Assistant. She will be cremated and sent back to Pennsylvania where she moved from and where her children currently live. A funeral liturgy will be offered there. We will have a memorial liturgy at St. Stephen in a month or so when her family can come down. *Rest eternal grant Kathy, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine on her.*



Change for Change: Faith Farms

During August and September, we will use our change for change tower to support Faith Farm Ministries. This local program offers a faith based recovery program that includes residential drug and alcohol addiction transformation along the road to recovery. With 440 beds across three campuses in South Florida, they offer the time and tools it takes to choose to live a productive life in recovery. Faith Farm began in 1951 as an overnight rescue

mission in Ft. Lauderdale. Today, each campus has a church, thrift store, and live-on staff of pastors, teachers, and counselors. All faiths, races, and socio-economic classes are welcome. Faith Farm offers all recovery services free of charge. *"Faith Farm is a Christian Ministry Whose Purpose Is To Restore And Transform Lives Through The Gospel Of Jesus Christ."* Campuses are located in Fort Lauderdale, Boynton Beach, and Okeechobee. To learn more go to: www.faithfarm.org

Line Dancing is coming!!!

Mark your calendars and sign up today for a Line Dance Party at St. Stephen. It is September 7 beginning at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be wine, other beverages and goodies. You can come and join the dance with our leader, Holly, or just sit and enjoy the fellowship (and maybe laugh at the dancers ☺). In any case it will be a fun evening for St. Stephen members and friends from the community.



Fellowship Hall Clean Up Day! September 21

We need a few people who will help clean out a number of items from the storage room in the entrance of the fellowship hall. We need that space to store items for the Holy Grill ministry and two AA groups that will be coming to St. Stephen shortly. Please see Carol Jacobson today if you are willing to be part of that crew!

Fall Bible Study starts October 1!

We have finished our study of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles and are getting ready this fall to begin a new adult study every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm in the Luther Room. Now is your big chance to vote on what you



would like to learn about next. Another book of the bible, like Genesis (beginnings) or the Gospel of John (the latest and most theologically reflective gospel) or one of Paul's letters? Maybe something theological like the Small Catechism or the Augsburg Confession (primary document that defines Lutheran understanding of the gospel and the church)? Maybe you have another idea...There will be a line on the weekly attendance card for your suggestions. In any case, Christian formation is a life-long process. Why not decide today to join us when we resume in the fall. We have some great conversations.

The Holy Grill feeding ministry health kit project

For the month of August, we will be collecting items that will be placed in plastic bags to share with our guests at the Holy Grill in September. For the rest of this month you are invited to bring the following items and place them in the specially marked bin in the Narthex (Gathering Area). All of these items should be "travel size":



- Deodorant
- tooth brush
- tooth paste
- bug spray
- baby wipes
- comb
- small water
- disposable razor
- soap
- shampoo
- Gallon size zip bags.

At the end of the month, they will be packaged in gallon size bags and then distributed. Breakfast continues to be served Wednesday at 9am and dinner on Wednesday at 5pm (**note change from Tuesday**) in the same location in our east lot. Please check one of the box on the attendance card if interested becoming a volunteer. Be sure to include your email. Pr. Bob will contact you. In addition to the health kits we continue to collect for these clothing needs: **Men's/women's underwear, socks, T-shirts, shorts, towels.**

<u>AUGUST HOLY GRILL VOLUNTEERS</u>	
<u>WEDNESDAY 9AM</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 5PM</u>
8/28 Juliet Crawford – Carol/Kelly Jacobson	Karen Breslin

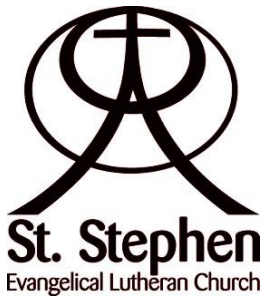
Final Summer Choir on September 8

The rehearsal on September 8 will be at 9 a.m. Like to sing? Try us out. Contact Cesar Vidaud or one of the choir members, or just show up for the rehearsal. Thanks!



Online Giving We offer you the opportunity to give online through our website and also set up automatic offerings so you don't wish to fill an envelope each week, if you choose. Electronic gifts are fast and secure.

<i>STEWARDSHIP CORNER:</i>	
Last Sunday Attendance: 62	Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 2,658
WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!	



Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship
 Holy Communion is celebrated weekly
 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Ministry

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 25
 10:15am Worship
 11:45am Confirmation Ministry

Monday 26
 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 27
 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 28
 9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry
 9:00-12pm Threads of Love
 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
 5:00-6:00pm Holy Grill Feeding Ministry

Thursday 29
 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Friday 30
 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 31
 Happy and Blessed Saturday!

Sunday 1
 10:15am Worship
 11:45 Confirmation Ministry



“Did you ever think you’re being tested on your message of last week, Dad? You know, ‘Love covers a multitude of sins?’”

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